

Agnes Davidson School Council Meeting Minutes
Sept. 10, 2024

1. Welcome by Principal (Terra Leggat):

- Education Center Representative is Morag Asquith
- School Board Trustee is Genny Steed.

2. Approval of Agenda: Courtney , JoAnn

3. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2024 meeting: Tyler , Kelly

4. Election of School Council Executive Members:

- a. School Council Chair: motion to appoint Tyler Forster as Chair –Andrea; second by Courtney
- b. School Council Vice Chair: JoAnn Hill – Courtney motioned that JoAnn remain as Vice Chair, Tyler seconded
- c. School Council Secretary: Christy Biggin volunteered with unanimous approval
- d. School Council Treasurer: Kelly made the motion to remove Tyler Forster as Treasurer and add Andrea L, Media Chair : Ryan Walker – will take on job of posting to social media
Technology administrator- using Google workspace, etc. – Luke Roberts accepted
French community coordinator: open so far
District School Council Representative: open

ASCA Representative: open

5. Reports

a. Principal report: Terra Leggat

- New ministerial order regarding personal devices with the goal of limiting the amount of technology kids are exposed to. No personal devices are allowed at school, including cell phones, smart watches, e-readers, tablets.
- Some discussion re: smart watches. Even if they are not connected to the internet, they still aren't allowed. An email has been sent to families regarding this new ministerial order.
- Busing and technology – no tech allowed on the bus.
- Question from parent: Is there potential for teachers to discuss safety regarding tech use. Terra shared that this is part of the new curriculum. (Safety and digital citizenship).
- In the classrooms, the use of iPads has to be purposeful, and curriculum related. There should be no tech use for free time allowing the kids to do whatever they want.
- Lethbridge School Division has a Digital Wellness team that travels to the school to teach on this subject. Info is available on the Agnes website.
- Gr. 1, 2, 3 have started Provincial assessments. (Sept 9-27, January and May). Terra sends out a letter with info re: what those assessments are.
- Gr. 4 and 5 don't have to do Provincial assessments but have some reading assessments in October/November.
- No more Permission Click for field trips, etc. Have gone back to paper copies as Permission Click became too expensive.
- Busing: we now have 11 buses this year. Children within 1 km now have access to the bus.
- Please don't park along the side of the school as this is for buses. Please don't park in the parking lot as often support staff have to leave right after school and children cutting through the parking lot is a safety issue.
- Kindergarten has taken over Calibri fundraising. One of their main fundraisers this year. It's open to all parents and all funds go to the Kindergarten. Information is on the website.

b. Vice Principal Report – Megan Cummins –

- New staff member - Kevin Taylor - Student Support Worker.
- September 25th is LOTG cut off. If you know of any families that could benefit from support with this, please let Megan know. Or families that need access to emergency food support, or connections to KidSport or Angel Tree, etc.
- Sept. 26, 2024 – first fire drill at 9am
- Oct. 4 Terry Fox Run – will be asking parent council to support purchase of fruit for this.
- School photos: Oct. 1 for students in Kindergarten T/Th program, Grade 1 and Grade 2
 - Oct. 2 for students in Kindergarten M/W program, Grade 3, Grade 4 and Grade 5
 - Students will have individual and class photos. Last year, Lifetouch did not give class photos for free. They heard lots of feedback and are giving out free class photos this year.
- School fees: \$50 for school supplies. A parent suggested getting better quality pencils. \$45 for field trips.

c. Staff Representative: Mme. Julie Turmel.

- She is the indigenous team lead and their goal is to read 10 books by 10 different authors this year. Hoping to read the 1st book by Orange Shirt Day (Sept. 30).
- Feedback from the teachers is that they really liked the Meet the Teacher evening. It helped the students feel more comfortable. Feedback about possibly extending the times for families that work. (3-5 was too early for some)
- Terry Fox Walk is on Oct. 4th. There will be a donation link on the school website. All funds go directly to The Terry Fox Foundation.

d. Trustee: no trustee in attendance tonight

e. Treasurer: Tyler Forster-

- We have 4 accounts, 2 managed by the Fundraising association, 2 managed by the School Council and the school. The goal of the society is to serve the school but is legally a separate entity.
- The parent council is supporting the STEAM activities.
- Parent question: what is the total budget? Around \$55 thousand is the total – comes from both the school council fundraisers and fundraising society funds.
- It is up to the society to decide how much money we want to generate. We don't have any big projects on the radar right now. The Courtyard was the most recent project.
- Any ideas for specific needs for fundraising are welcome. Four categories of service: the staff, educational opportunities, community events, parents/families.
- Last year, the parent council supported Carnival to boost activities and opportunities. There can also be grant writing opportunities and ideas are welcome.

6. Meeting dates for the year:

2nd Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise indicated)

Oct. 8

Nov. 13

Dec. 10

Jan. 14

Feb. no meeting due to Town Hall

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

Virtual link sent via email is a recurring link.

7. Committees:

- a. LOTG: Dani update: LOTG is a fundraiser for Agnes and all profits go to council. Goal is to balance price and profit. We have decided to keep the price as consistent as possible. (\$9 per meal for all except Teriyaki Madness). We also try to support local businesses, as well as Agnes families as much as possible. We are

trying to accommodate dietary restrictions as much as possible. The day varies between Wednesday and Thursday to allow both Kindergarten days to participate.
Contact LOTG@council.ca if you have questions/ideas or can help out. The committee is always looking for parent help to distribute and serve the lunches.

b. Christmas Market:

Courtney's only availability is Nov. 23rd Megan and Terra will confirm the date.
Vendors who participate are expected to provide a donation to the silent auction.

c. Aggies Brew: can go to Cuppers and always buy the blend. We are holding steady with one logo for now.

d. Pizza Night: Kelly will coordinate with Wade at Panago Pizza North to coordinate this.
Busters Pizza and Streets also offer the same kind of pizza idea. Kelly will contact both places. Flynn Hawaiian also will do this when in town. (Possibly will be here in Nov. Dec.) They are looking to coordinate for an event or to be part of a fundraiser.

8. Old Business:

Kona Ice fundraiser: made \$250 by having Kona Ice here at Meet the Teacher night

9. New Business:

a. Terry Fox Run – motion to parent council to spend no more than \$500 for fruit.

b. French Classes: Angela Talbot- teaches parent French classes- want to have 2 sessions (one fall, one spring) for 10 classes per session.

Angela ideally wants to start at the end of September - 6pm for beginners and 7pm for intermediate.

(Thursdays)

c. Future discussion: Turkey Bingo turning into ongoing community events in the school instead of a one-night event. We are looking for a Chair to coordinate ongoing community events in the school (e.g Games nights at the school, etc). The community school yard clean-up was one such event.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25