
School Council Meeting Minutes

Abraham Erb Public School

May 19 , 2021 - Google Meet, 7:00pm

Members Present: Amy L. (minutes), Farhad H., Jennifer K., Leena S., Melinda H., Mitra D., Vera J, Masoomah R., Vaidhehi K.

Absent: Danielle G., Farzana D., Lee R., Hanan S., Julia M., Megha B., Tamara C., Tracy M., Vashti H.,

Guests (signed in only): Alison P., Carolyn M., Chris G.

Agenda item: Welcome

Presenter: Jennifer K.

Discussion:

- Territorial and Land Acknowledgement delivered by JK.

Agenda item: Principal's Report

Presenter: Pam K.

Discussion:

- Staffing for 2021
 - 401 students enrolled for in person learning (will be 402 as of Friday).
 - 49 students enrolled for distance learning.
 - Province has extended the deadline to June.
 - Board has had issues finding teacher's who can teach french. There is no guarantee of getting French immersion instruction in distance learning. If a parent chooses distance learning and French immersion isn't offered, the child can still return next year to the French immersion program.
 - Current class projection is 18 total classes (this year was 22). School typically has many registrations in August.
 - AP - Could the school lose 4 teachers?
 - PK - Yes, we could potentially lose 4 staff, in addition to the staff that provide prep time to those 4.
 - FH - Is this process dynamic?
 - PK - Yes, absolutely.
- Graduation
 - Graduation celebration to support health and safety and equity.
 - Hold off on spirit program to keep with the board's stance on not handing out any physical items.
 - Grade 6 grad will be on June 24th.
 - Monday, June 28th Pam will deliver a message to the whole community. Will be a video or live streaming message.
 - Feedback on decision
 - AL - This decision cuts down the students instead of raising them up. After such a hard year, doing another online event is just more of the same. This decision is similar to everyone getting a participation ribbon.

- CM - Agree. Instead of bringing students up to an equitable level, it cut them all down.
- JK - This decision didn't come from the board, but my understanding was the principal's collectively agreed to set a level playing field.
 - PK - There was a principal's committee looking at celebrations.
- AP - Lawn signs last year were very nice. The students in my neighbourhood kept them up all summer. So proud of their milestone and displaying it.
- CM - There are many equitable and "safe" things that could be done.
- CG - Were the signs provided by the schools last year? Could we organize parents to buy them?
 - PK - How you celebrate your child privately is up to you.
 - JK - Part of the decision was that the parent council cannot fund anything.
- FH - Why is this suddenly an issue?
 - PK - A lot went into this decision. Feel free to send PK a note and she will pass it along. Part of her role is to provide feedback.
- LM - We shouldn't have to watch a video to understand why a decision was made. The decision should be clear. We shouldn't have to interpret it.
 - PK - Understanding is that the decision is in considerations of equity and health and safety issues.
- CG - Will kids go back in June when lockdown is done?
 - PK - Waiting for direction from the ministry.
- JK - Discussion of schools playing a role in vaccination?
 - PK - Have not had any official communication regarding this.

Action Items:

- PK - Send link to the recording of the board meeting.
 - <https://youtu.be/-QLcv8-AmuQ>

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report

Presenter: Farhad H.

Discussion:

- Currently \$21,213 in the bank.
 - Approved a \$150 expense last meeting, which has not come out yet.

Agenda item: Minute Approval

Presenter: Jennifer K.

Discussion:

- JK motioned to approve April minutes. FH seconded. All in favour - yes. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 pm

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
Send link to recording of board meeting.	PK	June 2021	OPEN	May 19, 2021