

Avondale School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2020
Meeting Held Via Video Conferencing (Zoom)

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Chair Anna Schulte.
2. Introductions – Present in the meeting: Jae LeClerc, Kristina Black, Brandy Kalosky, Lynn Vanderveen, Naomi Bressey, Anna Schulte, Stacy Quinn
3. Approval of Minutes of Mar. 4, 2020
Moved: Anna Schulte
Seconded: Brandy Kalosky
The Minutes of Mar. 4, 2020 are approved.
Please revisit the action items from the Minutes of Mar. 4, 2020 in the fall.
4. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Naomi Bressey
Seconded: Stacy Quinn
The Agenda is approved.
5. School Board Report – Lesley Craig
 - a. Lesley was absent.
6. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey
 - a. Account balance as of the end of April: \$1393.76
 - b. Kristina will get the May statement to Naomi as soon as it comes to the school.
7. Principal's Report – Kristina Black
 - a. Questions
 - i. Do we have any idea on what the fall will look like?
 1. Kristina responded that there are three contingencies, and the Division is planning for all of them.
 - b. Parents shared their learning from home experiences
8. New Business

- a. Input for Joint School Council Chairs'/Board Meeting
- i. What has worked well at your school, with you and your child/children, or with others since the learn at home structure began?
 1. Flexibility – Parents have been working a lot, so they need to be flexible with the times students complete their work.
 2. One parent stated that she has a better idea of where her students are at academically than she did before.
 3. Teachers and admin have been very responsive when parents contact the school.
 4. Posted video lessons work to engage the kids (key lessons each week).
 5. Small group Zoom meetings (intervention). Specific lessons.
 6. Google classroom organized by day (Day 1, Day 2, etc.). This makes it easy for the students to go in on their own and see what they need to do.
 7. Book read-aloud times have been engaging for the students.
 8. Google slides and classrooms are a good format.
 - ii. What has not worked well, or what concerns do you have?
 1. Hard to do learning from home with shared parenting. It is difficult building a consistent routine.
 2. Social aspect - Students are not socializing with other kids or adults.
 3. Missing out on the quality instruction from teachers, with teachers in front of the students.
 4. One parent's child had their first Zoom call today and the child was elated. The parent does not have the ability to connect with other families, as they do not have the contact information.
 5. Parents must spend a lot of time prepping the lessons to ensure things are ready to go.
 6. Concern is that students will miss key concepts.
 - iii. Have your children experienced any unexpected positive experiences during this experience?

1. Parents are more involved with the learning of their children.
 2. Siblings becoming closer and working together at home.
 3. There are positive connections teachers have made with students not in their classes.
- 4. Idea: Themed Zoom meetings.**
- iv. What opportunities has/have your child/children had to work with their peers during the learning at home experience?
 1. Siblings have had the chance to work and learn together.
 2. Small group reading lessons with Early Literacy Intervention teachers.
 3. It has been observed that students are getting better at interacting with each other and adults over technology.
 - v. What opportunities have you had as a parent to contact and connect with your child's teacher?
 1. A mom expressed that she was frustrated to her classroom teacher. The teacher phoned her and made her feel at ease.
 2. Another parent has been successful at contacting a teacher via email and another Bloomz.
 3. One parent expressed that she has more contact with her children's teachers than she ever did before. When school goes back, she is hoping to continue to be more involved.
 4. Another parent expressed that she has experienced increased availability of teachers.
 - vi. If Scenario 1 or 2 were in effect for the start of September, would you have any concerns about your child's/children's safety at school?
 1. Parent wants a safe, reasonable scenario.
 2. Several parents expressed that they were not worried about kids returning to school.
 3. Several parents expressed that if the Government re-opens schools, they will send their children to school.

vii. What concerns do you have if Scenario 2 or 3 are in place next year?

1. Scheduling school and work – How do families find childcare for the days there are no school?
Employers might not be as flexible going forward.
2. Lack of social interactions.
3. Instruction that is not of the same quality as in-person learning.
4. Every other week would work better than every other day. It would be easier to get into a routine.
5. One parent expressed that half days are not effective.

b. Year End Celebrations

- i. How can we give a farewell to our students? Some sort of a physical farewell would be nice. Possibly a drive by with one class at a time, scheduled at different times of the day?
- ii. The school has some electronic plans in place (awards, slide shows, etc.).

c. Munch a Lunch

- i. We will hold off on renewing the membership until we determine that we will be able to use this format.

d. Playground

- i. Revisit in the fall.
- ii. Consider fundraising and the structure.

9. Questions/Other Business

a. Crosswalk

- i. Jae heard back from the City, and they will not support our request for lights on the crosswalk.
- ii. After talking with the person who phoned at length, Jae was able to get him to agree to an extra sign notifying of a crosswalk coming up.
- iii. Thank you to everyone for your work in advocating for the safety of our community!

b. Lynn thanked the parents on behalf of our staff for all the work they are doing with their children in supporting their learning.

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. by Chair Anna Schulte.