

Alexander Forbes The Academy School Council Meeting Minutes
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Introductions: Kristina de Metz (Principal), Jake Roberts (Vice Principal), Kendra Stewart (Vice Principal), Jennifer Kohn (Chair), Deirdre Puff (Vice Chair), Raechelle Marcotte (Teacher Rep/Parent), Sarah Patterson (Treasurer), Rhonda Schneider (Teacher Rep), Caitlin McMurrer (Secretary), Andrea Baum (Parent), Jessica Randell (Parent), Tammy Ogilvie (Parent), Anzhelika Skorik (Parent), Dmytro Skorik (Parent), Meagan Jamieson (Parent), Dan Hodges (Parent)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Deirdre Puff
Seconded: Sarah Patterson
The Agenda of September 17 2024 is approved.
4. Approval of Minutes of previous AGM – September 26, 2023
Moved: Deirdre Puff
Seconded: Sarah Patterson
The Minutes of September 26, 2023 are approved.
5. Purpose of School Council – Principal, Kristina de Metz
 - a. [School Council Resource Guide](#)
6. Past Executive
 - a. Chair: Jenn Kohn
 - b. Vice Chair: Deirdre Puff
 - c. Secretary: Caitlin McMurrer
 - d. Treasurer: Sarah Patterson
7. Discussion of Positions
 - a. Chair (Required): Jenn Kohn stepped down.
 - b. Vice Chair:
 - c. Secretary:
 - d. Treasurer:
 - e. Teacher Reps:

8. Election of School Council Executive
 - a. Call for nominations
 - i. Chair: Deirdre Puff
 - ii. Vice Chair: Jenn Kohn
 - iii. Secretary: Caitlin McMurrer
 - iv. Treasurer: Sarah Patterson
 - b. Speeches (if necessary)- N/A
 - c. Voting (if necessary)- N/A
 - d. All the above positions are acclaimed.

9. School Board Report
 - a. No trustee will attend this meeting.
 - b. Our trustee this year will be Joan Nellis.

10. Treasurer Report – Sarah Patterson
 - a. Current account balance is \$4232.60.
 - b. No current AP.
 - c. Possible upcoming AR- Grande Sunset Theatre for fundraiser.

11. Administrator’s Report – Kristina de Metz
 - i. See page 4.

12. Actions from Previous Meetings
 - a. School Council Facebook page
 - i. Resending Meta requests for Deirdre and Caitlin.
 - b. Munch a Lunch
 - i. Move discussion to further Munch-a-Lunch to a separate meeting of interested parties.
 - c. Movie Night
 - i. Grande Sunset Drive-in. Motion date for October 24th. Needs to be booked by September 27th.
 - ii. Cost is \$2000 +movie licensing fee.
 - iii. Food and concession are provided by Evergreen Canteen.
 - iv. Need volunteers for parking.
 - v. Can do early ticket sales on Munch-a-lunch.
 - vi. Need to decide on movie and if we are splitting the event with another school.

vii. Need to figure out how many vehicles the lot holds.

13. New Business

a. Cell phone policy

- i. See page 5. Have seen a positive reaction so far. Socializing and physical activity have increased during breaks. Herding in the halls and bathrooms has decreased.
- ii. Need to purchase laptops, tablets and MP3s to fill the needs for the classrooms.

b. Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

- i. Jenn handling the Purdy's fundraiser again.
- ii. Cut off mid-November for early December arrival again.

c. Nu-Vista donated \$5,000 to be evenly split between the Nutritional program and new technology for the school.

d. Fundraising Society and Koda and Karissa's families to pick out the memorial Buddy benches at the end of September.

14. Upcoming Events:

a. September 19- Terry Fox Run at 2:15

b. September 21- Division Fun Run. 8:30- 11:30 am at the Legion field. Kristina is bringing the Timbits.

c. September 27- Wear Orange for Truth and Reconciliation Day

d. September 30- Day off for Truth and Reconciliation Day.

e. October 1- Grade 7-8 Volleyball league starts. Coach Monagle for the boy's team on Tuesdays and Coach Trace for the girl's team on Thursdays. Running until mid-November.

f. October 7/8- Picture Day.

15. Date of Next Meeting: October 1st at 6:00 p.m.

16. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

School Council – Administrator’s Report

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- 2024-25 Alexander Forbes Staff
- 2023-24 Exemplary Staff Award Recipient

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- New K-6 report card

Information

- Alexander Forbes Terry Fox Run
- Grade 7/8 Volleyball
 - Tryouts for boys and girls are happening right now.
 - The season officially starts on October 1st.

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- September 19th – Terry Fox Run at 2:15 p.m.
- September 20th – Professional Learning Day – No school for students
- September 21st – Division Fun Run at Legion Field from 8:30-10:30
- September 27th – Wear Orange for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- September 30th – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No school
- October 1st – School Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Alexander Forbes Cell Phone Policy

The excerpt below is from the Alexander Forbes Student Handbook:

Technology and the Internet

Alexander Forbes The Academy embraces technology. It is a privilege, and with this privilege comes responsibilities – both online and offline. Students should be aware of the dangers of certain online activities and their potential impact on both school and home. According to the School Act, students are responsible for their actions, no matter where they take place, if those actions impact the school environment. This includes inappropriate use of technology. From an educational standpoint, responsible use of technology offers several advantages for student learning.

Personally Owned Devices and Social Media

- Definition of Personally Owned Devices (PODs): cell phones, tablets, laptops, air pods, smart watches, and any other device with an internet connection.
- Students in K-8 are not permitted to use PODs during instructional times. This is per [Ministerial Order #014/2024](#) from the Government of Alberta.
- **Students at Alexander Forbes The Academy are not permitted to use their PODs at any point during the school day, including non-instructional time (e.g., recess, lunch).**
- Students who have their PODs out will first be asked to put them away in their lockers. If the student does not comply, or if the POD is out again on the same day, the student will be required to take their POD to the office until the end of the day. Homeroom teachers will contact parents. After parents have been contacted twice regarding inappropriate POD use, an administrator will contact the parents to determine the next steps.
- Students are also reminded that use of the Division's wireless network is governed by the Grande Prairie Public School District's 'Student Responsible Use of Technology Guidelines and Agreement' which all students are required to sign as a part of attending the school.
- Students are not permitted to take videos or pictures on their PODs. The creation and distribution of unsolicited pictures in a school setting is a violation of the "Freedom of Information and Privacy Act".
- Students will continue to have access to technology through the use of school laptops and iPads for instructional purposes.
- Students will not have access to social media websites on the division network.