
School Council Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2022 - DRAFT

Abraham Erb Public School

May 18 - Google Meet, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda item: Welcome **Presenter: Arturo**

Agenda item: Approval of April 20 Minutes **Presenter: Arturo**

Agenda item: Principal's Report – attached for reference **Presenter: Jodie**

Questions asked:

- Will there be a class photo arranged this year? – unlikely to happen
- Will an open house in June or September be considered/arranged for parents to meet with teachers? – unlikely. Parents are always welcomed to interact with teachers via a variety of means, including calling the school or using the app.
- Abraham Erb has been chosen as one of the 12 schools to operate the summer learning program; the school is working with families to register students for the program.

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report – attached for reference **Presenter: Taru**

- Funds available as of April 17: \$20,731.84
- Teachers will be contacted again to encourage them to consider how they may use Council funds to support student learning.

Agenda item: School Council Funds Request **Presenter: Jodie**

- Sponsor two classes to the Crawford Lake Field Trip - \$510 (\$10 per students)

School Council voting result:

- 100% in agreement

Next meeting: June 22, 2022, 7pm

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Principal's Report for School Council

Wednesday, May 18th, 2022

School

- A couple of our staff are applying to get the Nutrition For Learning (NFL) Program up and running at Abraham Erb in the fall of September 2022. This would mean that we would be able to provide a bin of healthy snacks in each of our classrooms. If students have finished their lunch, or have forgotten their lunch, we would have an ample supply of regularly-replenished food in the school. Items in the bins would be things like peanut-free granola bars, melba toast, cheese sticks, crackers, apples, clementines, yogurt tubes, etc)
- We've got lots of field trips (e.g. Crawford Lake, Bolender Park, Wilmot Recreational Centre, local nature walks) and activities continuing to happen around the school, including: choir, junior intramurals, our Abraham Erb junior track and field event on June 6th (the date has been changed from June 1st to June 6th) and our inter-school junior track and field meet happening at Jacob Hespeler Secondary School planned for June 22nd.
- Our beloved library clerk, Mrs. Davis, will be retiring on May 20th, after 17 years of serving the Abraham Erb community. Mrs. Davis joined the school staff when it opened in 2005. We will be welcoming a temporary library clerk, Mrs. de la Chevrotiere, on Tuesday, May 24th, who will be with us until the end of the school year.
- Our grade 6 students will be travelling to Laurelwood PS by bus on June 17th in the morning for a little tour and introduction to their new school for September. This is being organized by our staff, in partnership with the guidance teacher and other Laurelwood teachers. More information and a permission form for the trip will be communicated to families closer to the date of the trip.
- We will be practicing some emergency drills with our students over the next few weeks as required by the Board. We will do 3 fire drills with a full evacuation of the school out onto the back field. These will be very similar to the 3 drills practiced in the fall.

Board

- In 2017 the WRDSB formed an Ad Hoc Committee to review the French Immersion and Extended French program delivery models. Due to the pandemic, this review process has just been completed and there are now a number of public consultation information sessions being held to share information about the recommendations being made. More information can be found on the WRDSB website at <https://www.wrdsb.ca/french/french-program-review/>. Any changes being implemented as a result of this review will not occur until the 2023-2024 school year.

- The WRDSB, the WCDSB and Sunbeam Community and Developmental Services are co-hosting a livestream presentation about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder on Thursday, May 19th in the evening. If you are interested in registering, you can find out more information and a link to register at <https://www.wrdsb.ca/blog/2022/05/09/fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorder-a-review-live-stream-event/>.
- The WRDSB recognized Mental Health Week from May 2nd – 6th and posted some excellent information, including downloads and resources on their website with a different theme each day (e.g., Pandemic, Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health Literacy, Self-Compassion, Supports for Racialized, Marginalized and Neurodivergent Communities, Support and Resources). If you are interested, the posts can be found at <https://www.wrdsb.ca/>.

Province

- I think one of the biggest things happening provincially, aside from the administration of EQAO, is that all eyes are on the Provincial Election and the education platforms of the different Parties running in the election. I was interested to learn that the Liberals, if elected, would plan to bring back Grade 13. It will be quite fascinating to see what happens on June 2nd. Speaking of the election, once again Abraham Erb will be used as a polling station for voters on the June 2nd election day.

Abraham Erb Parent Council Financial Report

Current Bank Position as at Sunday, April 17, 2022			
<u>Funds in Bank</u>		<u>Mar 22/22</u>	<u>April 17 /22</u>
Bank - general	17,468.18	400.00	17,068.18
Bank - WEFI*	3,663.66	0.00	3,663.66
Total Bank	21,131.84	21,131.84	20,731.84
<u>Committed to spend</u>	5,870.00		
Total budgeted funds		6,270.00	-
		14,861.84	20,731.84
<u>Outstanding Items</u>			
refunded by WRDSB	-		-
	-		-
Total outstanding items	-	-	-
Funds available		14,861.84	20,731.84

<u>Approved Budgeted/Expenses</u>			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Unspent:Committed</u>
s Home reading books	1,070.00	0.00	1,070.00
s Teacher resources	3,400.00	400.00	3,000.00
s Spiritwear	500.00	0.00	500.00
s Needs-based necessities	500.00	0.00	500.00
s Walkie Talkies	800.00	0.00	800.00
c	-	0.00	-
c	-	0.00	-
Total	6,270.00	400.00	5,870.00

Net Fundraising Events			
- if cash (c), already INCLUDED in bank figure			
	<u>2021/2022</u>		<u>2021/2022</u>
	R	\$	R
	-		C
	-		C
	-		C
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Total	-	\$	