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# School Council Meeting Minutes

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## Abraham Erb Public School

March 20, 2019 - School Library 7pm

**Members Present:** Amy W., Becky L., Jennifer K., Jing X., Karen H., Carolyn M., Kelly S., Leena S. (Minutes), Tamara C., Tracy M., Vaidhehi K., Vera J.

**Absent:** Alison P., Dan L., Deb B., Deji S., Farzana D., Jing X., Julie I., Kelly S., Lan W., Lee R., Megha B., Melinda H., Sheila S.

**Guests (signed in only):** Hanan A., Mahesh C., Seun S.

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### Agenda item: Welcome

**Presenter: Jennifer K.**

#### Discussion:

- Trustees introduced to the group.
- CM motioned to approve January minutes, AW seconded the motion. All were in favour.
- JK gave an update on the boundary study consultation meeting. Minutes were publicized.
- No change in how Abraham Erb students are impacted.
- 112 spirit orders received, \$400 raised.
- Next Thursday, March 28 is STEAM night, 6-8pm featuring: UW Engineering Science Quest doing 6 science activities, parent council painting activity, Waterloo Public Library doing 1 activity.
- All action items from January have been completed and considered closed.

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### Agenda item: Principal's Report

**Presenter: Heather**

#### Discussion:

- Grade 1 French Immersion registration has been closed. There are enough students for one class. Need to accept spot by Friday.
- Kindergarten registration is still open.
- Little Jammers running until April.
- Mad Science running until April.
- Partnering with robotics club starting in April. It will take place during nutrition break.
- Report cards went home in February.
- Pancake day went well. Thanks to Nicole Schell for running it and parents who helped volunteer.
- Cupcakes sale run by grade 6s, to support humane society, raised \$600. Thank you to parents who sent in cupcakes.
- Hope is the hero trait that is being focused on - "J vs the world" play (with mental health focus) was presented to grade 4-6 from Education Arts Canada.
- Jr. Choir, led by Mr. Walker, sang the anthem at the Rangers game.
- Some changes to staff: Lindsay Guckenberger teaching grade 2 in the portable. Mrs. Wentworth on maternity, Sandra Enns taken over. Shannon Frey on maternity, Ying Chen on maternity in April.

- Partnering with Westvale (Unstoppable Tracy) to deliver message on perseverance and positive attitude.
- April 23 - Kindergarten & sibling picture day.
- April 28 - Science Fair.

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**Agenda item:          Remarks from Our Trustees                          Presenter: Jennifer K.**

**Discussion:**

- Trustees introduced themselves Carol Millar, Scott Piatkowski, Kathleen Woodcock & Benjamin Wahl (Student trustee).
- Process is to communicate issues/questions/concerns by reaching out to principal, then superintendent and then trustees. (Examples of what they do: raise issues that are systemic to the board community and parent concerns)
- Trustees are available for understanding how to navigate the system to help resolve issues.
- Student trustee does the same from a student’s perspective.
- There is a specific committee for French Immersion that Scott P. sits on.
- Minutes, agenda and contact information is on the website.  
<https://www.wrdsb.ca/trustees/about/>

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**Agenda item:          Treasurer’s Report    Presenter: Carolyn M.**

Due to time constraints this item was not presented. An update can be made available on request.

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Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10pm

## 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 |
|---|--------------------|----------|-------------|----------------|
| Investigate idea for mental health and anxiety speaker and provide update | Sheila             | April    | IN PROGRESS | Nov 21         |
| Investigate idea for Trustee Speaker. Send Survey with questions.         | Jennifer           | March    | CLOSED      | Nov 21         |
| Send letter to school regarding public consultation at Vista Hills        | Jennifer           | Jan 31   | CLOSED      | Jan 16         |
| Design spirit wear and set up online store                                | Deb                | Feb 16   | CLOSED      | Jan 16         |
| Organize and execute trial with Pita Pit                                  | Leena              | Feb 16   | CLOSED      | Jan 16         |
| Suggest ideas or vendors for Art Night to Carolyn                         | ALL                | Feb 16   | CLOSED      | Jan 16         |
| Put a call out to the school for family fun night planning committee      | Jennifer           | Feb 16   | CLOSED      | Jan 16         |

## APPENDIX #2: Summary of Financial Decisions at this meeting

| Amount | Item | Date of Approval | School Year |
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