

Avondale School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020

1. Call to Order
Anna Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Introductions
Present: Erin McNamar, Anna Schulte, Stacy Quinn, Lynn Vanderveen, Kristina Black, Naomi Bressey, Jae LeClerc
3. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2020
Moved: Stacy Quinn
Seconded: Naomi Bressey
The Minutes of January 8, 2020 are approved.
4. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Naomi Bressey
Seconded: Lynn Vanderveen
The Agenda of February 5, 2020 is approved.
5. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey
 - a. We received our Dissolution of Association statement.
 - b. December 31st statement - \$863.31 - This will change once some of the Munch a Lunch money has been deposited.
6. Principal's Report – Kristina Black
 - a. APORI survey
 - b. Literacy Week
 - c. Tri-District Charity Foundation
7. School Board Report – Lesley Craig (absent)
 - a. See attached (p. 3)
8. Actions from last meeting
 - a. Crosswalk discussion
 - i. The Avondale School Council will advocate for an improved crosswalk at 110th Avenue and 102nd Street at the City Council meeting on Monday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall (in Council Chambers).

- ii. Jae has invited staff members to come with us. Stacy has shared the meeting information with the Avondale Parents group on Facebook and the Avondale Neighbourhood Association.
- iii. Speaking points
 - 1. Identify the problem
 - a. Lack of visibility due to parked vehicles, cement planters, snow piles, and seasonal lighting issues (very dark in the winter)
 - b. Acceleration zone between the stop sign at 113th Avenue and the lights at 108th Avenue.
 - c. We want to increase the walkability of our neighbourhood.
 - i. Many parents will drive their children rather than allowing them to walk.
 - ii. Some children must walk much longer distances in order to use what is considered a safe crosswalk.
 - iii. Children from the age of five and up are walking to school.
 - d. 102nd Street has become a major road for traffic as people travel to and from work.
 - e. Site the accident on approximately the 22nd of January
 - f. Buses to other schools pick up both to the north and south of the crosswalk (to Ecole Montrose and G.P. Christian)
 - 2. Clear suggestions
 - a. Beacon – cost-effective way of lighting the area (site the use of them on 104th Avenue near Points West and Resources Road)

9. Questions/Other Business

- a. Hot lunches

10. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2020

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Report to School Councils

February 2020

Lesley Craig, Trustee

Kindergarten registration March 17 – online – spread the word to any parents you know with students coming into Kindergarten.

Trustees have been holding their yearly assurance meetings, the admin teams from all 18 schools meet with us to present their school priorities identified in the individual school plans. Trustees are very grateful for the focused work they are doing to support student success.

APORI Survey will be received by some parents this month from AB Education. Please encourage all parents that receive this to fill it out, can be done online or paper copy mailed back in. It provides valuable information that the district uses in decision making!

Bus parents! – new app called Firstview – allows you to see your child's bus on the route, can help in times of bad weather and late busses.

GP Comp replacement – construction has started, they are busy drilling pilings even through this cold weather!

Registration is open for this year's school council's association AGM is April 24-26 in Edmonton.

Annual report on class sizes was presented to the board of trustees, despite challenging budget, the class sizes have stayed relatively the same as last year.

Change to the School Act requiring the division to provide Epi Pens at all schools. 39 have been purchased (\$4000) and they are at all schools.

Division Budget planning – in order to assist with Division cost savings Trustees approved a motion at the Jan 28th meeting to reduce their compensation by 5% effective March 1, 2020. (insert inappropriate joke about feeding my family kraft dinner from now on– ☺)

AB gov survey around the Budget 2020 – <https://www.alberta.ca/budget-consultation.aspx> It's a short 3 question survey, please fill it out before Feb7 (go home tonight and do it☺), and make sure you consider education when you take the survey – every child deserves a fully funded high quality Public Education system!

Education sessions for parents put on by Alberta Health Services –

ADHD Information session – Feb 19, Holy Cross school at 6:30pm (next one scheduled for March 25 and future dates too)

Parenting of Anxious Children and Youth – Tomorrow night! Feb 6, Isabel Campbell School, 6:30pm, next one scheduled for May 7.