

Avondale School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2020

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Anna Schulte at 6:30 p.m.
2. Introductions – Anna Schulte, Brandy Kalosky, Naomi Bressey, and Jae LeClerc are present.
3. Approval of Minutes of Feb. 5, 2020
Moved: Brandy Kalosky
Seconded: Anna Schulte
The Minutes of Feb. 5, 2020 are approved.
4. Approval of Agenda of Mar. 4, 2020
Moved: Naomi Bressey
Seconded: Brandy Kalosky
The Agenda of Mar. 4, 2020 is approved.
5. School Board Report – Lesley Craig (absent)
 - a. Lesley sent an email stating that she would be away and she did not have anything new to report.
6. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey
 - a. Account total is \$777.33
7. Principal's Report – Jae LeClerc presenting on behalf of Kristina Black (see p. 4) below.
8. Actions from last meeting
 - a. Update on Crosswalk at 102 Street and 110 Avenue
 - i. Councilor Chris Thiessen met with Stacy Quinn, Anna Schulte, and Jae LeClerc on February 21st. Chris was not optimistic that a light would be installed at the crosswalk, however he did talk about the possibility of the intersection being marked with a beacon or extended school zone signage.
 - ii. Additional information put forward at the meeting was that children from other schools of choice also gather at this intersection to catch their buses.

- iii. The straight stretch of road acts as an acceleration zone, adding to the danger of the intersection. Chris thought this was good additional information to share with Council if the committee does not agree to our request, as it had not been included in our original proposal.
- iv. Chris also shared a timeline of Council decision making. In talking to Dylan Bressey, he thought the timeline would be stretched to the end of April for the Council Committee's decision on the lighted intersection proposal.

9. New Business

a. ASCA seminar report

- i. Anna reported that the seminar was very interesting as it included parameters for School Councils. School Councils are now allowed to conduct actions of a legal nature.
 - ii. The bank account collecting money came into question. Anna will investigate if School Council needs to re-establish an Association.
 - 1. The cost of starting an Association is onerous and there is insurance that needs to be purchased if the School Council were to start an Association – more than the total in our bank account. It was suggested that a partnership with Roy Bickell might help to reduce insurance costs.
 - 2. Perhaps our very low funds give little/no need for an Association? Anna will investigate further.
 - iii. We need to establish a binder of School Council meeting Minutes. (*Kristina has this already in her office*).
 - iv. Anna reported that School Council should have its own email address. Brandi will investigate establishing an email address. Kristina and Jae will investigate Division IT implications for the new email address.
- b. Anna also suggested that a Welcome Note written in the language of our newcomers would be a welcoming touch. In addition, a member of the school community might offer their contact information and offer to translate newsletters, for instance. This person might also call and remind a newcomer of an upcoming school event. Jae suggested that if we were to move forward, this person's role be limited to school activities

only. The parameters of assistance would have to be clearly defined, and we would have to adhere to privacy legislation.

- c. School Council would like to establish a Bulletin Board section for sharing of School Council business, outside of the office area.
 - d. Inviting grade level teachers and their parents to attend School Council may be a way to stimulate interest.
 - e. Anna suggested that 'Learning Evenings' could be established to provide information for parents who are trying to support their children's learning at home. Novel techniques can be shared and reinforced.
 - f. Lice discussion
 - i. Anna brought a concern about lice to the agenda.
 - ii. Anna wondered if a fact sheet about lice might be included in the lice letter and asked if education classes about lice/hygiene exist like dental health classes, for instance. Brandy suggested that with education we can also help to prevent the spread of lice. *(A fact sheet is set home with each notification letter. It will be forwarded to School Council).*
 - iii. Jae shared the AP on lice with the School Council and included that while we must follow [Administrative Procedure 318](#), we also want students to feel that they are welcome and accepted at school. Teaching students to put their hats and mitts in their sleeve could help with personal organization and could serve to be helpful in the defense against lice.
10. Questions/Other Business - None
 11. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 1st, 2020
 12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- Basketball
- Free Throw Competition
- Dragon Scale Winners and Perfect Attenders

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- *Kids These Days* by Jodi Carrington
- Inquiry Questions – draw attention to the work we are doing, as shown in the staff room

Information

- Budget – our Superintendent and Central Office Executive Team are working to understand what the budget means to us. Stay tuned for updates in the next couple of weeks.
- Novel Coronavirus update
- Thanks to all who completed the APORI Survey!

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- March 17th – School Spirit Day – Wear Green
- Thursday, March 19th – Report cards go home
- Friday, March 20th – Professional Learning Day
- Tuesday, March 24th (5:00-8:00) and Wednesday, March 25th (4:00-7:00) – Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Friday, March 27th – PTI Lieu Day