

Avondale School Council Minutes

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

- 1) Call to Order
Anna Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

- 2) Introductions
Those present: Kristina Black, Jae LeClerc, Anna Schulte, Naomi Bressey, Lesley Craig, Brandy Kolosky, Lynn Vanderveen

- 3) Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (April 3rd, 2019)
Moved: Anna Schulte
Seconded: Naomi Bressey
The Minutes of 2019-04-03 are approved.

- 4) Approval of Agenda
Moved: Naomi Bressey
Seconded: Anna Schulte
The Agenda of 2019-05-08 is approved.

- 5) Board Member Report
 - a) Upcoming Info Sessions (put on by Alberta Health Services)
 - ADHD Info Session – May 15th and June 12th, 6:30 p.m. at St. Catherine’s School
 - Parenting Anxious Children – May 9th, 6:30 p.m. at Whispering Ridge
 - b) New initiatives from the Board
 - Developing a multi- sport academy for GP Public. For this school year it will be a pilot program on the south side for 3 schools. Hope to bring it to other schools in the following year.
 - Dan Bishop announced as this year’s Edwin Parr award Nomination- New teacher from Aspen Grove – he is a product of GPPSD, having graduated from the Comp and he attended Aspen Grove for his elementary education. He now teaches grades 7 and 8 at Aspen Grove.
 - c) Mighty Peace Day
 - May 7th
 - Students in Grades 5-12 attended.
 - d) GPPSD Parent Satisfaction Survey
 - Deadline May 17th
 - The survey is being conducted by the District to gather information to improve the quality of education for all stakeholders. Staff and parents are being asked to provide information for the development of annual GPPSD and school education plans. These plans will be produced to provide direction for long- and short-term goal setting for schools and the District. Your input will be valuable in helping the GPPSD continue to be one of the educational leaders in the province of Alberta.

- e) Public School Boards' Association of Alberta 'Student Voice' and Alberta School Boards' Association 'Headstrong Youth Mental Health Summit'
- Charles Spencer High School students from the Maverick Movement, and their teacher Shay Penner, will be presenting on their school initiatives at the PSBAA event in Red Deer in June. Composite Principal Dennis Vobeyda will be working with his students to identify if any of them are able to attend the ASBA Headstrong Youth Mental Health Summit. Both Mr. Vobeyda and Charles Spencer principal Michelle Blair will be checking with students to see if any are able to attend the Student Voice part of the PSBAA event. These engagement opportunities are helpful in strengthening leadership within our student population.

6) Principal's Report – Kristina Black (see below)

7) Update:

- a) Traffic on 110th Avenue (set delegation date)
- Naomi Bressey suggested that we postpone attending a City Council meeting until the fall. The group agreed.
 - We will revisit this issue in September 2019.
- b) Hot Dog Lunch on April 29th
- Food and beverages were supplied by Super Tint as a donation.
- c) Clothing Swap
- \$35 was raised
 - Anna suggested this event would be better to do in the Fall.
- d) Care Centre
- Our Orff group is going over at the end of May. Kristina will let Anna know the date.
- e) Bank account update (Naomi)
- \$1806.05 as of the last bank statement

8) New Business

- a) Ways to bring in more volunteers
- Podcast, promotional video about school on Facebook
 - (1) The Riverstone School Council had 80 people listen to their first podcast. They talked about it at the School Council Chair's meeting.
 - (2) Google search of Riverstone Public School Podcast
 - (3) What could this look like for us?
 - Please review Minutes from School Chair's meeting on April 25th. Anna sent these out.
- b) Munchalunch for next year
- The cost is \$315 for next year, due August 2nd. The group decided they would like to go ahead and pay that amount.
- c) Riverstone Casino
- Sunday, July 28th/Monday, July 29th
 - Contact Jamie Dowhy (PM on Facebook) if you can help.

d) Pancake Breakfast – volunteers?

- Spread the word!
- Anna suggested that the school send home paper asking for volunteers to cook and help serve.
- The school asked if School Council can give a donation of money for the pancake breakfast. This was approved. Kristina will send out the details.

9) Questions

- a) Lesley brought forward a letter from Reading University asking School Councils for donations of \$1000 each.

10) Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 13th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

- a) Where would you like to go?
b) We could reserve the room at State & Main. Admin will call and book that.

11) Adjournment

Anna Schulte adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- Hot dog Munchalunch
- Field Trips
 - Reel Shorts Film Festival for Gr. 5&6
 - Gymniks for ECS & Gr. 1
 - Walk Through the Forest for Gr. 6
- Alberta Opera
- Land-based teachings with Elder Leonard Cardinal
- Earth Week
- Word Power Author visits sponsored by Cenovus
- 3D Charity Soccer Tournament - \$902 was raised.

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- This Friday:
 - Trauma-informed practice
 - *Kids These Days*

Information

- Athletic Academy Update
- Walkathon
- District Satisfaction Survey

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- Thursday, May 9th – Grade 6 LA Part A PAT; Arbor Day
- Friday, May 10th – Professional Learning Friday – No School for Students
- Monday, May 13th – Taco Time Munchalunch; Land-based Teachings with Elder Leonard Cardinal, Day #1
- Wednesday, May 15th – Walkathon Kick-off and paperwork coming home
- Friday, May 17th – District Satisfaction Survey closes
- Monday, May 20th – Victoria Day – No school
- Thursday, May 23rd – AASEE Science Presentations; Welcome to Kindergarten from 6:00-7:00
- Monday, May 27th – Land-based Teachings with Elder Leonard Cardinal, Day #2
- Friday, May 31st – Western Day and Pancake Breakfast; Walkathon
- Monday, June 3rd – Grade 5/6 Track Meet at Legion Field
- Tuesday, June 4th – Assembly at 10:15 a.m.

- Wednesday, June 5th – School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. – Location TBD