

Alexander Forbes The Academy School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2023

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at
2. Introductions – Present at the meeting were: Andy Ralston (vice principal), Sarah Patterson (secretary), Aaron Macintosh (parent), Jenn Kohn (co-chair), Andrea Baum (treasurer), Rhonda Schneider (teacher), Kendra Stewart (teacher)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Sarah Patterson
Seconded: Andrea Baum
The Agenda of Jan. 17, 2023 is approved.
4. Approval of Minutes of last meeting – December 6, 2022
Moved: Jenn Kohn
Seconded: Andrea Baum
The Minutes of December 6, 2022 are approved.
5. School Board Report – Chris Johnston
 - a. Chris was not present for the meeting.
6. Treasurer Report – Andrea Baum
 - a. School “wish list” – will be presented at the next meeting.
 - b. A new account before next meeting so funds can be transferred.
7. Administrator’s Report – Kristina de Metz/Gillian Rutberg/Andy Ralston
8. Actions from last meeting
 - a. Dance – updates
 - i. All ready to go. Just need final email for parents, posters, and updated QR code.
 - b. [Munch a Lunch](#)
 - i. Now \$300 for the school year (down from \$350)
 - ii. Menu pricing – Keeping it between \$7 and \$10
 - iii. Boston Pizza and Subway so far
 - iv. Dates – February 23rd and March 23rd (tentatively)

- c. Spending School Council \$500 grant
 - i. Was there a date for the high school mental health day? Kristina spoke to Chris, and it was not going to work for us to join.
 - ii. [Parameters of the grant](#)

- 9. New Business
 - a. Rhonda Schneider shared about the Stand for Education roundtable seminar for Thursday, January 19th. Pamphlets were provided.
 - b. Andrea spoke about crossing lights on 72nd and asked the school to advocate for these.

- 10. Questions/Other Business
 - a. Cost of basketball courts? Andy/Kristina will determine. Is additional fundraising needed?

- 11. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7th, 2023

- 12. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

School Council – Administrator’s Report

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- Christmas celebrations
 - We had a lot of fun with our Festival of Trees. Check out the video on our Facebook page if you haven’t had a chance yet.
- New Bluetooth speaker purchased for the gym. Thank you for your approval of this!

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- Professional Learning Day – January 30th
 - Continuing a lot of the work from our December PL Day:
 - Generative dialogue/inquiry process
 - On December 9th, we worked with our Director of Student Supports to model a questioning session for our staff.
 - Mission, vision, values
 - Mental health focus

Information

- Upcoming parent night with a mental health focus (early February). Stay tuned for more information!
- Literacy Week
 - Completing at-home challenges to be entered in draws for literacy baskets (K-2, 3-5, 6-8)
 - Dress As Your Favourite Book Character – January 26th
 - Guest readers
 - If any of you would like to come in to read to a class, we would love to have you. Email Kristina and classroom teacher to coordinate.

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- Wednesday, January 18th – Grade 4-6 Field Trip to Nitehawk (skiing, snowboarding, tubing)
- Thursday, January 19th – Grade 7-8 Field Trip to Nitehawk (skiing, snowboarding, tubing)
- Friday, January 20th – Bluebird Dancers Performances
- Monday, January 30th – Professional Learning Day – No school for students
- Tuesday, February 7th – School Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.