

Avondale School Council Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 21, 2021

1. Call to Order - Anna Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. Introductions - Present were Anna Schulte (Chair), Naomi Bressey (Treasurer), Jae LeClerc (Vice Principal), Lynn Vanderveen (Teacher Rep), Erin McNamar (Parent), Kristina Black (Principal).
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Anna Schulte
Seconded: Naomi Bressey
The Agenda is approved.
4. Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2021
Moved: Naomi Bressey
Seconded: Kristina Black
The Minutes of March 3, 2021 are approved.
5. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey
 - a. There was a balance of \$1166.95 as of March 1st
 - b. The cheque covering Domino's Pizza and Costco treats will be on the April statement (approximately \$500).
6. Principal's Report – Kristina Black
 - a. See pages 3-5.
7. Actions from last meeting
 - a. Successful Spring/Easter Celebration – Thank you! The students were thrilled with the event and are still talking about it.
8. New Business
 - a. Support Staff Appreciation next week (April 26th-30th)
 - i. Anna asked if we want to do something to recognize these staff members?
 - ii. It was suggested that School Council do a treat drop-off for all staff. Maybe donuts, veggie tray, fruit tray?
 - b. Citrus Catering

- i. Stacy brought this to the agenda. The following was reported by Anna. Stacy said she has had a few problems with the food and with lunch delivery. She said they were rude to her when she called about a missing lunch. She is wanting to hear about the experiences of others.
 - ii. Naomi has not had issues. She had a couple of questions and they responded right away via email.
 - iii. Erin's kids have enjoyed getting the lunches delivered. There have been a few items they have ordered and haven't enjoyed as much, but they have found options that they do enjoy.
 - iv. Kristina said she has had some good lunches (particularly the Tuesday lunch special).
 - c. Value Village FUNDrive – Fundraising opportunity
 - i. This would be difficult to do with COVID at this time, as we would have to collect the items at the school, and this is not possible with COVID protocols. We should revisit this in the fall when hopefully the same restrictions are not in place.
 - d. New draft curriculum
 - i. The draft new K-6 curriculum came out the week before Spring Break. Please take the time over the next while to review it and provide your opinion. The curriculum can be found [here](#). The survey to provide your feedback can be found [here](#).

9. Questions/Other Business

- a. There were no questions or other business.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. online (Zoom invite to be sent by Kristina)

11. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

School Council – Principal's Report

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- Welcome back, Mrs. LeClerc! Thank you to Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Ness for your service over the past few months.
- Spring/Easter Celebration – Thank you so much for your support! Our students loved the movie and the pizza. The staff were also very appreciative to be included in the pizza lunch.

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- Social Emotional Learning focus continues.
 - Kristina, Jae, Michelle, and other administrators from around the Division attended an online session this morning on how to engage students in Social Emotional Learning. We will be attending 10 sessions in total. Today, we spoke about Supportive Discipline, including strategies and questions we have for moving forward.
- School Planning and Assurance
 - Overview of the planning process (PowerPoint)
 - What is assurance?
 - It is very important that we receive parent input into our plan.
 - Surveys – The Alberta Education Assurance survey and Division Assurance surveys are ways where we already request input and feedback from our parents.
 - What other ways should we be looking for input/feedback?
 - Zoom (townhall) meeting specifically for feedback. Don't link to School Council. Invite parents to a Q&A. Make it sound important but informal.
 - When COVID is no longer a factor, we could have an open house at the school. This could be held at the end of the day. We could also have questionnaires that parents could answer when they come to pick up their child(ren). We could invite parents to the Zoom there as well.
 - Class meetings at the school, where all parents from one class can get together to build relationships and get to know each other.

Information

- Budget Process and Information
 - New Funding Framework
 - Funding is based on a 3 year Weighted Moving Average (WMA). The WMA calculation is as follows: 50 percent of projected students for next year, 30 percent of actual students from previous year and 20 percent of actual students from two years ago. The WMA figure is then multiplied by

the various per student rates for all the various areas of funding and grade levels. The concept of WMAs is that it would flatten the ups and downs of enrolment changes faced by the school Divisions. It would allow more Divisions to react and plan for these funding fluctuations because of student enrolment changes from year to year.

- The budget process continues to incorporate our financial planning for three years. The first year is the budget for the upcoming school year and is prepared in detail for all budget expenditure areas. The two subsequent years are projections from a higher level to incorporate major changes in anticipated funding based on enrolment projections. We also will adjust for any known large changes in expenditures such as staffing costs as per the collective agreements and inflationary adjustments.
 - The preparation of the three-year financial plan is driven by the guiding principles of consistent, predictable, and stable allocation of our financial resources across our central Division supports as well to all the schools.
 - We continue our strategy to utilize the optimal financial resources in the system administration to maximize the funds available for the classrooms to directly support our student population. This is ongoing and is reviewed during every budget cycle.
 - The last budget cycles have achieved the consistent student to teacher ratio and the current budget process will consider this measure as well to avoid any large changes to this ratio.
- Budget Principles
 - Guided by [Board Policy 1](#)
 - The board reaffirmed the budget guiding principles on February 23rd, 2021 which is the overarching document that guides the work of the Division administration team to prepare the budget for the upcoming school year.
 - The guiding principles are consistent with the Division's Strategic Plan of: Teacher and Learning, Leadership, and Inclusion.
 - The focus of the financial resources will be targeting priorities that help the Division in reach the three areas of the strategic plan.
 - The process of communicating these principles and the engagement of staff and school councils is directly embedded in the guiding principles document.
- Looking Forward
 - As we get into the details of the next school year' budget, we have a number of unknowns that we may not have definite answers for, and we will be incorporating estimates in the budget to account for these unknowns.
 - Pandemic impact to the 2021/22 school year.
 - Learning from Home for next year

- The need for continued advocacy for supports in the following areas continues. The needs in the areas identified below continue to outstrip the financial resources allocated for our student population and our Board Trustees and the Division will continue to advocate for more resources to support the needs.
 - Program Unit Funding (PUF)
 - Mental Health Supports
 - Community Supports
- Alberta Education Assurance Survey – Grades 4-6
 - If you are a parent of a student in Grades 4-6, you will have received a survey link in the mail, sometime after March 25th. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey if you have not already done so. It provides valuable information for us to use in our planning.
- Rapid Screening testing information
 - The Rapid Screening testing will provide early notification for positive tests, limiting the potential of in school transmissions.
 - Consent forms will be sent home if and when our school is selected to participate.
 - If you do not consent you do not need to fill in the form
 - If a child tests positive they will be able to safely isolate until a parent/guardian picks them up (like we do when students develop symptoms during the day)
 - For more information about the COVID-19 Rapid Screening Tests in School Program, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/k-12-learning-during-covid-19.aspx>. If you have any questions or need more information about the program, you can contact our school office.
 - An email will follow tomorrow with additional information for all our parents.

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- April 22nd – Earth Day & School Spirit Day: Jersey Day
- April 23rd – Professional Learning Day – No school for students
- April 26th-30th – Support Staff Appreciation Week
- May 5th – Wordpower 2021 Author Visit: Kathy Jessup
- May 5th – School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- May 6th – Arbor Day – Grade 1&2 students will receive a free tree
- May 7th – Professional Learning Day – No school for students
- May 24th – Victoria Day – No school for students or staff
- May 28th – School Spirit Day: Western Day
- June 2nd – School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. via Zoo