

## **AEL School Council Meeting Minutes:**

September 14, 2021

6:30 – 7:30 pm via Google Meet

**Attendees:** Helene Hewitt (Principal), Kyla Harding (Assistant Principal), JP Grebenc (Outgoing President), Ady Arbuckle, Val Ulliac, Jill Herbert, Darren Wright, Jami McLaren, Vania Lloyd, Lynn Stickle, Jamie Hirsch, Chrystal Annicchiarico, Jenifer Cerra, Wendy Marty, Christi Ross, Layla Pretzlaff, Tina Zerebeski, Kari Ludwig

### **1. Meeting Called to Order** at 6:32 by JP Grebenc

#### **Introductions**

#### **2. Minutes from last Meeting.**

JP motions to accept May minutes.

Jami seconds that motion.

Motion carried.

#### **3 C. Elections**

**Secretary-** duties include taking minutes at each meeting, Jami nominates self for position of secretary.

All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried, Jami McLaren is secretary.

**President** - duties include acting as Liaison for school, running the council meeting and setting the agenda for meetings.

Vania nominates Darren for president, JP seconds that.

All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried. Darren is president.

**Vice President** - duties including acting for the president should the president not be able to perform duties.

Cheryl was the vice president last year and will not be able to continue in this role.

Darren nominates Vania for Vice president. Jp seconds that.

All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried. Vania is Vice President.

Additional members. Multimedia manager. Jill will remain multimedia manager

#### **4. Chair Report**

First COSC meeting is not until October

#### **5. Board Report**

Deferred as Skip is at a meeting right now.

## **6. Admin Report**

**Helene Hewitt**

Introduction

**Thank you**

We are so grateful for JP's leadership over the several past years!

### **Celebrations:**

- We saw several families at the drop in open house before school! Thank you for dropping by!
- Students are following procedures for COVID!
- Welcome new staff:
  - Mrs. Suprovich - Business Manager
  - Mrs. Parker - new PALS teacher
  - Mrs. Komant and Mrs. Peter - Educational Assistants in PALS
  - Mrs. Massel is back in Grade 5
  - Ms. Kowalchuk - Mental Health Capacity Builder
- New Mental Health Capacity Project just starting
- We have a monitrice de langue, Mme Roselyne who is promoting French language & culture in ECS and Grade 2 French Immersion
- The new playground is a hit! Thanks to AEPSA for paying for the taller slide and extra platform!
- Great to see kids in person and to hit the ground running with literacy initiatives!

### **Fees:**

- Posted late September - due 14 days from posting
- Credits automatically applied to reduce fees
- Pay through Parent Portal
- Fee breakdown:
  - Noon-supervision

- Field trips that are in school and pre-approved (TBD...)
- You can apply for waiver of fees due: Dec 15, 2021

### **Procedures Update:**

- Volunteers are welcome in the building for a specific purpose like being a classroom helper or going on field trips etc.
- We are holding off on large community events in light current numbers and most recent restrictions

### **Upcoming events:**

- Virtual Terry Fox Assembly & run - September 17, 2021
- Meet the Staff - same as last year. Will get an email with a video and a survey. If you want the teacher to call or video chat, indicate that in the form!
- Orange Shirt Day virtual assembly Sept 29, 2021 in the morning
- No school on September 30, 2021
- Read In Week first week of October - we are planning for it

### **Layla Pretzlaff**

**Christmas Concert-** need feedback in the event Concerts with audiences are not an option by Christmas time.

Finding a way to do a musical Experience for the Grade 5 and 6 classes, perhaps delaying and doing in the spring,

K-4 to perform for another grade group as an audience and record for parents

JP's input is to ensure this opportunity for students after having missed last year.

Wendy likes the idea of having classes perform for other grade groups to act as an audience

If Grade5/6 performance is deferred to spring, it may open up the opportunity to perform something outside of a Christmas theme

Vania's idea is to still do the usual Christmas concert but to live stream it for all family members.

Jill likes the idea of a spring musical.

Darren suggests moving the entire concert to a spring performance. May allow for an outdoor venue and a less busy time.

Will utilize streaming regardless of the concert date.

### **Performances**

Looking at having them in our school rather than an outside venue based on school budgets.

The issue with this is amplifying the voices of the choir.

Just a topic to think about in the future, thinking about how to use funds in the future.

### **7. CPF Report**

**Jill**

There hasn't been a meeting but next meeting is set for October 4, 2021

### **8. Other Business**

**A. Facebook Membership and admins-** if you want to be a part of our private

Facebook group you need to have children attending our school.

Do we open this membership up to the community or do we keep the membership rules the same. Vania feels we need members to have a child attending the school.

Wendy agrees.

Darren feels we could keep parents a year or more after their last student has "aged out" but we don't need to be an open page.

Helene is not a member of the group but brings up the point, is there any confidential information on the website.

Vania confirms no there is not, it is primarily information that could be accessed via our school website as well. Christi Ross brings up attendance related posts for hot lunch program does give out personal information that should not be shared publicly.

Jill suggests we stay private and allow "aged out" members to remove themselves when they no longer need to be a part of the group.

May need more admins to manage the page. Val asks If Jill and Vania feel this is needed. Jill and Vania feel comfortable with current page admins. Someone could replace JP as a Facebook page admin.

Can always verify parent name with Helene.

**B. Questions/Motions from the Floor -**

None

Next Meeting- second Tuesday of the month, October 12, 2021

Darren sets the meeting for October 12, 2021 6:30

Darren motions to adjourn at 7:33. Motion is carried.