



School Council Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2022

Draft

Members in Attendance: J. Kossick (Chair), A. Lishingman (Treasurer), D. Miller (secretary), P. Dang (Middle School Principal), C. Tomko (Middle School teacher rep.), M. Healy (Elementary School Principal), A. DeBoer (Elementary School teacher rep.), J. Harman (High School Principal), R. Karmali (AFS Member)

Guests in Attendance:

1.0 Call to Order: 6:03 PM by J. Kossick

- Land Acknowledgement – M. Healy
- Purpose of School Council - J. Kossick

2.0 Additions/Changes to the agenda: No changes

3.0 Approval of Minutes from: Unavailable – Bring forward to Sept 2022

Motion:

Second:

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

4.0 Student Council Report: None to report

5.0 Next Board Meeting: Special AGM meeting June 29th @ 6:30pm

6.0 Guest Report: None

7.0 Elementary School Principal Report and Key Events of the Upcoming School Year: Reported By M. Healy:

- May 19 Constable Farbin did a presentation on Cyber Bullying for grades 3 and 4 students. If students are Cyber Bullying, the parents can be charged.
- Kelly Laffin organized activities for grade 9 Math students to work with elementary students. Elementary teachers gave positive feedback about the experience. The statistics unit for grade 9 initiated the creation of activities.
- Fire drill was completed Tuesday morning June 7. We have done all 6 fire drills required and the one lockdown for the year.
- Our mission, vision, and values statement has been mounted in front of our front Elementary entrance.
- Our Canadian Achievement Test 4 (CAT 4) was completed by all students. We are expecting reports to be sent to the school in the next 2 weeks. Parents will receive a report for their child at the end of June.
- ADD - Crayon Day June 9. This day was added in June, the focus will be on “we are all different, but yet we are all the same”. Focussing on talents, acceptance and kindness.



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- Elementary Parent Survey went out on Monday, May 9 and is due back on May 24th.
 - 101 responses received from parents, same as last year.
- Mrs. Smith sent out a survey on June 6 to parents and teachers who had students access our SLS services this year.
- Teacher Professional Development - Chris Gonsalves will be presenting his third workshop for teachers and staff. We had very positive feedback from teachers about the second session. Opportunity to all meet in person for the first time in 2 years.
 - “Establishing a school culture where All staff understand and respond to the needs of All students and staff”
- TAAPCS - The school created a video to spotlight our school at the TAAPCS Annual General Meeting on May 28th. Ian presented it at the meeting.
- June 21 - Mrs. Smith has put the school in touch with Michael Willing, Principal of MAMAWI ATOSKETAN NATIVE SCHOOL (MAMA-way a-TOSS-key-tan). Indigenous dancers will be performing for the school on June 21st to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day. Dr. Velma White will also present virtually to students in the morning about Indigenous culture
- June 28 - Summer Fun Day - Teacher committee has put together activities for the day inside and outside. Students will enjoy a hamburger lunch sponsored by the Board. After school we are planning a Grand Opening to celebrate the completion of the front entrance.
- Students who were identified with some learning loss were given extra support through regular pullout with Ms. Woodman and EA's, we saw a huge improvement after the students were assessed at the 12 week mark.
- **Important Dates:**
 - June 8 - Grade 3 English final
 - June 15 - Grade 3 Math final
 - June 15 - Grade 4 English final

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

- Middle School teachers moving to the High School to help jump start their program are under Mrs. Harman are Mr. Millard, Ms. Wilson, Mrs. Tomko, and Ms. Tran
- PAT Part A ELA written in May; Final exams have arrived and a tradition of counting the exams has started; PATs are gov't sued and are government regulated and cannot be written early.



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- Grade 8 & 9 Pascal Math Contest, top scoring student at Aurora was Vinh Pham, number of students made it to the top 25% across Canada.
- PATs will be written the last week of June; no exams on June 21st Indigenous Peoples Day.
- Award ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 23rd in the afternoon.
- Marks cut off approaching and it is the last push for students to get on the honor roll.
- 17 of our Middle and Junior high students made it to City Finals in Track and Field; many first places, many points were accumulated and as a result Aurora won the City Championship Trophy; the trophy is in the lobby for everyone to view; the trophy has to be returned to the city for engraving and then will be returned for use next year. We beat power houses such as St. Rose, Avalon, Riverbend, and Velma Barker.
- Grade 8 student, was the 2nd fastest in his age group in the province.
- Mrs. Leung and Mrs. Murray two coaches that supported the Track and Field Team and are proud and happy with the results.
- ADD June 9 Pride Awareness Day - wear bright colors or the colors of the pride flag; We are a caring safe school supporting everyone from all communities.
- Grade 9 - Field trip and activities.
- See newsletter for all other important dates in June.

9.0 High School Principal Report:

Reported by Jacqueline Harman

- High School Update:
 - Received the keys and have officially started moving into the building.
 - Started touring our current teachers, who will be transferring from Middle school.
 - Have hired 3 new staff and will be signing their contracts this week.
 - Kevin Chambers comes from Strathcona Christian Academy and has 4 years of experience in math, science and Physics.
 - Colette Bachand has 3.5 years of experience in French, Social Studies, and Arts.
 - Our last teacher, we cannot release his name as he is in the process of giving his notice; he comes with 25 years of teaching physics.



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- 4 current Aurora teachers and 3 new teachers, will make up the new staff at the High School, and have a good mix of experience amongst them.
- Posting for School Secretary is up and closes on June 20th. Interviews will be on June 22 and 23rd.
- PD day all teachers are invited to tour the new school campus.
- Current registration is 40-41 students registered, and 15 applications still outstanding.
- Marketing - still in the quiet phase; did a professional photo shoot of all the teachers and photographer went around and photographed the children. Will be advertising on FB, instagram and google, will be targeted by postal code. Will be placing ads in community newsletters, hoping to get a story in the Edmonton Journal.
- Next Application session will be on June 21st and 27th.
- Copies of all the documents have gone to the administration for the Board to review. Once approved they will be released to the High
 - School teachers to review and then released to everyone.
- Working on time-table and scheduling; it will be the same calendar of the Middle School, PD days, need to fit another 75 hours, looking at 6 bell schedules and 4 full time schedules looking at best practice in Edmonton and Alberta.
- Not semestering courses, looking at full year courses.
- Later start time schedule, doors will be opening earlier, fitting parent schedule while accommodating students.
- Offering tours to parents, teachers, school council, and students in grade 8 and those grade 9 students registered tomorrow evening.
- Planning on 4 smaller group sessions; keep each group to a max of 15 people to make it more manageable, trying to be flexible.
- Looking for any extra supplies needed such as coffee maker, kettle, fridge, freezer, shelving, small gym equipment for small spaces and
 - games for student lounge. Already sourced a free Foosball table.



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10.0 New Business:

10.1 Banner - J Kossick

Have extra \$50 leftover; propose to purchase a folding table for School Council.

Motion by A.Lin: to purchase a table with the leftover banner money.

Second: Debbie

All in Favor: carried

- Banners are sponsored by Aurora School Council, to be stored in Mr.Dang's office. Banner will be brought out for School Council business, school functions, awards ceremony, and special school gatherings.

10.2 ADD options for next year - P. Dang

- Friday, September 30 - Orange Shirt Day (for National Truth and Reconciliation Day).
- Friday, October 28 - Casual but suggested theme is fall colors.
- Friday, November 18 - Casual but suggested theme is Pink Shirt Day (for National Anti-Bullying Awareness Week)
- Friday, December 16 - Casual but suggested theme is winter holiday colors.
- Friday, January 27 - Casual but suggested theme is favorite color.
- Tuesday February 14 - Casual but suggested theme is red, pink,white.
- Wednesday, February 22 - Pink Shirt Day.
- Friday, March 17 - Casual but suggested theme is spring colors.
- Wednesday, May 3 - Hats on for Mental Health (casual).
- Wednesday, June 2 - Casual but suggested theme is Pride Awareness Day (any colors in the Progressive Rainbow Flag).
- Wednesday June 28 - Casual but suggested theme is summer colors.
 - Students not participating must wear uniforms.
 - The Theme (colors) must be visible on the top, be apparent on the piece of clothing, and cannot be covered.
 - Accessories do NOT qualify.
 - Pants/bottoms must match the solid theme color or be solid black bottoms, blue jeans or uniform pants.
 - Casual clothes must cover the same body parts as regular uniform clothes.



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- Elementary version will be different and still in draft- need elementary teacher's input, and will be available for August.

10.3 Parent Survey Results M. Healy

- June 2022 survey results; compared to last year 103 parents took the survey and this year 101 parents took the survey.
- Increases in strongly agreed - telling us that people are starting to recognize and understand what our vision is.
- Literacy 96% agreement - moved up in this area.
- Mathematics 91% moved up in this area.
- Homework 76%; people saying too much, will continue to work on this with the teachers.
- Student learning support, last year was the first year for this program, tells us that the communication is out there for resources available at the school.
- Uniforms 51.5% satisfied; 39.6% were very satisfied.

10.4 Elementary School Entrance Grand Opening

- Board sponsoring the event
- Hot lunch catered for the students
- June 28th Fun Day recognizing school re-opening
- After School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

11.0 Announcement: None

11.0 Topics tables for next meeting: May 11, 2022 – Meeting Minutes Approval

12.0 Next meeting: September 14, 2022 @ 6:00 PM thru Google Meet

13.0 Meeting Adjourned 6:47 PM by J. Kossick