# **School Council Meeting Minutes**

## **Abraham Erb Public School**

October 23, 2019 - School Library 7:00pm

**Members Present:** Alison P., Amy W., Becky L., Carolyn M., Farzana D., Hanan A., Jean H., Jennifer K., Lee R., Leena S. (Minutes), Lindsay K., Melinda H., Mitra P., Seun S., Shishir B., Tamara C., Tracy M., Vaidhehi K., Vera J.

Absent: Danielle G., Julie I., Meghna P., Nasim P., Prashant K., Rina S., Sheila S., Subhish K., Syed A.

**Guests (signed in only):** Fardousa M.

Agenda item: Welcome Presenter: Jennifer K.

### **Discussion:**

- Territorial and Land Acknowledgement delivered.
- JK motioned to approve September minutes. SB seconded. All in favour.
- JK reviewed September action items. All were closed (see Appendix 1).
  - Food day volunteer email wasn't sent because there were enough volunteers in the volunteer list in the office.

Agenda item: Principal's Report Presenter: Pam K.

## **Discussion:**

- PK thanked Council for staff appreciation day efforts. Picture was posted on the school's website.
   <a href="https://abe.wrdsb.ca/2019/10/07/today-is-staff-appreciation-day-at-abraham-erb-thank-you-school-council-for-the-lovely-treats/">https://abe.wrdsb.ca/2019/10/07/today-is-staff-appreciation-day-at-abraham-erb-thank-you-school-council-for-the-lovely-treats/</a>
- School improvement plans coming into focus based on EQAO results. 78% of students were at provincial standard or above. There were also students exempt from the assessment that count as zero.
- EQAO results have been publicly posted. PK reviewed Abraham Erb results. See Appendix 2 for link to the results.
- PK gave examples of how growth areas and gaps between grade 3 and 6 results are determined and shared that these will be studied during the PD Day and plan to address these will be developed.
- This Plan to address EQAO results will be shared at the next meeting.
- Student run intramurals for grades 1-6 will start this month Tuesdays through Thursdays with SJAM.
- Food Drive Oct 28 Nov 1
- Fire and tornado drills completed.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- JK to give staff appreciation day poster to PK
- PK to send link to public EQAO results to post in minutes and will post on school website.

## **Important Dates:**

October 25 - PD Day

November 11 - Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:10am

November 11 - Report Cards

November 12 - JK, SK and Grade 2 Dental Screening

November 14/15 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

November 15 - PD Day

November 19 - Volleyball Club Starts

November 20 - School Council meeting at 7 PM

November 22 - Hero Gem Assembly

November 29 - December 4 - Book Fair

## Agenda item: Treasurer's Report Presenter: Jennifer K.

## **Discussion:**

- Progrant and pita pit cheques came in.
- Coffee was provided by Starbucks complimentary so only \$58 spent on Staff Appreciation Day.
- \$21,000 in the bank.

## Agenda item: 2019/2020 Planning Session Presenter: Jennifer K.

### **Discussion:**

- JK described the purpose of this session to develop a list of approved purchases and events that will outline how Council will invest in the school (money and time) and how those investments will be funded (fundraising, grants, or cash).
- PK went through extensive review with staff for funding requests from Council. The role of Council funds is to enrich programs or activities, not to pay for basic materials or consumables.
- PK reviewed staff-led submissions for funding.
- See Appendix 3 for submissions.
- JK motioned to approve \$5,550 in staff-led submissions. VK seconded. All in favour.
- JK shared info about the Libella project and different schools that have painted their washrooms with inspirational messages (https://www.libella.ca/schoolspainted)
- MP suggested volunteers or students could paint the washrooms and perhaps hang paintings that
  can be changed so the art won't be overlooked or become stagnant. Others agreed and
  elaborated on this idea, citing ME to WE.
- JK motioned to approve a subcommittee to investigate inspirational wall paintings for \$2500. AP seconded. All were in favour.
- CM discussed STEAM night event and how it was run last year as an arts and science night with a painting activity and Engineering Science Quest from UW.
- JK motioned to approve \$1500 in funds for STEAM night. SB seconded. All in favour.
- JK discussed committees needed for events and activities throughout the year:
  - Family STEAM night
  - Family Fun Night (May 28, likely)
  - Spirit Wear (reopen sales for school branded clothing)
  - 2 or 3 Parent Reps for Eco Club (specifically to look at school greening)

- JK motioned to create the above committees. All were in favour.
- JK motioned to approve book fair proceeds to be taken as Scholastic credits that can be divided and used among teachers for their classes. VK seconded. All were in favour.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

• JK to send email about subcommittees and invite Council to sign up to volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15pm

**APPENDIX #1: Log of Open Action Items**Noted: Closed items are only noted here if the item was in open status at the beginning of the meeting

Action	Person Responsible	Deadline	Status	Meeting Raised
Compile and send out teacher wish list to council in advance of the next meeting for review before voting.	JK	Oct. 16	CLOSED	Sept. 19
Get feedback from staff on book fair and share with JK and JI.	PK	Sept. 23	CLOSED	Sept. 19
Send school-wide e-mail for food day volunteers.	тс	Oct. 1	CLOSED	Sept. 19
Send email to staff appreciation subcommittee to coordinate staff breakfast for October 7.	JK	Sept. 30	CLOSED	Sept. 19
JK to update list of council meetings to reflect change for next meeting to October 23.	JK	Sept. 30	CLOSED	Sept. 19
Share principal's report file to council.	PK	Sept. 30	CLOSED	Sept. 19
Provide staff appreciation day poster to PK.	JK	Nov. 20	OPEN	Oct. 23
Post link to public EQAO results on school website.	PK	Nov. 20	OPEN	Oct. 23
Send email about subcommittees and invite Council to sign up to volunteer.	JK	Nov. 20	OPEN	Oct. 23

## **APPENDIX #2: EQAO Results**

# **EQAO RESULTS**

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