

Alexander Forbes The Academy School Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 10, 2023

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.
2. Introductions: Rhonda Schneider (teacher rep), Kendra Stewart (vice principal), Renee Bruno (parent), Jenn Khon (chair), Sarah Patterson (treasurer), Deidree Puff (vice-chair), Raechelle Marcotte (teacher rep, parent), Caitlin McMurrer (secretary)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Sarah Patterson
Seconded: Renee Bruno
The Agenda is approved.
4. Approval of Minutes of last meeting – May 2, 2023
Moved: Tabled for Sarah Patterson to find.
Seconded:
5. School Board Report –Joan Nellis
 - a. Joan sent her regrets, as she had a Board meeting tonight. She looks forward to meeting with us next month.
 - b. Please see her report on page 3 below.
6. Treasurer Report – Sarah Patterson
 - a. There is \$6,996.77 in the School Council bank account.
7. Administrator's Report – Kristina de Metz/Kendra Stewart
See page 4 below.
8. Actions from last meeting
 - a. Crosswalk
 - i. City Council meeting date: Possible date November 14, 2023
 - ii. Letter Template: Deidree and Renee will create a template. Ideas to generate support:
 1. Posting on Facebook groups.
 2. Going door to door and consulting neighbours.
 - iii. Trustee/school board support: Jenn will email Joan Nellis to see if she is available.

9. New Business

- a. School Council sponsored events/dates:
 - i. Pizza party for the Halloween Door decorating. Top 5. Judging TBD.
 - ii. Winter Dance: December 8th, January 12th or 19th.
 - iii. Spring Dance: April 18th or May 3rd. Looking into the same DJ and snacks and popcorn.
 - iv. Western Days: May 31st. Stampede kick off Pancake breakfast, whip cream pie tossing at teachers, western wear.

 - a) Fundraising opportunities and dates:
 - i) Purdy's Chocolates: to run through November. Jen is in the process of setting up an online link.
 - ii) More Fundraising ideas to match up with Munch-a-lunch (e.g., Eau Claire, Soup, Lip Balm, Spices for Easter).
10. Questions/Other Business- N/A
11. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2023
12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Board Report – Joan Nellis

Our Board is busy in the next month, some of the work that might interest you is,
-Meetings with the Minister of Education (I am going to Edmonton to meet with him and his team Thursday) and he is coming to GP at the end of the month to meet with all local boards.

-We have our annual Board Social. This is an event for all staff to get together to celebrate successes and long service in the division. It is a great event, and our Board prioritizes it each year. Having amazing staff throughout the division, this gives us an opportunity to recognize some of them and another step in creating a positive culture.

-We are working to update our priorities for the upcoming year. I will share more on this work as it continues.

INDIGENOUS FAMILY ADVISORY CIRCLE

Organized by Shauna Livesey, Division Indigenous Programming Coordinator, the inaugural meeting of the Division's Indigenous Family Advisory Circle is scheduled for Monday October 16 at Hillside Community School. This is a new opportunity to bring families and division staff together, share a meal, and learn new things towards developing strong relationships. Future meetings will be held at various schools across the division.

ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS' ASSOCIATION (ASBA) ZONE 1 AWARDS

Trustees and Superintendent McDonald attended the ASBA Zone 1 Awards Luncheon held in Peace River on September 20, 2023. First Year Teacher Kayla Kolosky was recognized as the Division's Edwin Parr Nominee, and Sean and Sandy Sargent accepted the Division's nomination for the ASBA Friends of Education Award. Trustees were excited to learn that Sean Sargent and the Sargent Family Foundation was selected as the Zone 1 Representative for the provincial Friends of Education Award! Congratulations!

School Council – Administrator’s Report

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- Orange Shirt Day
 - Thank you to Mr. Roberts for organizing the Indigenous Games.
 - Thank you to Mrs. Doucette for making the Bannock.
- Striving for Excellence Dinner
 - 9 students (past and present) were recognized for their exceptional work last year.
 - The Striving for Excellence awards and dinner are put on by the Education Foundation.

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- No new update from our last meeting.

Information

- Halloween
 - Costume Parade (half in AM, half in PM)? Still considering how this will work to better involve our kindergarten students.
 - JH dance in the afternoon, following the parade.
- Grade 7/8 Girls Volleyball season is underway. We didn’t have enough students come forward to field a Boys team.
- Intervention at Alexander Forbes – Provincially Funded
 - Grades 1-3 – Literacy/Numeracy Focus
 - Grades 4-6 – EAL/Indigenous Focus

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- October 20th – School Spirit: Decades Day
- October 27th – Professional Learning Day (no school for students)
- October 31st – Halloween (costume parade and class parties)
- November 7th – School Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.