

School Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 9th, 2019

- 1) Call to Order – Anna Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- 2) Introductions – Rob Martin (GPPSD Board Member and Education Foundation Board Member), Lesley Craig (GPPSD Board Member and Education Foundation Board Member), Naomi Bressey (Parent, Treasurer), Brandy Kolosky (Parent, Vice-Chair), Lynn Vanderveen (Gr. 5 Teacher), Kristina Black (Principal), Anna Schulte (Parent, Chair), Stacy Quinn (Parent, EA)
- 3) Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (December 5th, 2018)
 - Moved: Brandy Kolosky
 - Seconded: Stacy Quinn
 - The Minutes of December 5th, 2018 are approved.
- 4) Approval of Agenda
 - Moved: Lynn Vanderveen
 - Seconded: Naomi Bressey
 - The Agenda of January 9th, 2019 is approved.
- 5) Presentation from the GPPSD Education Foundation – Lesley Craig and Rob Martin
 - a) Rob Martin presented a slide show on the Education Foundation, informing us about the goals of the foundation and opportunities to serve with the foundation.
 - b) See the attached slide show for more information.
- 6) Board Member Report – Lesley Craig
 - a) Prime Minister’s Award for teachers – honours exemplary teachers and early childhood educators who are preparing our youth for a digital and innovation-based economy. Due January 14, 2019
 - b) Deadline extended for the Provincial Gov’t Great Kids Award
 - c) Upcoming information sessions – put on by Alberta Health Services
 - i) Working w/ Gender and Sexual Minority Youth Presentation – Jan. 14th, 6:30 p.m.
 - ii) ADHD info session – Jan. 16th, 6:30 p.m. at St. Catherine’s School
 - iii) Sexual Education for Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder – Jan. 23rd, 6:00 p.m. at Crystal Park School
 - iv) Sexual Education for Youth with Developmental Disabilities – Jan 30th, 6:00 p.m. at Crystal Park School
 - v) Parenting Anxious Children – Feb. 7th, 6:30 p.m. at Whispering Ridge School
 - vi) Teen Vaping – Mar. 20th, 6:30 p.m. at the GPPSD Board Office
 - d) Education Foundation – February 14-24, 2019 selling tickets at the Dream Home – volunteers needed, 3 hour shifts, Thursday/Friday 6-9 and Saturday/Sunday 11-2 and 2-5.

e) A repeat session on social media by Mohammed will be coming up in February sometime. Stay tuned!

7) Principal's Report – Kristina Black

a) See attached

8) Update:

a) Parent Engagement Survey

i) Brandy has completed a survey. She will create a Facebook group and will share it on there. The school will also send home paper copies.

b) Facebook

i) Brandy has set up a School Council Facebook page. The school will share it in the newsletter and on their Facebook page.

c) Care Centre

i) Kristina will ask who to contact to set up a visit to the Care Centre. She will bring this information back to the next meeting.

d) Munchalunch

i) We will continue with this for the rest of the year. School Council will pay the fee to continue with the program.

e) Treasurer update, turkey dinner donation

i) Motion: Let it be moved that School Council donates \$150 to Avondale School to put toward the Turkey Dinner costs.

Moved: Anna Schulte

Seconded: Brandy Kalosky

The motion passed.

9) New Business:

a) School Councils Conference and AGM April 26-28, 2019

i) Our School Council members can apply for a bursary for food and accommodations.

ii) Please let Anna Schulte know if you are interested in attending.

b) Movie Night – Thursday, February 7th

i) We will need people to help serve.

10) Questions

11) Other items

a) Sledding event?

12) Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m.

13) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- Christmas festivities
 - Christmas concert
 - Turkey Dinner

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- Inquiry Question topics
 - In what ways and to what extent will my focus on Growth Mindset in Math improve the engagement and confidence of my students?
 - In what ways and to what extent will my focus on student and parent engagement result in students being responsible for their own learning?
- New K-4 curriculum: <https://education.alberta.ca/curriculum-development/>
- School plan and Results Report

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- Friday, January 18th – Professional Learning Friday (no school for students)
- January 21st-25th – Literacy Week
- Thursday, January 24th – Indigenous Literacy Evening #2 from 6:30-7:30 in the library
- Friday, January 25th – School Spirit Day: Dress as your Favourite Book Character
- Friday, January 25th – First day of the next round of Passion Blocks
- Friday, February 1st – Nitehawk Ski Day (Grades 4-6)
- Wednesday, February 6th – School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 7th – Family Movie Night: Ralph Breaks the Internet