

Avondale School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 2, 2022

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Introductions

Present at the meeting were: Marcel Collins (Vice-Chair), Mark Sandul (Secretary), Ray Buziak (School Board Trustee), Angelina Burrows (Parent), Mitch Burrows (Parent), Erin McNamar (Parent), Fadeian Wallace (Parent), Lynn Vanderveen (Teacher), Jae LeClerc (Vice Principal), Kristina Black (Principal)

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Marcel Collins

Seconded: Mark Sandul

The agenda of February 2nd, 2022 is approved.

4. Approval of Minutes of January 12th, 2022

Moved: Mark Sandul

Seconded: Marcel Collins

The minutes of January 12th, 2022 are approved.

5. School Board Report – Trustee Ray Buziak

- a. Curriculum – There is a push to have the curriculum moved back a year to allow adequate time to source resources and generally prepare for implementation.
- b. COVID restrictions update: Interschool athletics were allowed to restart as of January 25th.
- c. Substitute teacher shortage
 - i. There has been an issue with having enough substitute teacher coverage in the division.
 - ii. Classroom Supervisors have been hired for the division.
 - iii. Safety? Teachers have a very high code of conduct. Central Office could provide more information about non-certificated classroom supervisors and their contracts.
- d. Calendar – Next year's calendar will be coming out shortly and parent input will be solicited. Calendars are developed in consultation with the other local divisions.
- e. 2022-23 Registration

- i. February 23rd – Online registration opens on School Engage. Forms can be pre-populated.
 - ii. Registration for new students next year begins at 8:30 on March 2nd. Families don't have to register if they are already in the division.
 - f. The Composite High School is right on schedule at this time. No delays are anticipated.
 - g. Date to meet with the MLAs? Friday of this week. Travis Toews will be there. Unsure about Tracey Allard. Curriculum, budget, and mental health are topics of discussion.
- 6. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey
 - a. Naomi sends her regrets. She is unable to attend tonight.
 - b. The balance in the School Council bank account is \$619.97. There have been no withdrawals or deposits since our last meeting.
 - c. There is \$216.97 in School Council funds residing with the school. This is revenue from Citrus Catering sales, minus approximately \$75.00 spent on disposable masks for younger students.
 - d. Kristina will check with Naomi and Anna to see if either of them purchased the gift card for Kevin Rye (action item from the last meeting). Follow-up: The gift card has not yet been purchased, but Naomi is going to purchase it.
- 7. Administrator's Report – Kristina Black & Jae LeClerc
 - a. See Pages 4-5 below.
- 8. Actions from last meeting
 - a. Parent survey of topics for School Council
 - i. There have been no responses yet.
 - ii. Please submit your ideas [here](#). Feel free to share the link!
 - b. ASCA School Council Workshops
 - i. New Workshop: The Work of School Council on Thursday, February 17th, 2022
 - ii. Register in advance for this meeting [here](#).
 - iii. Description: It's NOT about the meeting. School Councils often struggle with identifying the types of activities and work they should be doing in order to truly fulfill their legislated role. In this workshop, school councils are

encouraged to examine what they are doing in relation to the Assurance Framework, their intended purpose, and the intended result of their work, and then consider strategies to enhance school council's role in the school community, supporting expectations of the Assurance Framework.

9. New Business

- a. Annual Education Results Report
 - i. Please review and send feedback to Kristina and Jae.
 - ii. Kristina and Jae will be sharing this report with the Board of Trustees at our annual assurance meeting at the end of February.
- b. Dare to Care
 - i. The school purchased online access to this anti-bullying program.
 - ii. There are student, staff, and parent components.
 - iii. Stay tuned for more information on this resource and how to access the parent components.

10. Questions/Other Business

11. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
online (Zoom invite to be sent by Kristina)

12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

School Council – Administrator’s Report

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- Literacy Week
 - Literacy Week at Avondale was a success. It was great to see so many students and their families participate in our At Home Literacy Challenge. See our Facebook post for winners of the prize draws.
 - Guest readers visited us virtually. Our kindergarten class shared a poem with the whole school.
 - Students enjoyed dressing as their favourite book character on Friday.
- Grade 5/6 Basketball
 - The tournament originally scheduled for this weekend has been postponed. We will continue to practice with students in the gym at lunchtime. Thank you to Mrs. LeClerc!

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 – February 4th
 - Differentiation – What should we see in the classrooms?
 - Presentation from Dr. Greg Wells: Overcoming overwhelm and burnout, optimizing health, well-being, and performance in challenging times
 - Literacy – Support for EAs and teachers from our Division Literacy Coordinator

Information

- Sport 4 All at Avondale School
 - Grade 4/5 students
 - 8-week trial
 - Run by the GP Sport Connection
- COVID-19 case notifications
 - Classes are being notified of potential close contacts. AHS is no longer reporting cases to the school.

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- Friday, February 4th – Professional Learning Day
- Monday, February 14th – Valentine’s Day; School Spirit Day: Wear Red and Pink
- Thursday, February 17th – 100th Day of School
- Monday, February 21st – Family Day
- Wednesday, February 23rd – Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Awareness)

- Wednesday, March 2nd – School Council meeting on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.