

Avondale School Council Meeting Agenda
Wed, Nov 20, 2024

1. Call to Order at 6:34
2. Introductions: Tracey Thiemann, Jae LeClerc, Dylan Bressey, Naomi Bressey, Robin Schmidt, Angelina Burrows, Mark Sandul, Adysayo Asekieko, Lynn Vanderveen
3. Approval of Agenda
 - Mark moved to approve Agenda, Dylan seconded
4. Approval of Minutes from Oct 18, 2023
5. Treasurer Report- Naomi Bressey
 - As of Sep 30 the balance is \$188.92
 - October Munch-a-Lunch to still be paid
6. School Board Report – Andre Oullette
7. Administrator’s Report – Tracey Thiemann

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8. Actions from last meeting
 - a. AMA- Tracey
 - been in contact with AMA, someone is coming out next week. Not sure if the program will be feasible for our school
 - b. Mark Saudul- Crosswalk contact City
 - c. Walkathon- Update
 - Very successful, raised \$4,500
 - d. Munch a lunch update- money earned from Papa John’s
 - Not as popular last month.
 - McDonald’s next and then Arby’s after
 - Is it possible to purchase extra for students who don’t receive it?
 - What if we buy drinks to be included to have a better value added

9. New Business

a. PAT review Grade 6 Social

- Good improvement last year, but small sample size
- Using Vvretta (online platform) for testing this year
- Students are using Alberta Ed and ExamBank to practice
- Support for ESL students is a priority
- English and Math PATs this year

b. Turkey Dinner (volunteers) - Dec 12 @ 11:20

- We have an agreement with community partners to support our dinner
- Jae is waiting for an email to confirm the final details with the caterer
- Volunteers - need 8-10 people
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c. Need signing authority changed

10. Questions/Other Business

11. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday December 18

12. Adjournment

School Council – Principal’s Report Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

Celebrations and Appreciation

- The Halloween Family Dance was well attended and was a great success!! The families had an excellent time and approximately 200.00 was raised.
- Walk a Thon was a huge success, we handed out top fundraiser prizes Oct 20th during an assembly and raised over \$ 4500..00

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- Nov 22 will continue their work with the staff at Swanavon school. Our focus is on responsive planning. This month, we are looking at the data, creating a classroom profile and planning with student strengths in mind.
- We are also a part of the DIBELS project- a pilot project in our division that is investigating different diagnostic tools for measuring growth in reading.

Information:

- Striving for Excellence Awards have been scheduled for December 3 at Douglas J Cardinal Theatre at NWP. Doors open at 6:00pm. Event begins at 6:30Pm
- Triple Ball teams participated in the tournament at Derek Taylor School grade 6 co-ed teams. They were fantastic representatives of our school.
- Elections were held for school council representatives in Grades 4-6. Two representatives were elected in each grade. Grade 3 will be added in the spring to train for next year. The focus is to improve input from students and assist with school initiatives. School reps meet with the administration twice a month.
- Students in grades 1-4 went to the Comp to watch a play put on by their Drama 9 class.
- Turkey Dinner will be held at the school on December 12.
- I have created a fundraising letter with some of our initiatives that will be shared with the business community.
- Remembrance Day Assembly – held on November 8 with students reading poetry and laying wreaths created by each classroom.
- Passion Clubs started on Friday, November 8 and will run until winter break. The students are excited to participate (surveyed students regarding their interests and provide clubs based on their feedback ex gym games, coding lab, cardboard creations, Lego, art, crocheting, readers theatre)
- PTI took place Nov 6, 5-8 PM, and Nov 7, 4-7 PM (in person, or by phone call by request) They were well attended by parents. We used Sign up Genius, which was sent via email to the parents' guardians.
- December School Council Review 22/23 School Results Report
- We are hosting the **Trex Rooted Connection Exhibition**- November 12 to December 11. It is a travelling exhibition sponsored by the Alberta Foundation of the Arts.

The exhibition, Rooted Connections tells a story. Storytelling is a way in Indigenous communities to pass down stories, teachings, and language from generation to generation. The importance of learning how to hunt and tan hide, how to sew different patterns with beads, or how to play drums and rattles are shown here in this display. You will journey through the various cultures and teachings these artisans wanted to represent in their Indigenous heritage.

Reminder:

Alberta Schools Council Engagement Grant & Alberta Schools Council Association Workshops

We can apply for funding; there is 500.00 available. School councils can decide what workshops or engagement grants they wish to apply for

Important Upcoming Events and Dates:

Nov 21 School Spirit Day- Pajama Day

Nov 22- PL day

Dec 5- Report card distributed

Dec 12- Holiday Meal for Students

Dec 15- Professional Learning Day (no school)

Dec 16-20- Winter Holiday events

Dec 19- School holiday performance

Dec 20- School Spirit Day – TBD