

Avondale School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 4, 2020

1. Call to Order - Anna Schulte called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.
2. Introductions
Present at the meeting were: Lynn Vanderveen (Teacher), Kristina Black (Principal), Erin McNamar (Parent), Stacy Quinn (Parent), Naomi Bressey (Parent), Paulette Kurylo (School Board Trustee)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Lynn Vanderveen
Seconded: Stacy Quinn
The Agenda of November 4, 2020 is approved.
4. Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2020
Moved: Naomi Bressey
Seconded: Stacy Quinn
The Minutes of October 7, 2020 are approved.
5. School Board Report – Trustee Paulette Kurylo
 - a. Role of School Trustee Liaison – If you have any questions, you can come to Trustee Kurylo with those questions. If there is any relevant information to come from the Board, it will be shared through the Principal to School Council.
 - b. Not a member of the meetings, but able to consult.
 - c. Provides opportunities for dialogue with School Councils.
 - d. Shall attend on a discretionary basis or by special invitation.
Will not attend regularly, but only on an as needs basis.
 - e. Do not need to put a School Board Report on the Agenda.
Trustee Kurylo will let us know if she has information to put on the Agenda. We can also let her know in advance if we have questions we would like her to address, and she will attend.
 - f. November 12th - School Council Chair/Board Member meeting
 - i. Board directive conversation
 - ii. Chairs will attend the meeting and bring the information back.
6. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey
 - a. Bank statement remained the same as last month (\$1452.26).

- b. Naomi will be purchasing the glasses cloths.
7. Principal's Report – Kristina Black (see p. 4)
8. Actions from last meeting
- a. Citrus catering
 - i. Information came out in a previous email about the details of Citrus Catering.
 - ii. Kristina will call Matt Pepper at Isabel Campbell for a reference and then will proceed with asking them to start their service at Avondale.
 - b. Crosswalk
 - i. Continue to report on See Click Fix as incidents arise.
 - c. Fundraisers
 - i. Is there something specific we are wanting to fundraise for? There is some murkiness on the amount of money we can carry. What happens if it ends up that we have more money than we are legally allowed to have?
 - ii. We need a firmer direction before we proceed with fundraising.
 - iii. The school will come up with two or three items that School Council can support throughout the year and will report back.
9. New Business
- a. School Council/Board Meeting Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. – Virtual Meeting (Zoom)
 - b. COVID-19 update and the school response – Trustees are interested to hear the experiences for parents and children to date.
 - c. Trustees are interested to hear perspectives from parents regarding student participation in Provincial Achievement tests in Grade 6, 9, and Diploma Examinations in Grade 12.
10. Questions/Other Business
- a. Representative from each grade for School Council
 - i. We could ask for a parent representative from each classroom to attend meetings on behalf of the parents in their class.

ii. This is a potential way to garner additional engagement in School Council.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m. online (Zoom invite to be sent by Kristina)
12. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

School Council – Principal’s Report

Wednesday, November 3, 2020

Celebrations and Appreciation

- Halloween Celebration – Thank you to Jae LeClerc, Lucas Gorgichuk, and Michelle Elliott for creating a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate Halloween in a safe manner. A fun and engaging rotation of centers were set up in the gym (cookie decorating, ring toss), and all classes had the opportunity to participate. With the additional protocols required due to COVID-19, this event took a lot of extra work and considerations to pull off.
- Walkathon successes! We completed our Walkathon event on Monday, and it was a huge success. The students seemed like they had a lot of fun and really rose to the challenge to complete as many laps as they could in the given time frame. The weather also really cooperated. This is the major fundraiser for Avondale School for the year. Money raised goes toward supporting special events (such as Halloween), presenters, field trips, and important resources for the school (books, manipulatives, etc.).

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- Avondale School Inquiry Question: **In what ways will a focus on collaborative practice positively influence reflective teacher practice and student achievement?**
- 2020-21 School Plan – The plan was shared at the meeting. Input was asked for and will continue to be accepted after the meeting.

Information

- Parent-Teacher Interviews – These will be virtual (phone or video chat). Appointments will be booked through Sign Up Genius. This information will be coming home before the end of this week.
- School clothing order – Thank you to everyone who ordered. Clothing will arrive within three weeks of October 30th, when ordering closed.
- Registration Update forms – Parents who have not yet filled these out will be receiving a final email and then a phone call to see if we can assist them in getting this completed. The updated information is very important to our operations.

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- **Tuesday, November**
- **Monday, November 16th** – Walkathon pledges due
- **Tuesday, November 17th** – Walkathon prize assembly at 8:40 a.m.
- **Tuesday, November 17th** – Grade 6 Immunizations
- **Friday, November 20th** – Professional Learning Day – No school for students
- **Friday, November 27th** – Digital report cards sent home
- **Monday, November 30th** – Parent-Teacher Interviews from 5:00-8:00
- **Tuesday, December 1st** – Parent-Teacher Interviews from 4:00-7:00