



School Council Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2021
Approved

Members in Attendance: A. Lishingman (Treasurer), J. Harman, J. O'Connor, N. Shields, P. Dang, A. Goddard, D. Miller (Secretary), J. Kossick (Chair), B. Kathpal (Co-Chair)

Guests in Attendance: N/A

1.0 **Call to Order:** 6:04 PM by J. Kossick

2.0 **Additions/Changes to the agenda:**

None.

3.0 **Approval of Minutes from:** February 3, 2021

Motion: A. Lishingman

Second: D. Miller

Motion Carried/Motion Lost: All in favor ___ opposed ___ abstain

4.0 **Student Council Report:** None to report

5.0 **Next Board Meeting:** March 18, 2021 at 7:00pm (on-Line)

- Aurora Town Hall – March 17, 2021 @ 7:00pm – use email to register

6.0 **Guest Report** – None

7.0 **Elementary School Principal Report and Key Events of the Upcoming School Year:**

Reported by: J. Harman

- Thank you Mrs. Shield for volunteering to be school rep
- New entrance is open -School Board will be sending out a video of the entrance
- Kindergarten assessment completed last week
- Student Learning supports SLP, OT, Psychologist (Mrs. Healy in charge of program)
 - a) All have been seeing students regularly; provided as free service at the school
 - i) If have questions about your child, speak to their teacher
 1. teachers refer to Mrs. Healy who confirms with parents and has specialist do initial parent permission for informed consent
 - b) New Psychologist hired
 - c) 3 special parent sessions so far; Last one on Anxiety and Organization, planning one more for the speech pathologist on March 10 - topic Speech and Language Acquisition; email invitation sent out.
 - d) Lunch and Learns set up for teacher PD in February -15 minute sessions This spring break normally have high absences; this year 2 families have to travel out of country, parents and principals discussed in length about consequences and concerns.



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- Professional Development
 - February is Teacher's Convention organized by AB Teacher's Association, this year done online
 - March is working on changing to term 3: student switches and exams
- Valentine's Day went well, everyone got their cards in on time, and the children were excited to receive a card and they really enjoyed it.
- Term 2 extended until Spring Break; first day of term 3 when we get back .
- Report Cards Friday March 19 at 4:00 pm
- Term 3 begins April 6
- Parent Teacher Interviews through Google Meet Thursday, April 8 with Term 2 teachers
- Switching cohorts - last chance Immunization – AHS has postponed indefinitely; for those students that received their shot in December will unfortunately will not be getting their second shot, and more information to follow.
- Major Events
 - March 5 ADD - polka dot or silly socks
 - March 10 Parent Presentation: Speech and Language
 - March 17 Parent Town Hall Meeting via Zoom
 - March 19 Report Cards 4:00 pm and School Interview Scheduler Open
- Newsletter for this month will be combined for March and April (short months), it should be coming out around the 15th.
- Please follow Mrs. Harman on Twitter

Question: **Can we add information of the AFS School Raffle information to the next newsletter?**

Answer: **It will be added and a special email will be sent out to all the parents as a reminder.**

8.0 Middle School Principal Report and Key Events of the Upcoming School Year: Reported by: P.Dang

- Reminding parents of the new daily Covid checklist from AHS
- Feb 24 Pink Shirt day, activity in classes were held on anti-bullying day, creating a more inclusive and respectful atmosphere.
- Teacher's convention - new online format, some concerns regarding IT issues (pre-recorded sessions not accessible for a while), many teachers missed the personal connections, face to face with colleagues, and presenters.
- High school information night, 62 families attended via Google Meet, information presented to prepare for high school open houses and on the registration process.



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- Final exams - a decision made by the administration team that final exams will be held in June; general information was sent via email; all students from grade 5-9 (at-school and at-home) will be writing final exams; decision also made that the 2 exams administered by government this June ELA and Math will be written by grade 6 and 9; Science and Social Studies will have a PAT equivalence exam; logistics will be discussed with the teacher on March 15; any parents with concerns they can contact the School Principal
- Grade 9 graduation gift books were purchased and picked up; these are the books given to all grade 9 graduates; not sure how a grade nine farewell will look like this year; last year gift bags were personally delivered to each student; thank you AFS for sponsoring the purchase of these books.
- Grade 6 and other Middle School teachers created Valentine's Day cards to be given to Meal's on Wheels and then delivered to their client; a thank you card received from them.
- Two grade 9 students from the school were published in the Canadian Science Fair Journal for their work last year in grade 8; a personal achievement for these students.
- Working with Sanjana and Ellen Fung to update parent members on the FB page, ensuring keeping current members only. Ellen Fug will write a report.
- EA contracted until the end of term 3; they were funded by the federal government this year; not sure what the future will hold; they are working full time and are extremely valuable support to our teachers and students.
- In April the order sheet will be set up to purchase the Key Study Guide from Castlerock; great review resources for students.
- In April new student assessment for any open spots.
- PAT information night for grade 6 and 9 families, on April 14 at 7:00 pm; more information coming in March; will be done virtually.
- Picture Day April 13, for at-school it will be held outside if weather permits, if not it will be brought indoors. Those at-home will be able to schedule appointments directly with the studio. All orders done online.
- Top Marks - no onsite uniform fittings this year, can only do online, with free return.

Question: Is the Dr. Seuss book "Oh the Places You'll Go!" on the discontinued list?

Answer: It is not on the list, and still on the children and everyone friendly list; each book has a name plate with the graduate's name and it acknowledges AFS as the organization responsible for the gift.

2. Is the Key study guide just for grade 6-9?

Answer: Castlerock Publishing Company publishes for all grades (Elementary to High School); usually purchased by grade 6 and 9 families; school gets a special rate as they order in bulk; follows Alberta curriculum; questions developed by teacher; Solaro is the electronic version.



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9.0 New Business:

9.1 Missed lunches - looking for healthier options to add to the weekly shopping list.

- ritz cracker, granola bars, gold fish, fruit cups, no nuts, no gelatin, organic juice boxes, needs to be perishable.

10. Announcement: None

11. Topics tables for next meeting: None

12. Next meeting: May 5, 2021 @ 6:00 PM thru Google Meet

13. Meeting Adjourned: 6:43 pm by J. Kossick