

Avondale School Council Meeting Agenda  
Annual General Meeting  
Wed, September 20, 2023

1. Call to Order- **6:37 pm**
2. Introductions- **Ednilson Lima Santos deJesus, Anna Schulte, Emerald Rosvold, Naomi Bressey, Colin Murphy, Jae LeClerc**
3. Approval of Agenda - **Anna Schulte**
4. Approval of Minutes of June 2023 (Mr. Mikes)- **Approved**
5. Purpose of School Council – Principal, Colin Murphy
  - a. **Colin explained to the meeting: You are the 'feelers' on the community. What would you like to see?**
  - b. **Feedback on clubs you'd like to see in the school. We provide opportunities for the community to merge at the school.**

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6. Past Executive
  - a. Chair – Anna Schulte
  - b. Vice Chair – Dylan Bressey
  - c. Secretary – Jessie Kay
  - d. Treasurer – Naomi Bressey
7. Discussion of Positions
  - a. Chair (Required)- **Closely linked to the school admin. They are an admin complement.**
  - b. Vice Chair-**assists the Chair. Runs the meeting in the Chair's absence. Closely linked to the Chair.**
  - c. Secretary -**Takes the minutes of the meeting.**
  - d. Treasurer-**Keeps our accounting.**

**All positions were won through acclimation. Thank you for your willingness serve on our School Council. Jae will take on the role of secretary. Emerald said that she would like to help with executive but feels that she is too new to stand in one position. We thank Emerald for her willingness to learn.**

8. Election of School Council Executive
  - a. Call for nominations
    - i. Chair: **Anna Schulte**
    - ii. Vice Chair: **Dylan Bressey**
    - iii. Secretary: **Jae LeClerc**
    - iv. Treasurer: **Naomi Bressey**
  - b. Speeches (if necessary)-none

c. Voting (if necessary)- acclimation

9. School Board Report – Mr. Ray Buziak- [our School Board liaison may change this year.](#)

10. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey-[\\$180.96- Recent purchase of Munch a Lunch- \\$300.00](#)

11. Administrator's Report – Colin Murphy

## School Council – Principal's Report Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **Celebrations and Appreciation**

Thank you to our parents and larger school community for your cooperation and support during start up. We had a great turn out to meet the teacher.

### **Staffing and Student population:**

Current student enrollment is 183, we had 154 at this time last year. We have added a second section of kindergarten this year and Kinderpal.

### **Grades**

Kinderpal Mrs. Cramer- 10

Kindergarten Mrs. MacNiven- AM-20 PM 12

Grade 1 Mrs. Thiessen- 21

Grade 2 Mrs. Stokes-27

Grade 3- Mrs. Backlund- 22

Grade 4- Mrs. Dembicki- 28

Grade 5/6- Mrs. Vanderveen- 26

Grad 6- Mrs. Dunaway- 27

LST – Amanda Morris

VP- Jae Leclerc

### **Collaborative Work and Staff Focus**

Collaborative Inquiry Avondale Collaborative Inquiry Question Admin- working to reworking our inquiry Question to help support staff professional growth and optimum learning for students. (In what ways does creating and implementing process and structure support staff growth and ensure optimum learning for students)

- Teachers are completing their annual Professional Growth Plans and they are collaborating with admin this Friday which is our first PL Day. These focused growth plans will also inform us of Professional Learning afternoons. Our morning on PL days will be spent diving into our school plan goals and supporting our Social Emotional Learning.

Three-Year Education Plan for Avondale School Priority Area:

Priority Area 1: Inclusion

Outcome 1: Increased engagement for our stakeholders is essential to the success of our school community and the high achievement of our students.

Outcome 2: Students who can self-regulate and have their social emotional needs met will achieve their highest potential.

## Priority Area 2: Teaching and Learning

Outcome 1: Quality teacher collaborative practice and reflection will lead to improved student achievement.

Outcome 2: Effective differentiation provides the structures for teachers to ensure students can achieve to their full potential.

### **Information:**

Mental Health Support- Avondale will have 1 counselor and 1 social worker this year  
Heather Fedorick - Social worker GPPSD on Mondays (social skills, one on one, counseling)  
Jenn Aldred- Social Worker /Counselor Jordan's Principle proposal made waiting on approval.

Mental Health Core School- AHS/GPPSD – dedicated professional to come into the school once a month to support students and teachers with a variety of Social Emotional Learning and delivering age-appropriate teaching to classes.

September 25<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> classes are participating in Orange Shirt Day activities throughout the school. NRLC has daily Virtual Activities that each class can participate in (drumming, singing, and dancing).

September 30<sup>th</sup> – Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school Saturday)

### Interventions:

- District Elementary Intervention Literacy and Numeracy Intervention Program.
- Our school has two 1.0 EA's who will be working with students who need more support in literacy and numeracy. K-4
- ELL/ Indigenous – intervention targeted for our grades 4-6.
- Frontier College- offering reading program support to students in grade k-6 (starts in October)
  
- Elder Darlene Cardinal- is joining us again at Avondale. She will be in the building on Monday afternoons and will be working with all the classes. (Seven Sacred teachings, Treaty 8, respect, and acceptance)
  
- The Nutrition Program is up and running again. There is a need in our community. Please share this information with any school community members that may need support or would benefit from the program.
- Traffic Plan update- so far it seems to be running smoother, less traffic in the front loop,

- Komodo Jujitsu Academy – thank you for donating school supplies as well as partnering with the PHYS Ed department to come to the school over the winter and provide some lessons to the students.

### **District Communications**

We are pleased to have Ray Buziak joining us this year as our school board trustee.

Alberta Schools Council Engagement Grant & Alberta Schools Council Association Workshops

We can apply for funding; the school council can decide what workshops or engagement grants they wish to apply for.

### **Important Upcoming Events and Dates:**

Sept 21 School Spirit Day (Wacky Hair Day)

Sept 23- District Fun Run at Legion Field AM

Sept 25-29- Orange Shirt Day Activities and learning

Sept 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school Saturday)

Oct 4 -Striving for Excellence Dinner (students from around the district)

Oct 13- Walk a Thon Fundraiser

Oct 19- Thanksgiving Day (No School)

Oct 21- Professional Learning Day (No school)

Oct 31- School Spirit Day- Costumes

## **12. Questions/Other Business**

- a. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month)
- b. News- Two new spaces created out of the computer room.  
These are intervention spaces:
  - i. 1 for k-3 intervention/ Literacy and Numeracy
  - ii. 1.0 EAL/Indigenous Intervention- 4-6

## **13. Adjournment 7:37 pm**