
School Council Meeting Minutes

Abraham Erb Public School

September 29, 2021 - Google Meet, 7:00pm

Members Present: Alison P., Amy L., Arturo ZC., Carolyn M., Danielle G., Farhad H., Farzana D., Hanan A., Ivy JC, Lee R., Leena MS., Masoomah R., Megha B., Melinda H-E., Cindy T., Seun S., Sirisha P., Suganthi J., Taru M., Tracy M., Vaidhehi K., Vera J.,

Absent:

Guests (signed in only): Anastasia S., Danielle C., Eun-lip AL., Kumin C., Murtuza S., Reem AS., Mihyum O., Stu & Tabi B.

Minutes taken by: Amy L.

Agenda item: Welcome

Presenter: Barb B.

Discussion:

- Retired administrator, stepping into role until a permanent placement can be found.
- Kids seem comfortable and it's delightful to be a part of the school.
- Territorial and Land Acknowledgement delivered by BB.

Agenda item: Elections

Presenter: Danielle G.

Discussion:

- Roles and expectations of the council briefly outline.
 - Parent Council member - Represent all parents and guardians at school. Must not miss more than 3 meetings. Must participate in meetings. Help out and volunteer where possible. Work cooperatively. Vote on council business.
 - All parents and guardians are welcome to attend at any time. Must register in advance. Encouraged to ask questions and participate. Can help with events.
- Election of Community Representative:
 - DG motion that VK be appointed to this role. LM seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 22 parents are interested in being voting members. All members acclaimed.
- Election of Chair:
 - AZC and MS interested in the Chair role. Both gave brief intros.
 - First vote was a tie, but 24 people voted. Vote was redone. AZC voted in.
- Treasurer: TM acclaimed.
- Secretary: IJC acclaimed.

Agenda item: Principal's Report

Presenter: Barb B.

Discussion:

- 415 student in person, 46 remote, 18 classes, 128 French immersion

- Covid
 - ABE Covid Procedures Group have come up with various procedures to keep everyone safe and following all rules.
 - Safety drills have happened (2 fire drills)
 - Emergency response team has had 2 meetings. This team gets called if there's a more severe injury. Four members have first aid training.
 - Changes in covid rules: Can have shared equipment (great for gym! Library!).
 - Cohorts still don't mix.
 - Building inspection has been completed. Building is in great shape and is extraordinarily clean. A lot of clutter has been removed due to covid concerns.
- Events
 - First day of school went very smoothly. Presentation "Welcome back Otters" will be shared.
 - Terry Fox Run is this week. Thank you for your donations!
 - Truth and Reconciliation week (particularly the 30th). Teachers will be wearing orange. Kids can wear orange if they have it and want to. Announcements have been used to give some information on first nations people. Resources have been made available and incorporated into lessons. The Minister of Education announced they are revamping the grade 1-3 curriculum to include more of this content.
- Safe Caring and Inclusive School Committee - parents, teachers, and 2 students. Committee for ensuring everyone feels safe, secure, and heard.
- Learning Focus - Math is still the focus. Math Long Range Plans are available for teachers to help with planning throughout the year.
- WRDSB
 - Director: jeewan chanicka
 - Associate Director: Lila Reed
 - Superintendent for Area 6: Crissa Hill
- WRDSB Strategic Direction:
 - Covid Safety is still the top priority.
 - Anti-Racism and Equity - Sept 2nd PD Day included training on this topic. DIRECT tool posters is a resource for teachers to use when dealing with an incident of hate or racism.
 - Indigenous Education and Resources
 - Mental Health and Well-Being
 - Math Instruction
- WRAPSC - New meet dates are not out yet.
- All staff are expected to be vaccinated.
- Please reach out. Open door/phone policy.
- AP - Question about school photos.
 - BB - Answer at start of year was no. But this is something we'd like to do if possible.
 - AP - Waterloo Catholic board has already done school photos.
- TM - Will Google Classroom still be used across all classes?
 - BB - Expectation is that all teachers have a Google Classroom in the event that school goes remote.
- VK - Can parents/guardians see new math directions?
 - BB - Kids come with different backgrounds and knowledge. In September, teachers typically assess the students. Math curriculum is accessible to all and is presented at age appropriate level. BB to reach out to VK and TM directly with link to additional information.

- DG - Will class reorganization be happening?
 - BB - Date for reorganization has passed (Sept. 17), so classes are now finalized. Junior classes are quite large, but none are over the cap.
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Agenda item: Treasurer's Report

Presenter: Farhad H.

Discussion:

- Last year we had no fundraising or spending.
 - As of June have approx. \$21K in bank.
 - BB - Creative playgrounds came in and looked at tarmac painting. Quote wasn't ready for this meeting. Might be covered by a regular work order, but if not, perhaps school council funds could be used.
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Agenda item: Approve Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Amy L.

Discussion:

- AP motion to approve June minutes. DG Seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
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Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 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