

Avondale School Council Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 9, 2022

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Introductions – Present at the meeting were: Anna Schulte (Chair), Marcel Collins (Vice Chair), Naomi Bressey (Treasurer), Mark Sandul (Secretary), Angelina and Mitch Burrows (Parents), Erin McNamar (Parent), Matthew Omosobi (Parent), Ray Buziak (School Board Trustee), Lynn Vanderveen (Teacher), Jae LeClerc (Vice Principal), Kristina Black (Principal)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Mark Sandul
Seconded: Lyn Vanderveen
The Agenda of March 9, 2022 is approved.
4. Approval of Minutes of February 2, 2022
Moved: Jae LeClerc
Seconded: Marcel Collins
The Minutes of February 2, 2022 are approved.
5. School Board Report – Trustee Ray Buziak
 - a. Energy efficiency report
 - i. Computer automation in heating systems in schools as result in a 25 percent reduction in energy consumption.
 - b. The AP on staff vaccinations has been rescinded.
 - c. The 2022-23 calendar has been approved.
 - i. September 30th is a non-operational day (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation). In future years, whenever September 30th falls on a school day, it will be a non-operational day.
 - ii. December 23rd was approved as a day off (the PTI lieu day from November was moved to this date).
 - d. Budget principles have been reviewed
 - e. Met with MLA Tracey Allard
 - i. Division projections and future planning (enrollments will grow, but there is some inconsistency in this). Right now, divisions are funded on a three-year average.
 - ii. Curriculum – asked that it be delayed for a year.

1. Final version is not ready.
 2. Resources are not ready.
 - iii. Student mental health
 1. Contractors have been brought in this year.
 2. Mental health access is needed outside of school hours for students and families.
 - f. COVID-19 contingency: What will happen if there is an uptick in case numbers?
 - i. We have taken our direction from the government throughout the pandemic and will continue to do so.
6. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey
 - a. Gift card has been purchased for Kevin Rye. Naomi has yet to submit her receipt.
 - b. Current balance - \$616.97 (gift card was \$107.90)
 - c. Amount raised through Citrus Catering - \$291.23
 - d. Amount spent on masks for younger students - \$74.56
 - e. Total amount available to School Council - \$725.74
 - f. We have a \$500 grant to use on an ASCA workshop.
7. Administrator's Report – Kristina Black & Jae LeClerc
 - a. See page 3.
8. Actions from last meeting
 - a. Topics for future school council meetings
 - i. Technology policy
 - ii. Dress code
 - iii. Feel free to bring your ideas for future meetings to Anna.
 - b. ASCA School Council Workshops – What workshops would we like to bring to our School Council?
 - i. Opportunity to join Riverstone
 1. Tools for Effective School Councils
 2. The School Council Trustee Relationship
 - ii. We have \$500 to spend. The cost is \$100 per workshop.
 - iii. Effective Engagement in Your School Community
9. New Business
 - a. Avondale Assurance Meeting with the Board
 - b. Spring Community Event

- i. Pizza event (like the welcome evening that was at the start of the year)
 - 1. Meet your community night
 - 2. Drop in
 - 3. Orff students play live
 - 4. Pictures on the screen
 - ii. Dance towards the end of the year
 - iii. Clothing swap
 - 1. Either this spring or next fall
 - 2. Jessie has started to collect clothing already
 - iv. Book swap
 - 1. This is something we didn't do for Literacy Week this year.
 - 2. Easter?
 - c. Walkability of the Avondale Community
 - i. What do you see as the reasons some students/families don't walk to school?
 - 1. Walkability in the winter
 - a. Pathways not cleared
 - b. Sidewalks not shoveled
 - 2. School parking lot
 - a. Lots of people coming and going the wrong way.
 - b. Drop off and pick-up are very busy.
 - 3. Harry Balfour snow clearing
 - 4. College Park – bussing from that area
 - 5. Buddy system, walking monitors, walking buses
 - ii. What could we do to encourage walking in our community?
 - d. Format of future meetings
 - i. Zoom – This is the most accessible format for now. We will revisit this before the end of the year.
- 10. Questions/Other Business
- 11. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6th at 6:30 p.m. online (Zoom invite to be sent by Kristina)
- 12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Celebrations and Appreciation

- Grade 5/6 Basketball
 - Our grade 5 and 6 students participated in a tournament on Saturday, March 5th. The represented our school well.
 - Thank you to Miss Hoyseth, Mrs. LeClerc, and Mrs. Vanderveen for coaching our students on their lunch hours over the past couple of months.
- Our first in-person assembly in two years happened this past Friday!

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- Collaborative Inquiry
 - Avondale Collaborative Inquiry Question – **In what ways can administration support teacher reflective practice to provide structures and resources that ensure differentiation meets student needs?**
 - Focus on differentiation – How do we effectively meet the needs of all our students?
 - PL Friday – March 18th
 - Dare to Care – Anti-Bullying/Conflict Resolution training for staff
 - MIPI – Math assessment work
 - What have we learned? Where do we go from here?
 - How do we tailor our math instruction so that all students are being challenged at their level?

Information

- Sport 4 All at Avondale School
 - Grade 5/6 students
 - 8 weeks starting on April 4th
 - Run by the GP Sport Connection
- Lifting of restrictions
 - Tier 2
 - Isolation requirements remain in effect at this time.
- Grade 4-6 intervention grant application

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- Thursday, March 10th – Teachers Convention
- Friday, March 11th – Teachers Convention
- Thursday, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day; School Spirit Day: Wear Green
- Thursday, March 17th – Report cards posted to the Parent Portal
- Friday, March 18th – Professional Learning Day – No school for students
- Monday, March 21st – Parent-Teacher Interviews from 5:00-8:00
- Wednesday, March 23rd – Parent-Teacher Interviews from 4:00-7:00
- March 26th – April 3rd – Spring Break
- Wednesday, April 6th – School Council Meeting