



School Council Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2021

Approved

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

Guests in Attendance: Mr. Ian Grey (Acting Superintendent)

1.0 Call to Order: 6:12 PM by J. Kossick

2.0 Additions/Changes to the agenda:

Middle school will not be present.

3.0 Approval of Minutes from: March 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 20, 2021 at 7:00pm (on-Line)

6.0 Guest Report: Mr. Gray

- Currently fulfilling the role of the Acting Superintendent for Aurora Academic Charter School; has been part of the school for the past 13 years. Has been part of the Charter School system for 27 years, they are special because parents care.
- Want to thank the School Council for the work and time that parents and teachers volunteer; appreciate the hard work and the impact it has on the school.

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

Reported by: J. Harman and N. Shields

- Reminder PowerSchool password needed for report cards to view them; If parents do not have access, they are to contact their teacher and then their email will be forwarded to the secretary to reset.
- To access Google Classroom or Google Meet will need to ensure they are logging in by using the child's school email, sometimes issues are present when students are logged into a different account.

Major Events:

- May 7 will be going online; the morning will be for the parents to meet the teachers to ensure things will run smoothly; then at 1230 online classes will commence.
- No Study period, class will start on the hour, shortened hours, with health breaks, longer recesses.
- May 14 PD day no school



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- May 20 Board Meeting
- May 24 Victoria Day no school
- Unless quarantine is extended, the plan is to be back in school learning on May 25th.
- Education Week and Mental Health Week, resources have been sent to teachers to share with students; asking for everyone's patience and understanding
- Remind parents of the one way traffic flow.
- To prevent cross contamination between elementary (K-4) and middle school (grade 5-9) students and parents are asked to use their own designated entrance.
- Final exam schedules are posted in the newsletter; being relooked at if school does restart on May 25th.
- Yearbooks are on sale for both schools; the link is on the school website; \$25 for Elementary School and \$30 for Middle School; have picture of every child; we have a class composites just approved for parents to have that class memento; pictures have been taken throughout the year, a good reminder of the very strange year.
- Thank you to Mrs. Shields and Mrs. O'connor for volunteering their time to attend the meeting.
- Entrance concrete being poured, entrance is open, fences are up to ensure safety. Should take 2-3 weeks for it to be completed.
- Student learning support will continue while children are online. SLP, OT, and Psychologist are being reached out by the teachers per parents request/permission.
- PD in March - both schools looked at the Draft Curriculum; core subject being looked at for grades K-6, except French. Middle school looked at the core subjects in March PD, and Elementary looked at Phys-ed and math; Next PD day elementary will be looking at English; the plan is to do a gap analysis comparing the new curriculum to what we do currently, what has changed, what will work and what will not work. Feedback will be provided to the government. There is an option to pilot the new curriculum, teachers are reviewing the new curriculum; notes will be made and submitted to Mr. Gray for review. A decision to pilot the New Curriculum for the 2021 year needs to be made by May 21st. Pilot means picking part of the curriculum and providing feedback, it is an important process as we will give the government our thoughts on what works and what does not. More information will be coming from Mr. Gray. We want to be ready for April 2022, when the final copy of the new curriculum will be released to all schools in Alberta. Aurora wants to be part of the process of developing the new curriculum and wants to be ready for



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September 2022. Parental surveys will be sent out to all parents to voice their opinions and concerns.

8.0 Middle School Principal Report and Key Events of the Upcoming School

Year: Reported by: J.Harman

- Mrs. Tomko is holding an online chess club
- Mrs. Joblinski, received the 2021 Youth Science Canada Distinguished Service Award, she was recognized online on April 29 with the school attending; she is will be the Acting Middle School Assistant Principal until the end of the year, also she has also taken over the role of Online Learning Coordinator for K-9 that was held by Mr. Gray.
- Mrs. Rockwood's last day is tomorrow, May 6th; Mr. Gray has been working alongside her this week to ensure a smooth transition to the Superintendent role.
- Mrs. Nam has been hired to take over Mrs. Joblinski's classes, and to ensure smooth transition for all the students.
- Both schools held Hats for Mental Health Week yesterday; School Psychologist, Dr. Aaron Block, held a session for middle school, this was headed by Mrs. Healy; taking care of students' mental health during stressful times.
- COVID protocols are being reviewed with all teacher's to ensure that we stay safe and on the same page. Contact with AHS and AB Education to ensure that we are doing what is required to stay safe.

9.0 New Business:

- Updated School Council by-laws updated 1 year ago; need to be finalized and signed off by September; biggest change is the ability to host online/video meetings; mission statement has also been updated.
- Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) - attended by J.Kossick in April for 13 hours; more information shared about Charter Schools and members educated; proposed resolution to put funding back to Charter Schools, curriculum reviewed and supporting choices and advocacy for moving forward.

10. Announcement: None

11. Topics tables for next meeting: Review updated Bylaws

12. Next meeting: June 2, 2021 @ 6:00 PM thru Google Meet

13. Meeting Adjourned: 6:52 pm by J. Kossick



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