

Avondale School Council Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019

1. Call to Order

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

2. Introductions

Those present: Parents Naomi Bressey, Dylan Bressey, Brandi Kalosky, Anna Schulte, Erin McNamar, Lesley Craig (Board member), Jae LeClerc (vice principal), Kristina Black (principal)

3. Approval of Minutes of Oct 8, 2019

Approved: Naomi Bressey

Seconded: Erin McNamar

The Minutes of Oct 8, 2019 are approved.

4. Approval of Agenda

Approved: Brandi Kalosky

Seconded: Anna Schulte

The Agenda of Nov 20, 2019 is approved.

5. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey

See attached report (p. 4)

6. Principal's Report – Kristina Black

a. Provincial Achievement Test report

i. See attached report (p. 5)

b. Important upcoming dates

i. Christmas Event

1. We will decide on the exact format this coming Friday and will send out all information right afterward.

2. If you have any additional ideas, please contact Jae or Kristina. We would like to keep it simple and cost-effective.

ii. Turkey Dinner

1. Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

2. 11:45 at the Elk's Hall

3. Students will leave the school at 11:30 to head to the Elk's Hall.

4. We will need to purchase turkeys for the dinner.  
**Motion: School Council will donate \$150 toward the Turkey Dinner.**

Approved: Anna Schulte

Seconded: Naomi Bresse

The motion to donate money to Avondale School for the Turkey Dinner is approved.

5. We will need many volunteers for the event. A sign-up sheet will come out. There are several volunteers from a local church who are coming to help us out. Erin offered to have her ESL students come serve. She will check into what she can do and get back to us.
6. The Elk's Hall will be preparing the meal for us. We need to purchase and deliver the food in advance.

7. School Board Report – Lesley Craig

- a. See attached report (p. 6)
- b. Take the Choice in Education Engagement Survey:  
<https://www.alberta.ca/choice-in-education-engagement.aspx>

8. Questions/Other Business

- a. Munchalunch
- i. We will run one lunch every two weeks in the new year. Kristina will get one lunch scheduled between now and Christmas Break.
  - ii. We will schedule a hot dog lunch for Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Kristina had to alter this date to Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- b. School Board Chair report
- i. Anna recently attended a School Council Chairs meeting the Board of GPPSD
    1. Volleyball shorts – One parent brought these up as a concern.
    2. Reviewed the District APORI results
    3. Talk to Anna if you would like to see more information on the recent School Council Chairs meeting with the Board.
- c. Teachers will hand out a School Council survey paper to each parent/guardian at Parent-Teacher Interviews.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

## 2018-19 Financial Statement

Avondale School Council		Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, 2019		
	Opening	Deposits	Withdrawals	Closing
Sep-18	\$1,332.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,332.66
Oct-18	\$1,332.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,332.66
Nov-18	\$1,332.66	\$413.36	\$0.00	\$1,746.02
Dec-18	\$1,746.02	\$193.37	\$297.70	\$1,641.69
Jan-19	\$1,641.69	\$388.22	\$509.46	\$1,520.45
Feb-19	\$1,520.45	\$434.54	\$293.49	\$1,661.50
Mar-19	\$1,661.50	\$100.60	\$476.33	\$1,285.77
Apr-19	\$1,285.77	\$618.13	\$97.85	\$1,806.05
May-19	\$1,806.05	\$118.40	\$0.00	\$1,924.45
Jun-19	\$1,924.45	\$196.19	\$526.25	\$1,594.39
Jul-19	\$1,594.39	\$0.00	\$481.00	\$1,113.39
Aug-19	\$1,113.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,113.39
		\$2,462.81	\$2,682.08	

## GPPSD Grade 6 PAT Results 5 year Trend

## Avondale

The data for this analysis comes from Table 2.2 Standards Achieved by Students Writing the Test  
Acceptable Standard Includes Standard of Excellence

Grade 6 English LA	2018/2019		2017/2018		2016/2017		2015/2016		2014/2015	
	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale
Table 2.2 - Students Writing										
Acceptable Standard	91.9	100	92.2	100	91.5	96	91.5	100	91.3	76.9
Standard of Excellence	19.6	13	19.7	0	20.9	12	22.6	11.5	21.5	12.8
Below Acceptable Standard	8.1	0	7.8	0	8.5	4	8.5	0	8.7	23.1

## Interpretation &amp; Strategies:

School results have increased significantly since 2014-15. The Acceptable Standard has been at 100 percent for three of the past four years. The Acceptable Standard has been higher than the Province since 2015-16, by almost 10 percent each year. Avondale School is approaching the Province in percentage of students achieving the Standard of Excellence. 17.4 percent of students achieved excellence in Reading in 2018-19, while 4.3 percent of students achieved excellence in Writing.

Students are part of reading groups formed as a result of the skills and strategies they are currently working on. These groups are comprised of students in Grades 4-6. This grouping enables certain skills to be targeted more directly, and for students to be challenged at their current level.

Balanced Literacy instruction is the norm in every classroom from Kindergarten to Grade 6. All students write and read in small groups or 1:1, everyday.

Grade 6 English Social Studies	2018/2019		2017/2018		2016/2017		2015/2016		2014/2015	
	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale
Table 2.2 - Students Writing										
Acceptable Standard	84.5	87	83.1	77.8	81.3	78.3	79.4	76	78	46.2
Standard of Excellence	27.9	8.7	26.3	11.1	25.1	8.7	25.3	4	21	7.7
Below Acceptable Standard	15.5	13	16.9	22.2	18.7	21.7	20.6	24	22	53.8

## Interpretation &amp; Strategies:

School results increased nearly 10 percent last year. The Acceptable Standard is higher than that of the Province. Increasing our Standard of Excellence continues to be an area of focus.

Important vocabulary is reviewed and integrated throughout the year.

Students practice former PAT questions in their Unit exams, so they are familiar with the format of the PAT.

Units are reviewed throughout the year.

Grade 6 English Math	2018/2019		2017/2018		2016/2017		2015/2016		2014/2015	
	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale
Table 2.2 - Students Writing										
Acceptable Standard	79.4	87	79.5	100	76.2	68	79	88	80.4	43.6
Standard of Excellence	16.4	4.3	15	0	13.7	12	15.2	8	15.3	2.6
Below Acceptable Standard	20.6	13	20.5	0	23.8	32	21	12	19.6	56.4

## Interpretation &amp; Strategies:

Avondale School scores increased significantly in 2017-18 and remained high in 2018-19. Both years, the percentage of students achieving the Acceptable Standard has been higher than that of the Province. School Standard of Excellence for Part B at 13.0 percent is approaching the percentage of the Province at 19.1 percent.

All Math strands are reviewed daily through a Daily Math Review.

High-achieving Math students in Grades 4-6 participate in a Math problem-solving group throughout the year, preparing them to participate in national tests.

Grade 6 English Science	2018/2019		2017/2018		2016/2017		2015/2016		2014/2015	
	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale	Prov	Avondale
Table 2.2 - Students Writing										
Acceptable Standard	85.9	87	86.8	88.9	76.2	76	86.1	92	84.8	61.5
Standard of Excellence	32.4	13	34.5	33.3	13.7	4	30.8	12	28.8	5.1
Below Acceptable Standard	14.1	13	13.2	11.1	23.8	24	13.9	8	15.2	38.5

## Interpretation &amp; Strategies:

School Acceptable Standard scores have been above the Province since the 2017-18. We continue to work on increasing our Standard of Excellence.

Important vocabulary is reviewed and integrated throughout the year.

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Report to School Councils

November 2019

Lesley Craig, Trustee

November 1 had sod turning ceremony at the new Comp High School. Signs are up at the site, Opening set for the 2021-22 school year. (This year's grade 9s will be the first graduates of the new school) Expect by the end of this month to see work being done on site.

We have 3 trustees sitting on a committee for the Avondale North Area Redevelopment plan. With the new location of the comp as well as new replacement school for Harry Balfour announced, and Peace Wapiti's desire to move PWA out into the county - there is opportunity for some interesting things in the area.

GPPSD budget for school year – a letter with information was sent out with the details of our budget concerns. Trustees and Central Office Admin are in discussions with MLAs and Education Minister's office to try to advocate for some additional assistance due to our situation of having low reserve amounts due to opening of multiple new schools.

AB Gov choice in Education survey – open until December 6. Encourage all to complete the survey with the thoughts in mind about what choice looks like in schools, can it be offered within public system with public dollars (like our Academy, Montessori, and GP Christian School programs) or does it have to mean privatization, and public money used to support that. Is it in the best interest of all of our students to be educated together, as opposed to families that can afford it separated from the rest. (can google Alberta choice in education survey to find it online to find the survey)

#### **Education sessions for parents put on by Alberta Health Services –**

Vaping Educational Session – Wed Nov 27, Peace Wapiti Academy, 7-8pm (3 more future dates too)

ADHD Information session – Wed, Nov 20, Holy Cross school at 6:30pm (7 more future dates too)

Working with Gender & Sexual minority youth – Wed, Nov 20, Crystal Park school at 6:30

Parenting of Anxious Children and Youth – Thurs, Nov 28, Isabel Campbell School, 7:30pm (2 more future dates too)

Education Foundation Strut and Strive fashion show was Nov 7 – event went well, look forward to hearing the final totals of funds raised. Funds will go directly back into the schools through the school grant program, which is slated to be awarded at the Dec 3 meeting.

3D Charity Hockey – awesome charity that is a partnership between all 3 school divisions and gives assistance to our students that have medical issues and expenses to deal with. Dec.2 they are having a Gala night with Ron Maclean, Lanny McDonald, and Paul Coffee – a little Battle of Alberta hockey conversation and supper. Tickets available through Revolution Place Box Office.