

Logos News

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What's in a Board?

Did you Know?

- EILS will cover the costs of all Halloween alternative events, from busing to space and equipment rentals, from snacks to entertainment.
- Every student in each Logos classroom has access to his/her own in-class Bible, provided through fundraising efforts of the EILS.
- Your school library offers a selection of Christian fiction, with new materials purchased annually through the EILS library fund.

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Life is busy! That's a given when you've got kids. There's school and homework, family obligations and friends,, playing taxi for extra-curricular activities and playdates... And "opportunities" to volunteer are endless. Classroom helper, sports team coach, charities, and all sorts of really good organizations.

So when we tell you that we need Board members, I don't blame you if you want to plug your ears and sing, "La, la, la, la; I can't hear you!"

Before you tune me out, let me ask you a few questions...

Why did you choose the Logos Program for your children?

How would you feel if this program were no longer an option?

How important is it—to you personally—to ensure that the Logos Program continues to be available?

Did you know that the health of our Board is one of the key factors that the district looks at when determining the viability of the program? (In other words, did you know that if our Board is lacking in essential roles, such as President, VP, Treasurer, or Secretary, certain people in authority might determine that there is not

enough parental involvement to prove that the program is worth continuing?)

Now I'm not a believer in fear-mongering. Nobody should make decisions based solely on emotion. So I will be completely honest and tell you that—for today-I do not believe we are at risk of losing the Logos Program. However, in the spirit of complete honesty, I must tell you that if we fail to fill our Board, we are allowing our program to be in a vulnerable position.

We need a Treasurer and a School Rep for Brentwood. Without these two essential roles being filled, our Board is unable to function at its best. When too few people take on too many duties, we run the risk of those volunteers burning out. And if those of us currently on the Board burnout, there will be even more roles to fill.

So in the midst of your busy lives, I am going to go out on a limb and ask you to prayerfully consider adding one more small responsibility to the lengthy list of great things you're already doing. For the health of our Board and the continued thriving of our Program, please consider if you have a few hours each month to spare, to ensure that you

will continue to have the option of "Christian education in our public schools."

TREASURER: As Treasurer, you would attend EILS Board meetings (only five more this school year) and present updated reports on our finances. You would keep track of deposits and sign cheques as needed. You need not be an accountant or bookkeeper, but simply have a knack for numbers and be comfortable with spreadsheets. Complete training will be provided by our past Treasurer.

BRENTWOOD REP: As a School Rep, you would attend EILS Board meetings (just five to go!) and present a report on the Program's activities within your school. You would be in touch with your school's teachers, bringing forth any requests to the Board. You would also attend your school's Parent Council meetings, presenting a Logos report to the parents. You serve as the liaison between the Board and the parents/ staff/ Parent Council. This role is easily shared between two people, making the meeting load more manageable.

If you feel God calling you to step into one of these vital roles, please contact me, Tyler Rowan at etrowan@shaw.ca or 780-903-3885.

Your vote matters! A word from eips Trustee Candidates.

Each Candidate was asked to share his/her thoughts and feelings regarding the Logos Christian Program in our public schools.

Trina

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I stand for is school and program of choice. I believe both inspires innovation to the system and keeps [sic] the kind of educational experiences that students and families are looking for at the forefront. I believe the LOGOS program offers EIPS a diversity of choice that this community is looking for. I admire the values that it instills in its students. It has been great to see this program grow since it was first offered in 1998.

I would like to share my thoughts regarding the Elk Island Logos Program from three distinct perspectives. Firstly, from the perspective of a democratically elected representative of the people of Sherwood Park, (which I endeavor to become). I strongly support any program that is advocated by a large enough block of our community. Thomas Jefferson said: "The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object." Logos has been, is and will continue to be passionately supported by a large number of people in our county and

for that reason it should be supported by our local elected public servants.

Secondly, from the perspective of a citizen of our community, province and nation, I am inspired by the excellent character traits showcased through the lives of the students who have been taught in the Logos family. There are some who say that personal traits such as integrity, citizenship and community service are lost in this generation. These people have clearly not been acquainted with the many fine young people of our community. Instilling a strong sense of personal integrity in our children will

serve them well in their adult lives, even though perhaps it is a bit rarer for us to encounter people of whom we would say demonstrate these traits in their daily lives, we all want to know them, become their friends, entrust them to teach and guide our children and even do business with them—this will not change in the decades ahead.

Finally, from the perspective of an individual, a husband and a father, I am uplifted and my confidence is bolstered by any effort in our community to guide our children in a way consistent with Proverbs 3:6 (NIV) which says: "In all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your

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No response. received

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Note: All statements (except Lynn Patterson's) are unedited and quoted directly as typed to me in email.

**Election Day is
Monday, October 21st.**

**Don't forget ID with
your name & address.**

**Find out where you vote:
[http://maps.strathcona.ca/
mox6_multimap/](http://maps.strathcona.ca/mox6_multimap/)**

No response received.

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I have had children involved in the Logos Program since its inception 15 years ago. I also served on the Logos Society Board for a number of years holding different positions, including the Chair. It has been an excellent program which has prepared my children for High School, whether they went on to attend Salisbury or Strathcona Christian Secondary. It has also prepared them for life as it helped them have a heart for God, and to share this

love with others. Sadly, this will be my last year in the Logos Program as my youngest son is in Grade 9 at Sherwood Heights. It has been exciting to see the Program grow from 2 schools with some split grades offering K to Grade 8 to Westboro and Brentwood offering K to 6 and Sherwood Heights also having 5 Logos classes this year. The Program is definitely gaining momentum, not losing it, as it fulfills the Community's need for a

Christian alternative program different from SCA. I look forward to working with the Logos Society if I am elected so that the program can continue to meet the needs of students and parents in the Sherwood Park area.

**Candidates were provided an opportunity to record videos of themselves answering 5 questions posed by eips and ATA.
<http://www.eips.ca/>**

Lynn is a man from a generation where people chatted on the phone, so I will attempt to share his thoughts based on notes I took during our phone conversation...

Lynn began our conversation by telling me, "Politicians will say what you want to hear, so it's better to know who I am than ask what I have to say about the Logos Program."

Lynn describes himself as "ridiculously honest" and his family as Christians with no specific church. Lynn and his wife have raised four children. Two are now lawyers, one an engineer, and one still

at home. He strongly believes in education, and sees his children's accomplishments as evidence of that.

Lynn feels that public schools are just one form of education, but that other types of schools, such as private, charter, and more all have their place. He believes that a wide range of program choice for ALL children makes every program stronger. In fact, he cites his voting record as Trustee, where he supported program of choice repeatedly, as a demonstration of his belief in the importance of choice.

In his 24 years as eips Trustee, Lynn has sat as the Trustee Rep with many different school's Parent Councils, including SCA, Brentwood, and Westboro.

Lynn tells us that the past 24 years, where he has continued to show and voice support for program of choice, should speak for themselves regarding his support for the Logos Program.

Lynn

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Have you filled out your membership form yet?

Your membership dues help cover costs for special events (i.e. Halloween alternative chapel) and Christian materials (Bibles in every classroom).

It's never too late to complete your membership form and send it in!

<http://elkislandlogos.ca/elk-island-logos-society/members>

We're on the web!
<http://elkislandlogos.ca>
Facebook: Elk Island Logos Society

Want to receive email updates (events, newsletters, etc.)?

Send an email to etrowan@shaw.ca to be added to the mailing list.

Upcoming:

October 18—BWD chapel
October 21—Election Day
October 22—EILS Board meeting
October 31—Halloween chapel (BWD & WBO)
October 31—RIZN band @ SWH
November 22—BWD chapel
December 20— BWD chapel
January 13—EILS Board meeting

* WBO & SWH chapels TBA

No-Fuss Fundraising

You're bombarded by fundraisers at every turn, so we've decided not to add to the cacophony of requests. At least not for this year!

The EILS alternates years, with odd-even years being for fellowship and even-odd years focusing on fundraising.

For the 2013-14 school year, our focus will be on fellowship, bringing families together at the Halloween chapel and a spring BBQ.

However, funds are still required to keep the program going strong.

If you wish to donate to the Society, supporting the events, activities, and resources provided to the schools, teachers, and students in the Logos Christian Program, here's how:

Visit <http://elkislandlogos.ca>, hover over "News" and click on "Events." Scroll down to "No Fuss Fundraiser" and click on the link for the "No Fuss Contribution Form."



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