



School Council Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2021

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Members in Attendance: J. Kossick (Chair), A. Lishingman (Treasurer), D. Miller (secretary), P. Dang (Middle School Principal), E. Lund (Middle School Assistant Principal), Cecilia Tomko (Middle School teacher rep.), M. Healy (Elementary School Principal), Alissa DeBoer (Elementary School teacher rep), N. Neufeld (Elementary School teacher rep.)

Guests in Attendance: None

Call to Order: 6:14 PM by J.Kossick

1.0 Additions/Changes to the agenda: No changes

2.0 Approval of Minutes from: September 8, 2021

Motion: A.Lishingman

Second: D.Miller

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

3.0 Student Council Report: None to report

4.0 Next Board Meeting: October 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM (on-Line)

5.0 Guest Report: None to Report

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

- COVID response is going well - students and staff are used to masks and procedures.

1. Birthday/Halloween treats still postponed

2. no dropping off outside lunches

3. Keeping home/sending home children if any symptoms, to help reduce in-school transmission.

4. Contact Tracing will restart on October 12 as required by AHS.

- Staffing - Grade 1 teacher

1. Kaley Lacey's last day is October 15; Victoria Dias, who has been on Mat Leave will be returning on the same day to support the transition.

2. Student Learning Support (SLS): SLP, OT, Psychologist- Students are receiving support; numbers are up from last year for students seeing psychologist. 54 students are currently already receiving support.



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- Professional Development

1. Teachers participated in a workshop on assessment on October 1. This will support teachers in their planning, as we move to a new curriculum in the fall of 2022 as mandated by Alberta Education.

2. Teachers are attending The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools (TAAPCS) conference virtually on the October 22 PD day.

- Fire Drills/Lockdowns

Fire Drills complete; done class by class to continue with Covid restriction guidelines.

- Reminders

1. Mornings are cold, parents are reminded to dress students for the weather; students will be going outside unless it is -21 or serious thunderstorms.

a) The school has extra snow pants and jackets(donated), for those emergency cases.

b) Parents are encouraged to label all clothing and belongings (water bottles) to help identify belongings. School has a collection in the lost and found.

2. PowerSchool is live for marks - ensure you know your password.

a) All report cards will be online through Powerschool on November 26.

- Grants - Elementary submitted a grant application to Alberta Education for Learning Gap funding for students in grade 2 and 3. Grade 1 will be submitted by January 30, 2022. (21 students were identified)

a) K-3 students were tested for literacy and numeracy benchmarks using Lens/CC3 and Grade 3 did SLA. Teachers will report results to the parents.

- Major Events

a) Phonics/Spelling information and videos to help students and parents is on Google Classroom.

- new parents received duotang

- September 29 - Orange shirt day; students



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acknowledged National Truth and Reconciliation Day with age appropriate in-class activities and wearing an orange shirt.

b) Read in Week October 4-8

- Virtual presenters: Mary Chan, City Councillor Bev Esslinger, MLA Sara Hoffman, and pre-recorded stories are uploaded for teachers to present to their classes.

- Many fun classroom activities - Bingo card with reading activities, wear a word day shirt was on October 5th.

- Option to dress up on October 8 - story book character.

- Each class will get a raffle prize- thank you to School Council for the funding our read in activities and use our guest presenter Marty Chan

- Parent Teacher Interviews are virtual on October 20 and 21; email notification will be sent out to sign up on-line; registration will open on October 13 at 9:00 AM and close October 19 at 4:00 PM. Teachers will be able to provide information about performance and ways to improve if students are struggling in certain areas.

- Picture Day was today and tomorrow for those students that were absent and for children in Tuesday and Thursday Kindergarten.

- Remembrance Day will be virtual for students on November 10.

- Rapid testing/vaccination Policy - on going discussion with Mr.

Gray and the School Board.

- For more information please follow on Twitter

(@AACSSElementary) and read the newsletter
(<https://www.auroraschool.ca/news>)



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

- Cecilia Tomko is the Middle school teacher rep. for this evening, she will be alternating with Mrs. O'connor.
- Power outage at the school - plans/protocols/policies are in place for situations such as this.
- Terry Fox run - middle school raised just over \$1100; it was headed by Mr. Millard; Mr. Dang challenged the students to raise funds and as a result of their participation Mr. Dang wore a wig for an entire day at school.
- Study Period - all students need to be signed up for study period, by using the Google form; this is for safety and supervision reasons; it is not a drop in option for parents or students; it is a formal and purposeful study period.
- ESL - testing done by Mrs. O'connor and Mrs.Lund, they will be spending time with students identified needing help with reading and comprehension in ELA. Part of literacy is for student achievement. .
- Picture day - was scheduled for October 4th, it was an indoor event, went smoothly, and finished ahead of schedule; Parents are asked to provide feedback on the services provided by the photographer.
- Read in week - some of the guest readers were Bev Esslinger (ward 2 councillor), Marty Chan (very highly regarded by students; money well spent and provided by AFS), Janice Irwin (NDP MLA), and Sara Hoffman (NDP MLA).
- Entry time moved to 8:25 to allow children more outdoor time, and allows teachers to prepare for their day. Attendance will be taken in period 1. There are extra supervisors for the students with this 5 minute start time change. This is also dependent on the weather, children will be allowed in earlier for inclement weather changes.
- New Yellow Bus Route - has been added to alleviate congestion in travel time. School is dedicated to providing access to yellow buses, in a timely manner. School now has 12 full bus routes, money well spent to help families bring their children to school.
- Castle Rock - is a publishing company that provides resources to the students, it covers a wide range of subjects from various grades, including elementary. It can be used all year to prepare students in various subjects/topics and prepare them by taking the practice quizzes and tests. The Key Study Guide is included for grades 6 and 9 to prepare for PAT's. It is being offered at a reduced rate from the school, the deadline to purchase paper



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copies is October 24th. They will be delivered to the school and then distributed to the students to take home.

- Grade 8 leadership class- doing a food drive on October 12-19th; Theatre Club for Junior High (optional) attending 3 plays at the Citadel this year for students interested- Mrs. Wilson is leading this group.

- October 22 - Charter School Conference (TAAPCS)

- October 27 - Grade 6 and 7 Immunization Day (more information to follow)

- October 20-21 - online parent teacher interviews

- October 29- Alternate Dress Day (orange and black)

- November 10 virtual Remembrance Day celebration

- Does the school provide enough notice to the parents about school events?

Need to balance not overwhelming parents with emails from the school

(Newsletter, teacher's email, School emails); Mr. Dang proposes a monthly

email to parents with important dates to remember.

8.0 New Business: None

9.0 Announcement: None

10. Topics tables for next meeting: None

11. Next meeting: November 3, 2021 @ 6:00 PM thru Google Meet

112. Meeting Adjourned 6:53 PM by J. Kossick