

Alexander Forbes The Academy School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

1. Call to Order - 6:04 pm
2. Introductions
Jenn Kohn (Chair), Renee Bruno (Munch-a-Lunch Rep), Jake Roberts (Vice Principal), Rhonda Schneider (Teacher Rep), Raechelle Marcotte (Teacher Rep/ Parent), Sarah Patterson (Treasurer), Caitlin McMurrer (Secretary)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Renee Bruno
Seconded: Jenn Kohn
4. Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2024
Moved: Sarah Patterson
Seconded: Jenn Kohn
5. School Board Report – Rob Martin
See Attached
6. Treasurer Report – Sarah Patterson
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Accounts Payable are the upcoming Munch-a-Lunchs, Dance Canteen, Paint Night expenses and Movie Night expenses.
Accounts Receivables are the upcoming Munch-a-Lunch, Make it Sow fundraiser and the Paint Night.
Need to make a bank appointment to make changes for the mobile access for the treasurer, Sarah.
7. Administrator's Report – Kristina de Metz, Jake Roberts, Kendra Stewart
See attached.
8. Munch a Lunch – Renee Bruno
We need to get the Facebook posts up. Look into parent donated lunches for next year for students that wouldn't normally get to participate in Munch-a-Lunch.

9. Actions from last meeting

a. School Dance Update – April 18th

- i. Our grade 6s are interested in helping to raise money for a possible field trip to Camp Tamarack.
Reaching out to the teachers to see if they would help the students run a bake sale at the dance. Council will donate items if the Grade 6's wish to run a canteen with the Grade 6 teachers and parents during the Badminton Tournament April 16th and 23rd.
- ii. Volunteers
 1. How many do we need?
 2. How do we want to solicit help from parents? And possibly other students?
- iii. Renee will reach out to Parkside about borrowing their popcorn machine. Update-Jenn picked up the machine April 10th.

10. New Business

a. Dare to Care

- i. This is a wonderful resource on bullying, including how to recognize it, how to combat it, and how to ask for help.
- ii. There are modules for students, staff, and parents.
- iii. Information to set up an account will be sent to parents via email.
- iv. Weyerhaeuser sponsored the program.

b. Division Assurance Survey

- i. An email will be sent out this week asking you to complete the Division Assurance Survey. We value your input in making our school a better place to be!

c. New K-6 Report Card Feedback:

- i. What aspects of our current report card do you like?
We appreciate that it's printed. We like that it has antidotal notes and spots for behavioral and soft skills as well as the knowledge and hard skills.
- ii. What would you like to see changed or added?
We don't like the mixture of letters and numbers grading system. We would like it to be more uniformed style such as percentage based. We would also like to be more

mobile friendly as not many families have a home computer anymore.

- iii. What about Parent Teacher Interviews? Is there a different format you would like? Would you prefer interviews before or after Report Cards?

Holding them either after report cards have been issued or 1 month into the school year so issues and concerns can be addressed earlier. Then report cards can be used a marker if the changes from the earlier meeting are being addressed and worked on appropriately.

- iv. Please feel free to send additional feedback to Kristina.

11. Questions/Other Business

- a. Curling Club is interested in starting a school division season again and is in the works.
- b. Paint Night
 - i. Will have 24 easel spots and we will gauge the interest on Sign Up Genius if we need to purchase more easels. Kids under 10 will have as many spots as necessary.
 - ii. Grade 6 can set up a bake sale again or we will set up snacks and refreshments. To review in May.
- c. Chess Club- Jake has started a chess club during lunch.
- d. Outdoor Movie Night
 - i. Moving it into the gym.
 - ii. Need to look into chairs. How many chairs do we have and how do we obtain more to fill the gym to avoid chaos?
 - iii. Letting the students vote: Journey to the Center of the Earth, The Croods or Strange World?
- e. No Phone Policy
- f. Staff have reached out expressing an interest in a no phone during school hours policy. Need to review as staff and a community. In regard to liabilities for damaged phones and is it worth the battle?
 - i. If any changes are made these decisions need to be sent home in June before September changes.
- g. Student Council- How do we get an active student council going?
- h. School Council Facebook Page

- i. Setting up a School Council Facebook page to increase exposure for school events.
12. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m.
13. Adjournment - 7:46 pm

School Council – Administrator’s Report

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- New staff:
 - Mrs. Ingrid Oliver (for Mrs. Lacey’s maternity leave) – Grade 7 Math/Science – Started March 27th.
 - Mrs. Courtney Allen (for Mrs. Bauer’s maternity leave) – Grade 8 LA/Social Studies – Starting April 22nd.
 - Ms. Madison Dyok (for Mrs. Kaior’s medical leave) – Grade 5 – Starting April 22nd.
- Thank you for your support of our staff and community through providing pizza during Parent-Teacher Interviews!

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- Work with evidence/numeracy on March 15th, supported by our Division Numeracy Coordinator
- April 19th PL Day – Dare to Care staff training, inquiry questions, looking at data to build our 2024-2027 Three Year Plan

Information

- 3D Charity Tournament
 - May 10th
 - We are looking for volunteers who can supervise a team that day. We are sending ball hockey and soccer teams in grades 4-8.
- Brian Gillis – School Engagement Coordinator
 - Brian will be presenting to all our grade 7/8 students on careers and resumes. His role is to support students from junior high through to graduation.

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- April 11th – Munch a Lunch: Boston Pizza
- April 18th – Family Dance from 6:00-8:00
- April 19th – Professional Learning Day (no school for students)
- April 26th – School Spirit Day: Superhero Day
- May 2nd – Arbor Day
- May 3rd – Recognition of Honour Assemblies (K-4 at 8:45; 5-8 at 9:10)
- May 7th – School Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.