

Avondale School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 3, 2021

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Introductions: Present at the meeting were: Kristina Black (Principal), Jae LeClerc (Vice Principal), Lynn Vanderveen (Classroom Teacher), Anna Schulte (Chair), Marcel Collins (Vice Chair), Naomi Bressey (Treasurer), Mark Sandul (Secretary), Maria Cristela David (parent), Karrie Murphy (parent), Mona Luisa Togonon (parent)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Anna Schulte
Seconded: Mark Sandul
The Agenda is approved.
4. Approval of Minutes of October 13th, 2021
Moved: Anna Schulte
Seconded: Mark Sandul
The Minutes of October 13th, 2021 are approved.
5. School Board Report – Trustee Ray Buziak
The board has had two meetings since its formation.
6. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey
\$610.97 Currently held
7. Principal's Report – Kristina Black
 - a. Inclusion – How do we strive to meet the needs of all students and their families?
 - b. See pages 3 and 4 for Kristina's report.
8. Actions from last meeting
 - a. Welcome to our new School Council
 - i. Chair – Anna Schulte
 - ii. Vice Chair – Marcel Collins
 - iii. Treasurer – Naomi Bressey
 - iv. Secretary – Mark Sandul
9. New Business

- a. New GPPSD Board of Trustees: Ray Buziak, Chris Johnston, Donna Koch, Paulette Kurylo, Rob Martin, Joan Nellis, Andre Ouellette
 - b. Purchase of Masks for Students
 - c. Fundraising
 - d. \$500 grants available for School Councils – [Alberta School Councils' Association Workshops](#)
Action: Council Members are encouraged to enroll for training.
 - e. [Administrative Procedure 110](#)
 - i. Review
 - ii. Feedback on Appendix A
Action: Council Members are to review Appendix A and provide suggestions for improvements for the next meeting
10. Questions/Other Business
11. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m. online (Zoom invite to be sent by Kristina)
12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

School Council – Principal’s Report
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Celebrations and Appreciation

- Grade 5/6 Triple Ball – Tournament was Saturday, October 16th. Thank you to Jae LeClerc and Brittany Hoyseth for coaching!
- Halloween – Students showed their Avondale School Spirit by wearing their costumes Friday, October 29th. We also did a reverse Costume Parade so students could see the costumes of students throughout the school.
- Remembrance Day – We are asking for students and families to send in pictures and information on family members who served or are serving in the armed forces. We will be honouring these family members on a bulletin board in the school. We will also be doing a virtual Remembrance Day service on Wednesday, November 10th at 10:30 a.m.
- \$1000 nutrition cheque from FCC

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?**
- [Three-Year Education Plan for Avondale School](#)
 - Priority Area 1: Inclusion
 - Outcome 1: Increased engagement for our stakeholders (students, parents, staff, and community members) is essential to the success of our school community and the high achievement of our students.
 - Outcome 2: Students who are able to self-regulate and have their social-emotional needs met will achieve to their highest potential.
 - Priority Area 2: Teaching and Learning
 - Outcome 1: Quality teacher collaborative practice and reflection will lead to improved student achievement.
 - Outcome 2: Effective differentiation provides the structures for teachers to ensure students can achieve to their full potential.

Information

- Inclusion in GPPSD and Avondale School
 - What is inclusion? Ensuring the varying needs of all children are met, and that all students feel welcome. We often just think of inclusion in academic terms, but in truth it includes the whole child.
 - How do we make inclusion happen? How do we make children (and their families) of all ages, races, cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations, abilities, etc. feel welcome?
 - Seven Sacred Teachings
 - Recognizing various cultural holidays

- Community events
- Focus on building relationships
- Strong partnerships with parents/guardians
- Supervision before and after school allows for informal contacts with students, teachers, and parents
- Academics
 - Team approach to support
 - Differentiation
 - Sound assessment practices to inform our understanding
 - Advocacy for additional supports for students
 - Regular contact through various means (Bloomz, newsletters, phone calls for attendance and academics)
- Feedback? How can we do a better job in making you and your family feel welcome at Avondale School?

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- November 5th – Virtual Monthly Assembly
- November 10th – Virtual Remembrance Day assembly at 10:30 a.m.
- November 11th – Remembrance Day (no school)
- November 12th – Day in Lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews
- November 22nd – Start of Term 2
- November 25th – Term 1 Report Cards
- November 25th – School Spirit Day: Funky Sock Day
- November 26th – Professional Learning Day (no school)
- November 29th – Parent-Teacher Interviews 5-8 p.m.
- November 30th – Parent-Teacher Interviews 4-7 p.m.
- December 1st – School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom