

Alexander Forbes The Academy School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 7, 2024

1. Call to Order - 6:02 pm
2. Introductions- Rob Martin (School board trustee), Jake Roberts (Vice Principal), Renee Bruno (Munch-a-Lunch rep), Sarah Patterson (Treasurer), Deirdre Puff (Co-Chair), Raechelle Marcotte (Teacher Rep/Parent), Kristina de Metz (Principal), Abigayle Fairholm (Teacher Rep), Shana Boyle (Teacher Rep), Rhonda Schneider (Teacher Rep), Kendra Stewart (Vice Principal), Jennifer Kohn (Chair), Jessica Randell (Parent Rep)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Deirdre Puff
Seconded: Sarah Patterson
4. Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2024
Moved: Jennifer Kohn
Seconded: Rob Martin
5. School Board Report – Rob Martin
See Attached
6. Treasurer Report – Sarah Patterson
\$10,218.57
Accounts Payable are the remaining Munch-a-Lunches, the Munch-a-Lunch program invoice, Western Day Pancake breakfast supplies, and Jenn's reimbursement cheque for the soup and sandwich lunch supplies.
Accounts Receivables are the upcoming remaining Munch-a-Lunches.
7. Administrator's Report – Kristina de Metz, Jake Roberts, Kendra Stewart
See attached.

8. Munch a Lunch – Renee Bruno
 - a. Thank you boards and cards for the restaurants and stores that have helped us with supplies. Council will review list and send to Kristina.
 - b. Discussed adding a donation option next year for parents to supply lunches for those that qualify. Renee reached out to their help line to prepare us for this action for next year.
 - c. We will need to print off all the statements for the 2023/2024 year and pay the annual invoice to close out the year for June 30,2024.

9. Actions from previous meetings
 - a. Dare to Care: Parent feedback requested.
 - b. Pending Playground Purchases
 - i. Kristina is meeting with Candi Diepdael, the former treasurer of the Fundraising Society, and Riley Greentree with our finance department to move the funds before the expiry date.
 - ii. Purchasing two Memorial Buddy Benches. Lasering the families' notes on the benches instead of a plaque for durability.
 - iii. We will also have enough funds to purchase swings. Review in the new year.
 - iv. Motioned- Jennifer Kohn
Seconded- Sarah Patterson & Deirdre Puff
 - c. Paint Night – Cancelled
 - i. Review in the fall to try the event again.
 - d. Facebook Page
 - i. Caitlin has deleted the council created Facebook page. Shannon at Head office will create a new one. She has the list of who to add for the admins.
 - e. Western Day – Pancake Breakfast
 - i. May 31st meeting at 7 am and serving pancakes from 7:30-8:20 am.
 - ii. Kristina is going to reach out to ATCO to request a grill & griddle.
 - iii. Recruited Rob, Jake, Kristina, Kendra, Jennifer, Caitlin and the Grade 6s to help.
 - f. Dance review
 - i. Parents have requested a coffee station at the next event.

- ii. Grade 6/7s would be willing to help again and set up some games in the common area next year.
- iii. Not allowing food in the gym was very successful in aiding with clean up.

10. New Business

- a. Grade 6 Fundraising Opportunities – Shana Boyle and Abigayle Fairholm
 - i. Are looking to raise \$1850 for 3 field trips before the end of the year. City Hall & Center of Creative Arts, Camp Tamarack and Bear Creek.
 - ii. Council donated \$200 from the Grade 6's help during the April 18th Dance.
 - iii. Sweet Treat Tuesdays. Joan is donating her time and skills to make the treats. Just being reimbursed for the product costs.
 - iv. Possible reverse Bottle Drive on May 23.

11. Questions/Other Business

- i. Movie Night- Tabled for next year due to logistics. Will look into the Drive In theatre and if another school wants to partner up on the fundraiser.
- ii. Kristina looking into School Start fundraiser for the 2024/2025 school year.
- iii. Deirdre suggested setting up a Parent Council table at school events to help get more parents involved.
- iv. Notes from the District Council meeting:
 - 1. Dress Code was reviewed.
 - 2. Reaching out to our MLAs in regard to internet safety.
- v. Figuring out what our goals as council are for the 2024/2025 year.
- vi. Having a celebration council dinner for our next meeting, June 4th. Kristina will send out an RSVP.
- vii. Upcoming events:
 - 1. May 17- PD Day & Dare 2 Care for Staff
 - 2. May 31- Western Days & Pancake Breakfast
 - 3. June 19- Grade 8 Celebration of Learning
 - 4. June 21- Year End Celebration at Saskatoon Lake

12. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 4th, 2024
13. Adjournment- 7:42 pm

School Board Report – Rob Martin

May 28 Board Meeting

SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

Planning for the first year of summer school programming has been finalized and appreciation is extended to Director of System Supports, Kim Frykas, and to Mr. Vobeyda, Mr. Wall and Mr. Dunfield for their planning efforts. Students or parents with questions are encouraged to speak with school administration or counsellors. Detailed information about the new Summer School programming available for current students, and the links to register, are available on each school's website:

Summer School | Bridge Network Outreach School (gppsd.ab.ca)

Summer School | Grande Prairie Composite High School (gppsd.ab.ca)

Summer School | Charles Spencer High School (gppsd.ab.ca)

DIVISION 3-YEAR EDUCATION PLAN APPROVAL

The Board approved the 2024-2027 3-Year Education Plan for the division. The 3-Year Education Plan priorities were developed using the existing priorities, the ongoing review evidence of progress from the Annual Education Results Report, and feedback from staff, students and parents collected throughout the year in a variety of formats. Building off of the previous 3-Year Education Plan, the new plan identifies new strategies to continue the improvement seen over the previous 3 years in each of the three priority areas of Teaching and Learning, Belonging, and Leading.

DIVISION 2024 – 2025 BUDGET APPROVAL

Norm Guindon presented to the Board the 2024 – 2025 Annual Budget Report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, for approval. The budget is a deficit budget addressed through the planned use of reserves. Key messages include:

- The budget includes an increase of approximately 20 teachers
- The increase in revenue is from enrolment increases only, no increases in grant funding.
- No provision from the government for inflation pressures

Administrator's Report

Celebrations and Appreciation

- Mental Health Update
 - We received a Jordan's Principle grant providing funding for a counselor at our school for two days a week to work with our indigenous students who require mental health support, from now until next March.
 - Our division hired a new social worker to serve as our mental health lead for two days a week.
- We have a new indigenous liaison, Danica Napesis, who has recently joined our team. She is at our school on Mondays and Fridays.
- Badminton concluded in April. We had several students who represented us in matches through the city. Thank you to Mr. Weber for coaching!
- Outdoor Pursuits Club: Headed on their first outing on Thursday afternoon.

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- April 19th PL Day – Dare to Care staff training, inquiry question work continued, looking at data to build our 2024-2027 Three Year Plan
- May 17th – Continuing to look at data to build our next Three-Year Plan, starting transition planning for 2024-25.

Information

- 3D Charity Tournament
 - May 10th
 - We are continuing to look for volunteers who can supervise a team that day. We are sending ball hockey and soccer teams in grades 4-8.
- Are You Returning? Forms
 - Please complete these prior to May 17th. These help significantly with our planning and staffing for next year.
- May 8th: Hats on for Mental Health
- Mental Health Capacity Building for 2023-24
 - Alexander Forbes is a lead school.
 - We have been working with Jancey Dolan, a Wellness Coach with AHS and GPPSD, throughout the school year. By the end of the year, Jancey will have worked with all our students except for our grade 8 students, who have received support through other avenues.

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- May 8th – Hats On for Mental Health
- May 9th – Munch a Lunch: Grilled Cheese and Soup
- May 10th – 3D Charity Tournament
- May 10th – Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea
- May 16th – Grade 7/8 Track & Field

- May 17th – Professional Learning Day: No school for students
- May 20th – Victoria Day: No school for students or staff
- May 23rd – Munch a Lunch: Edo
- May 28th – Grade 5/6 Track Meet
- May 31st – Western Day
- May 31st – Recognition of Honour Assemblies (K-4 at 8:45; 5-8 at 9:10)
- June 4th – School Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- June 6th – Munch a Lunch: Wing ‘n It
- June 7th – Professional Learning Day: No school for students
- June 14th – School Spirit Day: Wear Knight Clothing
- June 19th – Grade 6 Social Studies Provincial Achievement Test at 9:00 a.m.
- June 19th – Grade 8 Celebration of Learning in the gym at 1:00 p.m.
- June 20th – Munch a Lunch: Sawmill
- June 20th – Kindergarten Celebration of Learning
- June 21st – National Indigenous People’s Day
- June 21st – Saskatoon Island School Picnic
- June 26th – Last day of school for students