

Avondale School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2019

1. Call to Order – Anna Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Introductions – Those present: Jae LeClerc (vice principal), Naomi Bressey (parent, treasurer), Lynn Vanderveen (teacher), Stacy Quinn (parent), Brandy Kolosky (parent, vice chair), Anna Schulte (parent, chair), Kristina Black (principal)
3. Approval of Agenda
The Treasurer’s Report was added to the Agenda.
Moved: Anna Schulte
Seconded: Stacy Quinn
The Agenda is approved.
4. Purpose of School Council – Principal, Kristina Black
[School Council Resource Guide](#)
Details from the School Council Resource Guide were shared with the School Council. Visit the link above for more information.
5. Past Executive
 - a. Chair – Anna Schulte
 - b. Vice Chair – Brandy Kolosky
 - c. Secretary – position unfilled
 - d. Treasurer – Naomi Bressey
6. Discussion of Positions
 - a. Chair (Required)
 - b. Vice Chair
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
7. Election of School Council Executive
 - a. Call for nominations
 - i. Anna Schulte – acclaimed as Chair
 - ii. Brandy Kolosky – acclaimed as Vice Chair
 - iii. Naomi Bressey – acclaimed as treasurer
 - iv. The position of secretary remains open.

8. Treasurer Report

- a. Naomi shared the report. There is one missing bank statement, so she will update and send it as soon as she is able to get the missing statement.

9. Principal's Report

- a. Class configurations
 - i. Kristina shared the staff list and classes for the year
- b. Fall Family Dance – Thursday, October 24th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 - i. Spot dances
 - ii. Prizes for draws, etc.
- c. Munch a Lunch
 - i. Taco Time – The students didn't have the option to pick different toppings.
 - ii. Chopped Leaf – Check into this as an option.
 - iii. Hot dog lunches – Students involved?
 1. We will explore the ways that students can be involved in helping with the lunches or other food items for sale.
 2. Montrose does cookie days as fundraisers.
- d. Professional Learning Days
 - i. Working on inquiry questions
 - ii. "Kids These Days" – book on trauma by Jody Carrington
- e. Common literacy time
 - i. Grade 1-3 and Grade 4-6
 - ii. Every student is read with every day.
 - iii. Students are grouped according to levels rather than grade.
 - iv. Driven by teachers: We asked teachers how we could make this time work for them, and they gave us feedback to help us configure the groups.

10. Questions/Other Business

- a. Report to School Council – Lesley Craig, School Board member
- b. Dr. Eva Olssen is in town in a couple of weeks. She has an event at the Pomeroy Inn on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. See her if you get a chance!
- c. Things to put on future agendas:
 - i. Clothing swap

ii. Crosswalk

11. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30 p.m.
12. Adjournment – Anna Schulte adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Report to School Councils

September 2019

Lesley Craig, Trustee

Thank you for having me, I look forward to acting as your Trustee Liaison with Grande Prairie Public School Division. My role here is to bring information from the School Division and seek feedback when it may be required on certain issues. And to take back to the Board of Trustees any concerns or questions that you may have as parents.

New school year start up – smooth sailing with the online registration system, saved a long line up of new students waiting at the front door on the first day of school. Our enrollment division wide is up slightly as anticipated, sitting just above 1% growth.

Division is still awaiting the provincial government to release the full budget for this school year. Has caused some uncertainties, but we were pleased to hear last week that they are funding the nutrition program!

One of the changes that came along with the new Education Act that was proclaimed was a change to the legal name of our district. We are now Grande Prairie School Division legally, and Grande Prairie Public School Division as operating name. Not anticipated any large costs associated with this, as they are just requiring us to make changes to branding as things get replaced.

Board of Trustees was able to meet with our MLA Tracy Allard for a meeting last week. Scheduled to meet with MLA Travis Toews beginning of October and expecting a visit from the Minister of Education in early October as well. We use this time to inform the politicians about our District, what we do really well, and what needs we have from the AB Gov for our Division

We were proud to recognize Mr. Dan Bishop from Aspen Grove School as winner for the entire Northern area Edwin Parr Award from the Alberta School Board Association. We also recognized GP Firefighters Charity for the work they do within our schools with an award.

We were awarded a Mental Health Capacity Grant at the end of last year in partnership with the two other area divisions. Central Office is currently hiring a staff member to focus on building teacher's capacity and knowledge to support students with mental health issues in Gr 7-12 using Dr. Stan Kutcher's Mental Health Literacy Model. It is a 2-year program, that we are hoping to create in a way that will be sustainable after this pilot program is completed.