

AEL School Council Meeting Minutes:

November 16, 2021

6:30 – 7:30 pm via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Helene Hewitt (Principal), Kyla Harding (Assistant Principal), Susan Miller (Trustee), Darren Wright (President), Vania Lloyd (Vice President), Jami McLaren (Secretary), Christi Ross, Val Ulliac, Ady Arbuckle, Jill Herbert, Layla Pretzlaff, Kari Ludwig,

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:31 by Darren Wright

2. Minutes from last Meeting

Ady motions to pass October minutes. Christi seconds that motion.
All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried.

3. School Council Operating Procedures

Jamie Hirsch and Christi Ross have been working on them based off the ASCA templates. Our School council has not had a set of operating procedures since splitting into two separate groups; School Council and AEPsA. These operating procedures will be discussed and voted on at current and future school council meetings. Included in our discussion this evening was the Mission statement, Value Statement, and Goals of school council. To begin discussion on “Membership” at the next meeting.

4. Ernesta Wright, solutions navigator with FCS, presentation. FCS has a call line available for support. Solution navigation will focus on connecting you with immediate supports. Referrals to Councillors, FRN (Family Resource Navigators), via the call-line at 780-464-4044 The line is available Monday and Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30am-8:00pm. The line is closed during lunch. Examples of calls that might be made: Financial struggles, social and emotional struggles for children and youth, Adults experiencing stress and overwhelm. Financial supports available might include clothing vouchers for County Clothes Line, food gift cards, referrals to volunteer programs for snow shovelling etc. Our Mental Health Capacity builder is Jillian, who was unable to attend this evening. Jillian is available for building mental health capacity through programming for staff and students. Programming is available from FCS and AHS. Caller lead and can be terminated at any time as it is participant lead.
<https://www.strathcona.ca/council-county/administration/departments/family-and-community-services/>

5. Parent Action Discussion:

What are the interests and needs in the community. Can put together informational sessions based on our community needs once we decide what those are.

6. Staff Recognition (Staff Bravo’s) -

Staff Bison Bravos are live.

When you visit the Ardrossan Elementary website (ardrossanelementary.ca) , there is a side snippet for “Staff Bison Bravo” which will direct you to a form to fill out to refer a staff Bison Bravo. Alternately you may click menu, click parents, click Staff Bravo.

7. School Education Plan

Summary of last years goals that are being carried forward this year. Insure that more students are at or above grade level for numeracy and literacy.

Last year our strategies included screening with the TOWRE-2 TOSWRF-2 and TOSREC which gives us more information about students literacy needs.

Goal is to continue screening, small group interventions, assessing regularly.

8. A. Looking for COSC Rep

Jami is willing to attend them but will discuss this with Darren post meeting.

B. AES School Council email?

Should we have an email address available for communication to direct general questions and communications. The consensus is yes, Darren will look into setting up a separate email account for School Council related communication.

9. Information Reports

A. **AEPSA Report** - Vania Lloyd

B. **Playground Report** - No updates

C. **CPFA Report** - No updates

D. **COSC Report**- no representative available at this time

E. **Principles Report** - Kyla Harding

Celebrations:

- Virtual Remembrance Day ceremony was a success
- Currently enjoying a virtual artist in residence drumming workshop this week!
- Metis Week is taking place right now - special information in the announcements and in classrooms
- Bullying Awareness Week also taking place - teachers have lessons in class and information was shared in the Bison Tales

Upcoming Events:

- Virtual Farm Safety presentations are taking place Nov 25 & 26
- Habit 2 virtual assembly on November 26
- Report Cards posted on November 26
- Assurance Review on November 26 - share our celebrations and plans for growth with 3 other schools, their school council presidents, trustees and central office leadership
- December 3 is Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- December 17 is pajama day
- Giving Tree taking place again this year:
 - Each grade brings an item to donate to Christmas Bureau is on the school calendar

- Reminder that a class Christmas performance will be recorded and posted in Brightspace - teachers will share
- Virtual Christmas caroling will take place on the last two days before Christmas break!

F. Trustee Report - Susan Miller

November Report: Susan Miller is our new Ward 5 school board trustee. October 28 Trina Boymook was sworn in as Chair. Assurance Reviews held next week. Next COSC meeting is January 5, 2022 at 6:30.

9. Next Meeting

A. School Council meeting January 11, 2022 at 6:30pm

10. Adjournment

Darren motions to adjourn at 7:38. Meeting Adjourned.