



Parent-to-Parent

Ecole Frere Antoine [EFA] School Council [SC]

Hello Everyone,

Our School Council took a break from meeting in February, but things have still been going on... there have been some exciting changes proposed, that I think the kids will love, but I won't spoil any surprises; register ahead and log into our meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 to find out more!

A look back at January and February

- Mariclaire organized a wonderful Kindness Week initiative for our students, which culminated in all kids receiving a fun sized box of Smarties on Valentine's Day. Children saw the Kindness Fairy and friends every morning through TV-EFA morning announcements, challenging them to complete tasks such as giving compliments to their classmates. Thank you Mariclaire, and all who volunteered!
- After attending the Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA)'s "School Council Purpose" multi-school meeting in January, SC decided to spend the remaining \$100 of our \$500 of the Alberta School Councils Engagement (ASCE) grant toward an EFA-only ASCA seminar, to better clarify the role and legal processes of School Societies for EFAFA (our school society, which handles the bulk of our fundraised (generally through casinos) dollars). Unfortunately, while our government is providing this one-time grant, for which we are grateful, and although School Councils are a legally required branch of every school under the Schools Act, the government is no longer providing funding to the ASCA, which has historically been the schools' only point of contact with respect to proper legal operation. As such, ASCA sessions that were previously free to paying member school councils are now, effective January 2022, offered at a cost that significantly exceeded our approved budget. In addition, any sessions focusing on the school societies are not eligible for reimbursement from the ASCE grant funding. We have \$100 left to spend and are open to suggestions.

A look into March...

- Our trustees are meeting to hear from us, and the following event is open to everyone!



- SC will be seeking a representative from EFA to suggest to ECSD to represent our ward (77) at the ASCA Conference and AGM. The ECSD Board of Trustees is pleased to sponsor one parent or guardian from each of the seven wards to attend this event, which runs April 22-24, 2022.
- Our next meeting will be held online on this Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 PM.
 - **To receive the link for the meeting**, please email Danielle.GodboutArmstrong@ecsd.net prior to 4:00 PM on March 8th. For attendance records and voting purposes, please include both your first and last name, as well as your child's first and last name.



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Quick Note: Every parent or guardian of a child enrolled in a K-6 program at EFA is a voting School Council (SC) member. Meetings are generally held the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 8 PM.