

Alexander Forbes The Academy School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 7, 2022

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.
2. Introductions: Present at the meeting were Rhonda Schneider (classroom teacher), Gillian Rutberg (vice principal), Andy Ralston (vice principal), Rene Bruno (co-chair), Jenn Kohn (co-chair), Andrea Baum (treasurer)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Andrea
Seconded: Jenn
4. Approval of Minutes of last meeting – January 17, 2023
Moved:
Seconded:
5. School Board Report – Chris Johnston
6. Treasurer Report – Andrea Baum
 - a. School “wish list”
 - i. Resources requested by teachers.
 - ii. The Great Grade 6 Book Buy – Grade 6 students purchase a book for our library.
 1. Motion: We will provide \$10 per book for the Great Grade 6 Book Buy.
 - a. Moved: Jenn
 - b. Seconded: Andrea
 - b. New bank account
 - i. The bank account is now open. Jenn provided Vickie the information to provide the funds.
 - c. School dance
 - i. Money spent: \$831.21
 - ii. Income: see email from Jenn
 - iii. For next dance:
 1. Send out an email to have families RSVP – send home tickets in advance.

7. Administrator's Report – Kristina de Metz/Gillian Rutberg/Andy Ralston
 - a. See page 4.

8. Actions from last meeting
 - a. Dance – updates
 - b. [Munch a Lunch](#)
 - i. Now \$300 for the school year (down from \$350)
 - ii. Dates – February 23rd (Subway), March 23rd (Boston Pizza), a third day with Kris – Jenn and Rene will ask about this.
 - iii. Everything is paid online. We can do cash if someone approaches us about it.
 - iv. Parents can volunteer by clicking a button when they make their order.
 - c. Spending School Council \$500 grant – ASCA learning modules.
 - i. Creating School Council Plans to Engage the School Community – Jenn and Rene recommend this one.
 1. 8 weeks
 2. 3 sessions
 - a. Can do these sessions individually online or together.
 - b. Dates: February 13th-April 3rd
 - d. Basketball court update
 - i. Support from the South Patterson neighbourhood association – lighting?
 - ii. Geoff is coming early next week to help select a spot and provide information.

9. New Business
 - a. Board Meeting Update
 - i. ASCA Conference April 21st and 22nd, AGM on April 23rd
 1. Virtual and in-person options available.
 2. Division can help with covering costs.
 - b. AERR survey (Grades 4&7)
 - i. Parents will be receiving it by mail.
 - c. Student committee
 - i. Student in grade 6 to grade 12. We can recommend the students to attend/participate.
 - ii. Hoping for one per school.

- d. Strut & Strive Event
 - i. Fundraiser for the Education Foundation
 - ii. March 18th at the Comp
 - iii. The Education Foundation sponsors the Striving for Excellence dinner and provides grants for the school.
 - e. Joe & Joe social media (parent information night with Ecole Montrose)
 - i. Provides information on social media.
 - ii. Kristina will contact Andrea Couture to find out more information.
 - f. Fundraising opportunities
 - i. Rene will send information on a couple of fundraising opportunities for everyone to peruse.
 - g. Parent input on the QR code
 - i. No responses on MVV so far. Add incentive.
 - 1. Motion: \$100 value gift card for Downtown Association
 - 2. Moved: Andrea Baum
 - 3. Seconded: Jenn Kohn
 - 4. Draw Monday, March 27th
 - ii. 15 responses where parents were saying they wanted to be involved in some capacity. This as to the original QR code that was posted during Parent-Teacher Interviews.
10. Questions/Other Business
11. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 7th, 2023
12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- Literacy Week celebrations
- Trip to Nitehawk

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- Mission, Vision, Values
- Building community
- Mental health information/supports
 - Lift the Mask for mental health

Information

- Provincial Achievement Test results
- Assurance Meetings to the Board

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- Friday, February 10th – Professional Learning Day – No school for students