

Avondale School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 8, 2020

1. Call to Order

Anna Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Introductions

Those present: Lesley Craig, Dylan Bressey, Brandy Kalosky, Erin McNamar, Lynn Vanderveen, Stacy Quinn, Anna Schulte, Jae LeClerc

3. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2019

Moved: Anna Schulte

Seconded: Brandy Kalosky

The Minutes of November 20, 2019 are approved.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Anna Schulte

Seconded: Brandy Kalosky

The Agenda of January 8, 2020 is approved.

5. School Board Report – Lesley Craig

a. Meeting with high school students

- i. Before Christmas Break, trustees met with students at the Grande Prairie Composite High School.
- ii. This was a large group of students, with all grades represented (majority were members of the IB program and School Council). Looking forward to seeing results from all info gathered.
- iii. Lesley's table spoke with students about responsibilities, expectations, and consequences they see at school.

b. Budget

- i. Still top of mind, and a big focus for the Board of Trustees
- ii. We expect to know February what the new funding formula will look like and can begin to make plans for the next school year.
- iii. It unfortunately still looks like more cuts are coming. The Board will be trying to keep as much focus on the front line for students as possible, but it will be difficult.

c. Education sessions from AHS

- i. ADHD information sessions January 15th and February 19th, 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross
 - ii. Parenting of Anxious Children and Youth February 6th, 6:30 p.m. at Isabel Campbell Public School
 - d. Alberta School Board Association – our Board Chair John Lehnert is the new Zone 1 director on the board for the ASBA
 - e. Choice in Education commercial released:
 - i. <https://vimeo.com/379353626?ref-em-share>
 - ii. The purpose of this commercial is to raise awareness about what choices there are in Alberta education already, and to help advocate for further investment in the system instead of other private resources
- 6. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey (absent)
 - a. Dylan Bressey shared that with the exception of the money donated for the Christmas Celebration and the Turkey Dinner, the account balance has changed very little.
- 7. Principal's Report – Jae LeClerc
See attached document (p. 4)
- 8. Questions/Other Business
 - a. Munch a Lunch
 - i. Anna asked about the hot dog Munch a Lunch numbers and who was available to help with the lunch, and she reminded the Council that she was not available that week.
 - ii. Brandy will be the School Council rep who will help with the wrapping and distribution.
 - iii. It was determined that the preparations will start at about 10:30 a.m. With the help of some Grade 5 & 6 students, Mrs. Garcia, and admin, the hot dog lunch will turn out well.
 - iv. Jae is to bring in the electric roasters. She will also purchase the chips, juice, hot dogs, and buns necessary for the sale.
 - b. Traffic lights at 110th Avenue and 102nd Street
 - i. City Councilor Dylan Bressey addressed the School Council and suggested that a beacon as opposed to lights at this intersection might prove to end in results. Dylan

guided the School Council to present to City Council on February 10th at 6:00 p.m. In order to attend this meeting and to present, Jae will fill out a request and will send it to Council on or before February 7th. All present at this meeting will be able to attend the meeting on February 10th. The motion to attend the City Council was made by Lynn Vanderveen and seconded by Anna Schulte.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 5th, 2020

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Anna Schulte at 7:40 p.m.

School Council – Principal’s Report

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- Turkey Dinner
- Holiday Movie Night

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- *Kids These Days* by Jodi Carrington

Information

- **APORI Survey**
 - The survey window for this year’s APORI will be **mid-January- to the end of February**. Some important points include:
 - The survey is available in both official languages
 - You will receive your Random Access Codes (RACs) in January
 - RACs are for students and teachers
 - All teachers are encouraged to participate
 - All students in grades 4-7-10 will participate
 - Where a school population in grades 4-12 is less than 120 students, all students and parents (grade 4 and above) will be able to participate
 - The parent survey follows the same timeline
 - Parent survey can be completed by paper or online - information about Parent Engagement is attached
 - Packages are sent directly to parents
 - Stay tuned for more information!
- **Dragon Blocks**

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- Friday, January 17th – Passion Blocks, Round 2 begin
- January 27th-January 31st – Family Literacy Week
- Monday, January 27th – Family Literacy Day
- Thursday, January 30th – Dress as your Favourite Book Character Day