

Avondale School Council Meeting Agenda
Wed, January 15, 2025

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions:
[Tracey Thiemann, Jae LeClerc, Marc Sandul, Dylan Bressey, Gianna Perra, Andre Oulette, Savannah Dubien](#)
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2024
[Mark and Dylan](#)
5. Treasurer Report- Dylan Bressey (Naomi away)
[Balance as of Oct 28 is \\$622.67, McDonalds Lunch has been paid after the statement period](#)
6. School Board Report – Mr. Andre Oulette

[*A New By-law was passed on Requiring Criminal Record Checks for School Board Trustees](#)

[*The superintendent is retiring on Dec 31, 2025, to help with the transition after election. The new superintendent estimated to be hired around Aug/Sept](#)

[*Transportation is an ongoing concern. Schools to change bell times for more effective bus routes next year, multiple school bells at the same time make traffic worse and more buses are needed at the same time. Buses this year have been 96-97.8% on time.](#)

7. Administrator's Report – Tracey Thiemann

[*Co-ordinated class assessments for K-3 have been completed, to identify students at risk, and will reassess in June.](#)

[*Nitehawk Ski Day is Feb 11 Grades 5 & 6](#)

[*Student Council has set up a suggestion box for more student input, and will be doing candy grams again for Valentine's day](#)

[Alberta School Council Resource Guide](#)

8. Actions from last meeting

- a. Munch a lunch- Harvey's
40 students ordered, Mark to look into reminders for parents
- b. Hotdog fundraiser/ Newsletter
No volunteers yet, we would need 3-4 to run successfully

9. New Business

- a. Apple Schools- presentation from Tracy Lockwood from Apple Schools and Savannah Dubien (School Health Facilitator for Avondale and Roy Bickle)

*Apple Schools is a promotion initiative for healthy kids in schools - provides school-level supports for physical activity, healthy eating, mental well-being

*Grant-funded charity, and rooted in 15 years peer-reviewed evidence - \$1 invested saves \$8.60 in healthcare costs

*Savannah will be introducing daily physical activity segments (such as recess activities/projects), taste test for students to try new foods, Partnering with local sports teams to introduce new sports, support mental health using current resources and possibly add training or new avenues.

- Funding is provided for support activities, there is no cost to the school
- Savannah will be working with our school for 2 years

- b. Draft Calendar 2025-2026 School Year

Will be approved at the next school board meeting

- The first day of classes is tentatively set for Aug 28
- Last diploma exam (firm date) set for June 23 and we have to count back instructional days from that date.

- c. Literacy Week/ Family potluck (Jan 26-30)

Reading Around the world, and multicultural potluck Jan 30

- d. New assistant chair- election

Notice put out - election to happen next meeting

10. Questions/Other Business

United Way 80's Night Fundraiser for school nutrition programs is April 26

11. Date of Next Meeting: February 19, 2025

12. Adjournment - 7:36 pm

School Council – Principal’s Report Wednesday, January 15th, 2025

Celebrations and Appreciation

Our Apple Schools program is underway. We are happy to welcome Savannah Dubien to our staff, filling the position of School Health Facilitator.

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- We have been working through our next round of Coordinated classroom assessments beginning this week. All student's Div I and Div II teachers are continuing to meet with interventionists to set goals for students in intervention to reinforce a transference of skills to the classroom.

Information:

- The draft calendar was shared with staff for feedback
- Literacy Week is January 27-31. This year our theme is Reading Around the World.
- We will be hosting a multicultural potluck dinner on January 30 and many events during the week (Read My Shirt Day, Your Future Is Bright, book exchange and many other fun literacy activities)
- Ski day is February 11th, Gade 5-6 will go to Nitehawk for the day.
- Student Council students in Grade 5/6- selling up candy grams for sale the week before Valentines Day.
- Grade 5/6 basketball is up and going- tournament in March.
- Nursing students from NWP are here for two days on February 4 and 5, offering our students a range of health-based presentations.
- In addition, our partners at AHS are February 28-29 in the schools offering dental screening and fluoride treatments to students to parents who request.
- Avondale attended a second drama performance at the Comp this week. We are happy to have a collaborative relationship with the Comp staff.

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:

Jan. 27-31 - Literacy Week

Jan. 30- Multicultural Potluck

Jan. 30- Share your culture day

Jan 31- PL Day

Feb 11- Ski day grades 5 &6

Feb 14 School Spirit Day- wear red and pink

