

Avondale School Council Meeting Agenda  
Annual General Meeting  
Wed, September 21, 2022

1. Call to Order  
6:37 pm
2. Introductions
  - a. Colin Murphy New Principal
  - b. Jessie Kay- Paren and teacher
  - c. Sarah Chamberlain
  - d. Anna Schulte
  - e. Ray Buziak-Trustee
  - f. Marcel and Carolyn-Parents- Zoom
  - g. Naomi Bressey
  - h. Angeline- Zoom
  - i. Lynn Vanderveen
3. Approval of Agenda- Motion by Colin Murphy, Seconded by Jessie Kay
4. Approval of Minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 -Approved by Anna Schulte
5. Purpose of School Council – Principal, Colin Murphy

[Alberta School Council Resource Guide](#)

\*Colin read from the link above to summarize the purpose of the School Council. Discussion of roles.  
Parents/Guardians who shared with school they want to be part of School Council but could not attend AGM can still be nominated for executive positions.

6. Past Executive
  - a. Chair – Anna Schulte
  - b. Vice Chair – Marcel Collins
  - c. Secretary – Mark Sandul
  - d. Treasurer – Naomi Bressey

7. Discussion of Positions

- a. Chair- Anna Schulte-in by acclamation
- b. Vice Chair- Dylan Bressey, Marcel Collins- Dylan Bressey wins Vice Chair
- c. Secretary-Jessie Kay (nominated and wins)
- d. Treasurer-Naomi Bressey (nominated and wins)

8. Election of School Council Executive

- a. Call for nominations
  - i. Chair:
  - ii. Vice Chair:
  - iii. Secretary:
  - iv. Treasurer:
- b. Speeches (if necessary)
- c. Voting (if necessary)

9. School Board Report – Mr. Ray Buziak

\$500- available to access for [alberta.ca/school councils](http://alberta.ca/school_councils)

\*Minister of Education in town on Thursday- will discuss access to school reserves.

\*Renovations to Crystal Park School

\* The minister will also be touring the COMP

\*Discussing international travel for the 2022-23 school year

\* requests must be made 6 months in advance of the travel date

10. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey

\*\$511.02 Balance

\*Only one transaction all year

\*Money from Citrus Catering-

\*GC- Mr. Rye who plowed snow for our North neighborhood students to make it easier to access the playground during the winter.

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Jessie asked what we used the money of School Council for. Anna and Naomi both said that the money often is used for community events such as movie night. School Council has helped purchase and support these events.

10. Administrator's Report – Colin Murphy See bottom

11. Questions/Other Business
12. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 5 or 19 at 6:30 p.m. (First Wed or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month?)
  - Third Wednesday has been established as meeting day. October 19 at 6:30 pm will be our next meeting day. Hybrid format will continue
  - Meeting minutes will be linked to the newsletter.
  - Naomi suggested that the newsletter can facilitate interest in School Council
  - Jessie asked and it was confirmed that parents can join School Council throughout the year.
13. Adjournment 7:30 pm.

## School Council – Principal’s Report Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

### **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, it’s the first time in the last three years we were able to welcome back families into the building.

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

Current student enrollment is 154. We reached projection

#### **Grades**

Kindergarten Mrs. Thiessen- 14

Grade 1 Mrs. Marshall- 24

Grade 2 Mrs. Stokes- 21

Grade 3- Mrs. Backlund- 27

Grade 4- Mrs. Dembicki- 20

Grade5- Mrs. Vanderveen- 25

Grad 5/6- Mrs. Kay- 23

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. (draft -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 collaborated with administration and colleagues this past Friday to discuss goals and how we work together to grow professionally. These focused growth plans will also inform of Professional Learning afternoons. Our morning on PL days will be spent diving into our school plan goals and supporting our Social Emotional Learning.
- Sharing School Plan (Posted on Website and will be linked in our Newsletters)

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 are able to self-regulate and have their social emotional needs met will achieve to 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  
Michelle Brunesi- Social worker GPPSD on Mondays (social skills, one on one, counseling)  
Jenn Aldred- Social Worker /Counselor on Tuesday's Jordan's Principle- focus on Indigenous students MH (social skills, one on one, counseling)

September 29<sup>th</sup> classes are participating in Orange Shirt Project, schools throughout the district are working with our Indigenous liaison programmers to facilitate this district wide initiative. Elder All Crawford is in the school for a Drumming presentation assembly

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

### Interventions:

- District Elementary Intervention Literacy and Numeracy Intervention Program.
- Our school has two .5 EA's who will be working with students who have learning gaps in literacy and numeracy. The work is starting with grade 4 as that was identified by last year's data
- ELL/ Indigenous – intervention targeted for our grades 4-6. Our LST teacher will be providing this intervention
- Frontier College- offering reading program support to students in grade k-6 (starts in October)
  
- Elder Darlene Cardinal- is joining us this year at Avondale. (Currently at Hillside, Forbes, Swanavon) 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)

Nutrition Program We have a lot of food available for students for lunches and snacks. Please share this information with any school community members that may need support or would benefit from the program.

### **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; school council can decide what workshops or engagement grants they wish to apply for.

**Important Upcoming Events and Dates:**

Sept 23 School Spirit Day (Wacky Hair Day)

Sept 29 Elder All Crawford Drumming Presentation for the whole School

Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

Oct 10 Thanksgiving Day (No School)

Oct 21 Professional Learning Day (no school)

Oct 28 Family Dance (tentative)

Oct 31 School Spirit Day- Costumes

Nov 5 -5/6 Triple Ball tournament