

Alexander Forbes The Academy School Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 7, 2025

1. Call to Order: 6:05 pm
2. Introductions: Deirdre Puff (Chair), Kristina de Metz (Principal), Kendra Stewart (Vice Principal), Jake Roberts (Vice Principal), Rhonda Schneider (Teacher Rep), Raechelle Marcotte (Teacher Rep/Parent), Sarah Patterson (Treasurer), Kathleen Barker (Parent), Dan MacLean (Parent), Jennifer Kohn (Vice Chair), Caitlin McMurrer (Secretary)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Deirdre Puff
Seconded: Sarah Patterson
4. Approval of Minutes of Dec. 3, 2024
Moved: Sarah Patterson
Seconded: Deirdre Puff
5. School Board Report – Joan Nellis
 - a. See page 6.
 - b. Calendar 2025/2026 school year draft. See attached. Page #
6. Treasurer Report – Sarah Patterson
 - a. Current balance: \$3671.36
 - b. Accounts Payable: Upcoming Munch-a-Lunch, Art supplies, Literacy week prizes, popcorn for the winners of the Christmas Trees, Childcare for the meeting
 - c. Account's Receivables: Munch-a-Lunch
7. Administrator's Report – Kristina de Metz, Jake Roberts, Kendra Stewart
 - a. See pages 5 & 6.
8. Actions from previous meetings
 - a. Festival of Trees
 - i. Winners won a classroom movie day with hot chocolate and popcorn.

- ii. Social Media Pick: A Wild Christmas with the Wild Robot
 - iii. Staff Pick: Merry Christmas Charlie Brown
 - iv. Student Pick: Christmas with Cats & Dogs of Bandaged Paws
 - v. School Council Pick: Gramma Loves Christmas
- b. Winter Dance
- c. Munch a Lunch
 - i. Will discuss in the group chat outside of the meeting for a day to pick the next sessions
- d. Art supplies update
 - i. Motioned \$700 to go to Art Supplies as requested.
Motioned: Caitlin McMurrer
Seconded: Jennifer Kohn
 - ii. Setting up an online art auction to help recoup some of the costs. To discuss further at the next meeting in regard to opening it up to students, local artists, splitting the winnings with the winner and the school, guidelines of size and what the art communicates, shipping clauses, payment etc.
- e. Bottle Depot account
 - i. Reviewed the application.
Motioned to set it up: Deirdre Puff.
Seconded: Sarah Patterson

9. New Business

- a. Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) Report
 - i. See attached. Page #
- b. Grade 7/8 Course Fees. Need to be submitted by February for the 5-month option courses.
 - i. Current fees:
 - 1. Home Economics (Foods and Sewing) - \$40.00
 - 2. Construction and Design (Shop) - \$35.00
 - 3. Art - \$20.00
 - 4. Health Sciences - \$5.00
 - ii. Proposed fees:
 - 1. Visual Media - \$20.00
 - 2. Foods - \$50.00
 - 3. Sewing - \$50.00
 - 4. Construction and Design (Shop) - \$50.00
 - 5. Art - \$30.00

- c. Literacy Week
 - i. January 27-30, 2025
 - ii. Request for funds for baskets.
 - 1. Second Chance Reads to donate to the baskets
 - 2. Motion for \$200 for the baskets: Jennifer Kohn
 - Seconded: Deirdre Puff
 - Kendra and Deirdre to work out the details.
 - iii. School Council readers. Request for volunteers to read to the students during the week.
 - d. New report card feedback
 - i. Learning curves in the set up. Liked the comments per section of strengths and areas of improvement, felt more personalized to the student.
10. Upcoming Events:
- a. January 9: Cut off for Munch-a-Lunch: Sawmill
 - b. January 10: ROH Assembly
 - c. January 16: Munch-a-Lunch: Sawmill
 - d. January 27-30: Literacy Week
 - e. January 29: Nitehawk for Grade 4-8.
 - f. January 31: PLD day
11. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6 pm.
12. Adjournment: 7:26 pm

School Board Trustee Report – Joan Nellis

BYLAW 2024-1 requiring a criminal Record check for all candidates seeking to run in the upcoming 2025 election to be a Public School Trustee for GPPSD. Also, information about the election can be found on our website.

The Board has our annual board assurance retreat where we met with the education leadership team to get an update on their work. We also did some planning for the upcoming election and looked at our continuous improvement index.

The Board accepted the resignation of Superintendent, Sandy McDonald for NEXT Dec 31. The Superintendent is giving us plenty of time to recruit the right candidate and he will also stay on to help us orientate the newly elected Board. We have benefited greatly from Superintendent McDonald, and he will be missed, although we congratulate him on his retirement.

There is a Council of School Councils meeting on January 23.

Administrator's Report

Celebrations and Appreciation

- Thank you so much for the delicious meal provided for all staff on Thursday, December 19th. Staff very much appreciated the thought that went into planning for and providing the meal.
- Thank you for all your organization and hard work to prepare for and execute the family dance.

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- We are continuing our work with our inquiry questions and responsive planning based on the needs of our students.

Information

- Literacy Week – January 27th-30th
 - If you are interested in reading to a class that week, please let Kendra know and she will schedule you in.
- Nitehawk
 - January 29th
 - We will need volunteers to attend with us that day.
- Basketball coach
 - We are looking for a community coach for our grade 7/8 girls' team. The season runs from January 21st through February 28th.

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

- See the calendar on page 6.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5	6 First Day Back	7 School Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm	8	9 Sawmill Munch a Lunch Orders due at 11:59 pm	10 Recognition of Honour Assemblies Grades 5-8 @ 2:00 Grades K-4 @ 2:30	11
12	13	14	15	16 Sawmill Munch a Lunch	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Literacy Week Begins	28	29 Nitehawk Day Grades 4-8	30 Literacy Week Concludes	31 Professional Learning Day No School for Students	