
School Council Meeting Minutes

Abraham Erb Public School

October 27, 2021 - Google Meet, 7:00pm

Members Present: Danielle G. Jennifer K. Barb B. Arturo Z. Taru M. Tracy M. Amy L. Sirisha P. Suganthi J, Ivy C. Saad A. Alison P. Paul O. Vera J. Melinda H. Krishna. Seun S. Masoomah

Absent:

Agenda item: Welcome

Presenter: Arturo

Members introduced themselves

Arturo as the Chair

Taru as the Treasure

Ivy as the Secretary

Agenda item: Principal's Report

Presenter: Barb

Around school

Covid / Safety / Facility:

- There were three fire drills, all of which were well-executed, and the classes/students have good sense of the procedures.
- The Epi-Pen training has been completed by all members of the school.
- Indoor collaboration is permitted in small groups of the same cohort.
- Music lessons are permitted in the rotary movement, and this will begin shortly before Christmas.
- Instead of Mr. Walker going to every classroom, the same cohort will come to Room 14 (Mr. Walker).
- The playground has been painted and tarmac has been installed; the expense has been absorbed by the school's facility schedule. A.
- Parking bylaw enforcement on Laurelwood— tickets issued

School Event:

- Wear orange/black or costume dress on October 29; food/assemblies sharing is not permitted.
- School photos are on the way, but there is no set date yet.

Learning focus:

- Math: in upper grades, prepare for higher-level problem solving and Algebra.
- The month of October's study theme is Islamic Heritage.
- Teachers are creating the Progress Reports, which will be sent on Monday, November 15th.

- Members of the School Council proposed using Council monies to introduce Remote Learning Workshops. More information will be addressed with members of the Council.

Staffing updates:

- The school board has completed the hiring process for the first set of school principals; ARE is not among them; Barb will continue till the new principal is hired at the end of November.
- Other personnel changes: Bela Rodrigues will be relocating to another school as head custodian, and School Council has been advised to create a card.

Around the Board

- WRDSB Lunch and Learn program: great resources
<https://www.wrdsb.ca/blog/2021/10/26/november-lunch-and-learn-sessions-for-parents-and-caregivers/>

Around the Province:

- Cases of Covid continue to decline, while Pfizer doses for children aged 5 to 11 will be available, pending approval.

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report

Presenter: Taru

Financial position:

- Current balance as of Oct 27, 2021 - \$21,081.59

**Other items discussed:
Council members**

Presenter: Jennifer and

- Members of the council also discussed and looked into the idea of adding remote programs to classrooms. Proposals will be circulated and discussed at next School Council meeting.
- Jennifer proposed that the "To Run Spirit Wear" program be run during the school year 2021-2022. The last time this program was offered was during the 2018-2019 academic year. Youth, women, and adult sizes were once available. Previously, T-shirts were \$11 and hoodies were \$22, plus taxes. The price of t-shirts and hoodies has gone up. Jennifer does not recommend this program as a major fundraiser possibility because the timing will most likely go into January of 2022. There will be no opportunity to try on the sample shirts. The store will be open for a limited period only (about 1 week)
- Members of the School Council voted to continue with the program. (13 "yes" votes)

- Suganthi J. volunteered to be a member of the Committee to help Jennifer organize.
- It was suggested to School Council that some funds be allocated to Principle for the purchase of needed items (mittens, etc.) for students in need. Item to be followed up on.
- Home reading program was recently approved; we will report back once additional information is available, and a budget for home reading will be established.

Agenda item: Minute Approval

Presenter:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:28pm.

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
ABE School Council Spending Proposals	Barb, Arturo, Taru, Jennifer, Ivy		In progress	