

Avondale School Council Meeting Agenda
Wed, Dec 18, 2024

1. Call to Order: 6:32pm
2. Introductions: Jae LeClerc, Tracey Thiemann, Steve Ward, Lynn Vanderveen, Naomi Bressy, Angelina Burrows, Marc Sandul, Geanna Perra
3. Approval of Agenda: Marc Sandul/Naomi Bressy
4. Approval of Minutes from Nov 20, 2024: Naomi Bressy/Marc Sandul
5. Treasurer Report- Naomi Bressy
No new statement this month due to the postal strike
 - Some confusion with Wing'n It Munch-a-lunch payment, was cleared up with receipt in cheque book
 - Down to last cheque in book, need to schedule bank signing with Marc & Angelina
6. School Board Report – Andre Ouellette (Andre away this week)
Tracey brought last school board meeting minutes **(see attached)**
 - Transportation/bussing is an important issue. Parent council discussed the bus using the alley, and new bussing rules regarding walking distance mean that students in college park may not qualify for bussing if the walking distance through Muskoseepi Park is within the cut off.
 - The issue of road congestion was raised. It was noted that the Composite High School bell times were changed this year. Increased traffic at dismissal is a problem. Marc to write a letter and see if it is possible to have this changed for next year.
7. Administrator's Report – Tracey Thiemann

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8. Actions from last meeting
 - a. City information on crosswalk
Marc has been in contact with the city, our crosswalk is on the list of improvements for this spring! We will be getting flashing lights for our crosswalk.
9. New Business
 - a. 2024 Results Report
 - Engagement, Safe & Caring, At Risk Supports, Parental Involvement, Learning Supports, Education Quality and Active Citizenship were all increased or maintained compared to last year and above provincial rates
 - PAT was lower. Noted small sample size and high number of new EAL students joined the class late in the year.

b. Munch-a-lunch

Good turn out for this month, 44 students ordered

- Marc is going to try to schedule the next 4 months (or possibly the rest of the school year)
- The second Tuesday each month was set as Munch-a-lunch, to make planning easier for parents.

Next munch-a-lunch is Jan 14th

- Tracey noted that vendors that pre-sort the order would be best.
(McDonald's pre-sorts by class, Papa John's does not)

Marc noted that Roy Bickell does hot dog lunches in addition to munch-a-lunch to help offset the cost of munch-a-lunch and potentially reduce the price for parents.

- We would need 3-4 volunteers for assembly/serving day-of and someone to pick up hotdogs/supplies
- Tracey to drum up interest in the next newsletter

c. Literacy Week - January 27th - 31st

Theme is Multicultural Reading

- Family Potluck on January 30th 5:30-6:30 PM
 - Families are asked to RSVP
- Reading bins will be put together. (e) Multicultural, genre specific, and different retellings of the same story around the world
- Stop, Drop, and Read

10. Questions/Other Business

- No business raised

11. Date of Next Meeting: Jan 15, 2024

12. Adjournment 7:17 Marc Sandul/Angelina Burrows

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Celebrations and Appreciation

Parent-teacher interviews were well attended and offering the flexibility of in person as well as phone allowed parents/guardians choice.

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

Dec 13th PL Day focus in the AM- Using DIBELS in the classroom and collaborative work with Swanavon.

Information:

The Bok Brass Band was here to perform for us on December 4. The students learned about the different kinds of instruments and really enjoyed the show.

With the help of generous donations from Remax, FCC, Europa and Elks Hall the children enjoyed a turkey supper on December 12!!

Student Council took on their second initiative to sell Candy Grams to students. The children will receive candy grams tomorrow.

The School Winter Music Festival will be tomorrow on December 19 at 9:30 am. All parents are welcome to attend.

In January, Big Brothers and Big Sister will begin their 7 week program for students every Wednesday. Students in grades 4-6 are welcome to attend free of charge.

In January, the Connect Capacity Team will be back in our schools providing lessons in Mental Health Capacity Building.

- The Connect Team offers a collaborative program delivered throughout GPPSD & GPCSD funded by the AHS MHCB grant with the intention to promote positive mental health in children, youth and families in the communities where they live.

Reminder:

Alberta Schools Council Engagement Grant & Alberta Schools Council Association Workshops

We can apply for funding; school council can decide what workshops or engagement grants they wish to apply for

Important Upcoming Events and Dates:

Dec 19- Winter Music Festival PM

Dec 19- Annual Turkey Dinner – Holiday Sweater

Dec 20-Carolling Cozy Sock/PJ Day

Jan 6- First Day back

Jan 31- PL day

Jan 27-31- Literacy week

Jan 30- Multicultural potluck