



**School Council Meeting
May 1, 2019**

Members in Attendance: E. Fung, S. Salih, J. O'Connor, J. Harman, A. Lishingman, J. Kossick, D. Miller, P. Dang, A. Powell, C. Rich

Guests in Attendance: Shiloh (Student Council), N. Ofosu (Research Project)

1.0 Call to Order: 6:14pm by E. Fung

2.0 Additions/changes to the Agenda: Update on research project in guest report, change in the spelling of a student names

3.0 Approval of Minutes from: April 10, 2019

Motion: J. Kossick

Second: C. Rich

Motion Carried: All in favour

4.0 Student Council Report: Shiloh reported:

- Mufti Day - Dress Your Best - to coincide with grade 9 farewell pictures.
- The 2018-2019 Student Council has been discussing their legacy gift in meetings; a couple of suggestions include a mural in the stairwell by the LC and a display of flags recognizing our international student body in the foyer.
- Spring dance - over 260 students in 5-9 attended the dance on April 26!
- Hats on for Mental Health - May 1 - students were allowed to wear a hat with their uniform to draw attention to the importance of mental health.
- Upcoming events:
 - Mufti Day - Friday, May 31 - Rainbow Day
 - Student Council wrap-up party - in June (date TBD)

5.0 Board Committee Meetings: E. Fung reported:

- Board meetings: Wednesday, May 15 & June 19, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

6.0 Guest Report: N. Ofosu reported:

- Compiling data for the school connectivity research project, they are looking at the importance of parent teacher interviews and how parents can connect to the school.
- This is not just at Aurora School, but with Edmonton public schools.
- Have completed the one-on-one interviews and they are looking for more parents to volunteer for the focus groups. They are looking at having 2 to 3 focus groups so they are asking for more parents' names from the principals.
- The researchers would like to have the groups by the end of May.



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7.0 Elementary Principal Report and Key Events of the school year: J. Harman reported:

- No PD Days in April because it was a short month, in May our PD day will consist of Math Alignment with the saxon math introduction in grade 2 and 3.
- Assessments for Kindergarten, grade 3 and grade 4 have been done.
- Grade 1 and 2 assessments will be completed in June once we have a better idea of the retention numbers and the number of spaces to fill.
- We had 2 lockdown and 4 fire drills throughout the year. We have 2 more fire drills to complete as the Alberta regulations requires 6 drills to be completed during a school year. The lock down drills went well, there were letters sent prior to the drill to parents and after. If we do have a real lock down situation, parents will be notified as soon as it is safe to do so and all kids have been accounted for. There will be an email sent out to the parents, please ensure you keep your information up to date.
- May field trips: Kindergarten - Servus Children's Festival and Play for Kids. All 4 classes will be going to the Muttart Conservatory. Grade 1 is going to the St. Albert Old time Classroom. Grade 3 will have Teachers Pet butterfly in school and will be going to the Devonian Gardens. Grade 4 will be visiting the waste management centre and a fire safety presentation.
- Jump Rope for Heart: final total raised \$4856.00 from 408 kids.
- Mufti Day- May 31 Rainbow Challenge and hot lunch will be Dairy Queen.
- Jerseys came in that School Council helped fund.
- Parent Survey will be going out May 21 and due back Friday May 31, 2019. There were new questions added to the survey. We use the results from the survey to set the goals for the next year.
- Final dates have been set, grade 3 English is June 6, Math is June 13. Grade 4 English is June 14 and Math is June 20.
- Grade 4 honour roll is June 26 @ 2:30pm.
- Summer Fun Day June 27, which is Volunteer Appreciation Day.
- Clubs: music makers for grade 1 and 2 have finished as well as the crochet club. Grade 4 art club has started. Grade 4 ukulele club is going strong as well as CUBS. Hockey intramurals are now teachers vs. students and a grade 1 to 4 run club has started at lunch.
- Today was Hats off to mental health in support of mental health week.
- June 15 is Kindergarten Discovery Day, please come out and meet the new parents.
- Yearbooks are available to order online, orders are due by May 24th.



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8.0 Middle School Principal Report and Key Events of the school year: P. Dang reported:

- Middle school will be sending out a Parent Survey around the same time as the elementary school.
- Citadel club is continuing, went to a play where one of the former students of Aurora was in the play so it was nice to see successful Aurora alumni.
- Clubs: Environmental club started with about 30 kids showing up to participate in the club. Origami and K-Pop club are still meeting. Rubik's Cube club will start soon.
- Field Trips: Grade 6 visited City Hall
- Talent show is set for June 27 in the afternoon.
- Grade 5 and 6 had a school dance which they had a lot of fun.
- Students practiced voting for their political party for the provincial election, which the kids enjoyed participating in. The class took on the roles that are located at the polling sites. Generated good discussion and participation. There will be a visit to the Legislative Grounds coming up as well.
- Sr Badminton team participated in zones and some will be going to the city championship.
- Intramurals has started again with different grades and a lot of participation.
- Grade 6 and 9 PAT to start next week with the first half of the Language Arts section, the written component.
- Uniform fittings will be on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday.
- Grade 9 immunization is on Wednesday May 8 and May 10 grade 9s will be leaving for camp Warwa for the weekend retreat.
- Parents were asked their opinion on a draft Aurora School Assessment Practice. This would ensure that all students and teachers would have the same approach to assessment and homework completion. The document was reviewed by the parents in attendance and feedback was provided to the working group to take back and discuss. The next steps would be to move forward including all of the stakeholders that would be involved.

9.0 Treasurer's Report: S. Salih reported:

- **Previous Balance:** \$11,142.23
- **Revenues:** \$2,600
- **Expenses:** \$4,230.91
- **Approved Outstanding:** \$8,738.56
- **Balance:** \$1,212.76

10.0 Fundraising Report: E. Fung reported:

- Final amounts that have been raised over the year:
AdMazing - \$2464.11; Harvest Bundle - \$2107.28; Booster Juice - \$1758.30;
Waterpark - \$12,475.80



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11.0 Request for Funds from School Council:

J. O'Connor reported the following request for funding from Middle School:

- J. O'Connor - Grade 5 & 6 for Poetry Cafe - \$300

Motion: To fund \$300: A. Lishingman

Second: D. Miller

Motion Carried: all in favour

A.Powell reported the following request for funding from Elementary:

- N. Shields – Grade 4 for Grad Event at TWOS - \$314

Motion: To fund \$314: A. Lishingman

Second: D. Miller

Motion Carried: All in favour

- Fund Requests on hold:

- J. Harman - Grade K-4 for outdoor recess equipment - \$1,000

12.0 New Business:

12.1 Fundraising Survey results:

Parents (100 Surveys completed)

AdMazing, Harvest/Beef Jerky Bundle, Waterpark, Cookies, Scarves

Teachers and Staff (26 Surveys completed)

Harvest/Beef Jerky Bundle, Cookies, Scarves

There needed to be a discussion as to what fundraising options we will use for next year as we don't have enough funds available to purchase Waterpark tickets:

Harvest/Beef Jerky Bundle

Motion: To approve the Harvest Bundle for the fall - S. Salih

Second: C. Rich

Motion Carried: All in favour

Worlds Finest Chocolates

Motion: To approve the World's Finest Chocolates for the winter - D. Miller

Second: A. Lishingman

Motion Carried: All in favour

AdMazing Coupon Book

Motion: To approve AdMazing Coupon Books for beginning of school year - C. Rich

Second: A. Lishingman

Motion Carried: All in favour.

13.0 Announcements: None

14.0 Topics Tabled for next Meeting: Draft school council introduction letter to parents on first day of school including volunteer options, August 29 Meet the Teacher & BBQ

15.0 Next Meeting: Appreciation Dinner and Meeting, Wednesday, June 5, 2019 in the Learning Commons 6 p.m - 7:30 p.m.

16.0 Adjournment: E. Fung moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm