

Avondale School Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 13, 2021

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.
2. Introductions – Present at the meeting are Kristina Black (Principal), Jae LeClerc (Vice Principal), Lynn Vanderveen (Teacher), Anna Schulte (Parent, Chair), Marcel Collins (Parent), Mark Sandul (Parent), Daylene Papastesis (Parent), Curtis Papastesis (Parent), Matthew Omozebi (Parent), Mona Luisa Togonon (Parent), Mitch Burrows (Parent), Stacy Quinn (Parent), Erin McNamar (Parent)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Mark Sandul
Seconded: Mitch Burrows
The Agenda of October 13, 2021 is approved.
4. Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2021
This was deferred to the next meeting.
5. Purpose of School Council – Principal, Kristina Black
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6. Past Executive
 - a. Chair – Anna Schulte
 - b. Vice Chair – position unfilled
 - c. Secretary – position unfilled
 - d. Treasurer – Naomi Bressey
7. Discussion of Positions
 - a. Chair (Required)
 - b. Vice Chair
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
8. Election of School Council Executive
 - a. Call for nominations
 - i. Chair: Anna Schulte
 - ii. Vice Chair: Marcel Collins
 - iii. Secretary: Mark Sandul

- iv. Treasurer: Naomi Bressey
 - b. Speeches – not necessary
 - c. Voting – not necessary
- 9. School Board Report – No trustee attended this meeting.
- 10. Treasurer Report – Naomi Bressey (absent)
\$616.97 was in the bank as of the July 31st statement.
- 11. Principal's Report – Kristina Black
See page 3 below.
- 12. Questions/Other Business
 - a. Traffic light update – Avondale School Council advocated to the Grande Prairie City Council for a light-up crosswalk at the intersection of 102nd Street and 110th Avenue two years ago. The initial request was denied. This summer, a light-up crosswalk was installed!
- 13. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m., online (Zoom invite to be sent by Kristina/Mark)
- 14. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

School Council – Principal’s Report

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- Grade 5/6 Triple ball – Mrs. LeClerc and Miss Hoyseth have been coaching our Grade 5/6 boys and girls in Triple ball, during recesses and after school. The tournament is on Saturday, October 16th.
- September 30th – Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 - The gov’t of Alberta did not recognize this as a statutory holiday, but our school board voted in September for our Division to recognize it by making it a non-instructional day for students and staff.
 - What did we do to recognize this day at Avondale? Over the 10 days leading up to September 30th, students learned about the significance of Orange Shirt Day and the meaning of Truth and Reconciliation. One way we express our learning is through art. Students decorated the windows of the school with artwork to represent their learning. On September 30th, families were invited to take a walk around the school grounds and observe our Orange Shirt Day gallery. Students were asked to tour their families and share the lessons they had learned in the previous days.
- Additional teacher added to the Avondale staff – Due to large class sizes, we were able to hire Miss Brittany Hoyseth as a Grade 4/5 teacher in the third week of September. Some students from Grade 5/6V and Grade 4K were moved into this classroom.

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- Collaborative Inquiry
 - Avondale Collaborative Inquiry Question – This year’s question is being developed through meetings with Central Office. It will have to do with differentiation.
 - Staff questions – Staff are developing their individual questions on Friday, October 22nd.
- Professional Learning Days
 - What do these days look like?
 - Time for Avondale staff to collaborate and work on their inquiry questions (research, analyzing data, etc.)
 - Professional development (trauma-informed practice, Teaching Quality Standard, child mental health, etc.)
 - Parent communication
- 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

- Updated COVID protocols for schools
 - Masking grades 4-12
 - Contact tracing – The government announced that COVID tracing would start on October 12th. We still have not received the details of what this will look like.
- Grade 1-3 Literacy and Numeracy Intervention Program
 - Two teachers were hired to support this work in the Division. Our school has one EA who will be working with students who have learning gaps in literacy and numeracy. The work is starting with Grade 2 and 3 students.
- Nutrition Program
 - We have a lot of food available for students for lunches and snacks. Please help us spread the word that all parents need to do to access the program is to let the classroom teacher or the office know.

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- October 16th – Grade 5/6 Triple Ball Tournament
- October 22nd – Professional Learning Day
- October 29th – School Spirit Day: Costumes
- November 3rd – School Council at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
- 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.