

# Alpine School Council Minutes

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

6:30 p.m. in the library



## Principal's Update

1. Thanks to Mrs Mahon we are registered with [mabelslabels.ca](http://mabelslabels.ca) This is not a fundraiser but an attempt to have fewer items in our lost and found. When items are labelled we can return them to the correct student. If you purchase labels, please be sure you are supporting Alpine PS. Parents and students are encouraged to come and check the items in the lost and found. Items left at the end of the year will be donated to charity.
2. Thanks to the SHYFT program, some of our students are busy trying to organize a fundraiser to support Sick Kids. We are proud of their initiative and look forward to support from our community. More details will follow.
3. The Community Pancake Breakfast was a huge success - we had our largest turnout ever with some people needing to sit along the floor. We are grateful to have raised \$180 for Nutrition for Learning thanks to community donations. Our staff team lead by Miss Dunbar is amazing and we appreciate the shopping, cooking, set up, clean up and early morning start to make this event possible.
4. Our focus on developing HERO Generation attributes in our students and ourselves continues - many parents took the time to read the messages our students wrote on their Optimism Suns which were on display in the gym during the breakfast. Our next focus is on Resilience. Parents can look for materials to come home soon. **Jim Moss, Chief Happiness Officer and founder of Plasticity will be at Alpine on April 10 to talk to staff and then to talk to parents at 6:30 p.m. about the why and how of developing HERO traits.** These are important life skills and they can help our students do better and feel better at school too.
5. April 1 - no joke - we have a TEAM Up visit from a Harlem Globetrotter. Our students loved it -check out the video and pictures on Twitter!
6. *I am Sheriauna* - thanks to council for providing this inspiring visit. Two classes have written thank you letters to council (pictures on Twitter) as they were truly inspired by Sheriauna. This was a great learning opportunity for all of us.

7. Parking lot issues continue. Some parents still are trying to use the parking lot to drop off/pick up students despite pylons, signs, notices home, personal reminders, presence of bylaw officers etc. We continue to request cooperation. Student safety is a shared responsibility and each community member must do his/her part. We are deeply grateful to the majority of families who do make student safety a priority.
8. Late arrivals - we are grateful to our families who pause and participate with us in our opening exercises including O Canada, announcements and our mindful breathing. Thanks to the majority of our students who arrive on time and ready to learn.
9. If anyone is aware of any kindie students for next year who have not yet registered, please ask them to register as soon as possible. Class sizes are based upon actual enrolment (first set of numbers have just been sent in) so it is best for everyone if we know now.

## Request for council support

Miss Whistance's junior students have been loving their focus on Improv during Drama classes throughout the year. Miss Whistance requests financial support to bring to bring a local group, Theatre on the Edge, to present school in June.

- Council supports the visit and encourages Miss Whistance to have the older students perform for the younger students.
- Council requests that the school collect \$5 from families to cover the cost of the visit.

## Financial Update

At this point council has purchased the megaphone and outdoor waterproof speaker. Fred's Fences will be installing the GaGa ball pit in early April (weather permitting). Two quotes have been considered for the green screen but rejected - the first because we did not think the screen would be durable, the second because the cost was much too high. We are exploring cheaper options (e.g., having installation done by WRDSB employees rather than an outside company).

Date	Event	Revenue	Expenses (less rebates)	Difference	Running Balance
end 2018					22091.39

Nov 9, 2018	Movie Night	286.25	157.54	128.71	128.71
	SD Fee		4.63		-4.63
	inter-entity reimburse less rebate		134.76		-134.76
Dec 2018	MacMillans	5216	3059.89	2156.13	2156.13
Dec 2018	Rheo Thompson	2013	1080	933	933
	inter-entity - playground		19760.88		-19760.88
January 2019	transfer Macmillans to school				-2156.13
	re - DreamBox, Lexia, HERO				
Jan 25, 2019				balance	<b>3252.83</b>
February 2019	Dance-a-thon			1774.55	5033.38
March 2019	Megaphone		146.98		4886.4
March 2019	Waterproof Outdoor Speaker		69.99		4816.41
April 2019	GaGa Ball Pit (pending installation)		approx \$1700		3116.41
	Green Screen				
	Little Library				
	Mud Kitchen		approx \$400		

## Fundraising - FunFair

Council is presenting 2 options to Alpine families for our June 11, 2019 Fun Fair date.

- **Option A** - continuing with our fun fair is council's preferred option but this requires volunteers to sign up to help by April 13 ([June 11, 2019 Alpine's Fun Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#))

- **Option B** - a free community BBQ and ribbon cutting ceremony for our new playground, will investigate having a dessert or ice cream truck on location

**If we do not get sufficient volunteers signed up by April 13 we will go with Option B.**

## Kindergarten Information Night

April 30 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the gym  
Jen Smerek and Jennifer McCuaig will represent school council at the event.

## MudPuppy Race Sign Up

Running Club began April 2 thanks to Miss Kittel and Mrs. WG and other staff who are supervising. If you are on twitter you know we have had a great turn out each day! Our Alligators love to run!!! We are training for the Mudpuppy Chase on May 5 and hoping to expand Alpine's presence in our second year of participation. Last year we had 4 staff members and two Alpine families. Sign up details will be sent home in a separate SchoolDay message.

## [Alpine Staff Appreciation Breakfast](#)

Council Lead: April Cousineau

Friday May 9 , 2019

Volunteers to provide breakfast food are needed. Please sign up via the live link on the title above. Then drop off your contribution on the morning of Friday, May 9, 2019 any time after the office opens at 8:30 a.m. Thanks in advance!

## Parent Meet and Greet

Council Lead: Dawn Koehler

Dawn will investigate the possibility of school council hosting a meet and greet for parents at a local restaurant the week of September 16-19th prior to the first council meeting of 2019-2020 on September 25, 2019.

## Agenda for April

1. Principal's Update
2. Financial Update
3. Fun Fair/Playground Celebration decision on option A or B for June 11, 2019
4. Ennio's Pasta Night Fundraiser feedback from April
5. Any Other Business?

## Alpine's 2018-2019 School Council

**Co-Chairs:** April Cousineau, Jessica Beaucage

**Secretary:** Rita Givlin

**Parent Representatives:** Amanda Galway, Judy Oke, Jennifer Smerek, Donald Mann, Ryan Galway, Jennifer McCuaig, Mandy Clark, Dawn Koehler

**Communications:** Jennifer Smerek

- **Bulletin Board:**
- **Facebook Page/Twitter/Instagram**

**Principal:** Rita Givlin

**Teaching Staff:** Lea Becker, Heike Koester

**Non-Teaching Staff:** Marjolein Wijbenga-Groot

**Treasurer:** Sherry Mahone, Lori Crewe

*New members always welcome!*