



Annie L. Gaetz School Council Meeting Minutes

Date	14 January 2025		
In Attendance	Krista Hagel, Melissa Knopp, Kendra Stankieveh, Kim McGilvray, Bernadette Cronin, Mike McCorquindale, Lisa Peters, Charlene Sisson, Jon Davies, Chantelle Bornn, Crystal Chaput, Danielle Mathieson, Les Trevor , Heidi McFadzean , Nicole Klassen, Reyna Olson Online: Stephanie Gair		
Apologies			
Called to Order	18:04 by Krista	Meeting Adjourned	1845: by Krista

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1.	Approve Last Month's Minutes	Motioned by Kendra, Second Chantelle, Approved.
2.	Approve Today's Agenda	Motioned by Kim, Second Crystal, Approved.
3.	Principal's Report By Mike McCorquindale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting downtown, once a month, all other admin in the district ● Very proud of the engagement at ALG ● Visiting Oriole Park Elementary with Stephanie Pateman on 20 Jan to share with their school council re parent assoc etc ● Highlights since last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amazing Christmas concert ○ Over \$900 raised for the Mustard Seed, demonstrating community support for our wider community ○ Fantastic hampers supporting our community ○ Beethoven Day - very special experience for the students ○ Silent Auction raising almost \$4500 an increase from last year and more engagement ○ Alberta Theatre performed today for the entire school ○ Book Fair raised \$1400 for library and classrooms, thank you to the volunteers ○ Rebels visits will look a bit different after all the trades ○ Parent Teacher interviews close to 70% of parents attended ○ Thank you Parent Council for the meals on PD days ○ Meaningful and relevant Professional Development days for teachers to have the greatest impact in the classroom



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Every second Friday Mike and Lisa relieve teachers to collaborate on literacy, numeracy, best practice, has been valuable for teachers and great for Mike and Lisa to spend time with the kids ○ Literacy and numeracy groups are going well, Tiered reading in each grade, with a peer group at that level, kids are progressing ○ Gifts for Grandparents and also the Christmas cards feedback within the community are wonderful to receive ○ Pancake lunch a huge success ○ Stuffy and PJ days - suggestions from the kids ○ Starting to hear about initiatives in other schools, how they are using WITS ○ This week started alternative lunch activities for students. Offering gym for the final 15 mins or to the art room for board games or reading ○ Kindergarten Academy open house - 21 families / 60 people attended, feedback is that full day kindergarten is in demand and registrations are high ● Kinsmen is open again, looking at ice times for skating ● Need to replenish helmets for skating as they are near end of life, can accept donations if sticker on the side is still in date ● Cheer Day coming up from after school Cheer Club, to teach to all classes on one day ● Cross Country Skiing - tracks to be laid and ski club for grade 4,5 call for volunteers to help at lunch times ● Family Games Night first night coming up 5 Feb, targeted to K-Grade 2 families, next one targeted Grades 3-5 on Feb 12 ● Read-a-thon school-wide to promote literacy, not a fundraiser, Google form to submit when complete a book. Celebrate with a school wide pizza party when we hit goals as well as prizes. ● Maskwacis school attending ALG to look at Kindergarten academy and we will attend their school to learn about indigenous teachings ● Planning committees for year end celebrations, Grade 5 and whole school - Chantelle, Krista, Kim, Melissa
4,	Chair's Report by Krista Hagel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heartfelt feedback from Krista about interactions with the kids at school, made us cry! :-)
5.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mike's door is always open for any feedback on anything
6.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Games Night - will be advertised in Gatorade and messages ● New RDPSD web site is wonderful - feedback from parents



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Council physical board - QR code for sign up sheet for hot lunch and snack shack volunteers
	Action Items	1.



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Called to Order	18:52 by Kim	Meeting Adjourned	19:55 by Kim

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1.	Approve Last Month's Minutes	Motioned by Jon, second Krista. Approved
2.	Approve Today's Agenda	Motioned by Heidi, second Chantelle. Approved
3.	Chair Report by Kim McGilvray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy New Year, thank you for participating from serious conversations like screen time to fun things like popcorn days • School admin saved money on busing for Christmas Concert thank you! • Beethoven Day was wonderful • Pancake Day cost \$620 and lots of volunteer time • To End Dec - hot lunch and snack shack \$6300 profit • Fruit yoghurt parfait sold out last week, will continue • Lunch Size Caesar salad - choice to add chicken, try pasta salad, subs and wraps
4.	Treasurer Report by Chantelle Bornn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chantelle has started to split out events by name for reporting across events, fundraising and hot lunch • Metrics available for volunteer hours, tracking donated meals and will be able to run comparables year on year • Parent Assoc has credit cards for use for hot lunch/snack shack inventory • Any questions always available
5.	Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming fundraising proposals - Kendra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposing 50/50 for a two week period in February, raising money for literacy and fine arts ○ March/April looking at Little Caesars fundraiser, runs for 2 weeks, 2 week gap before delivery ○ May 2-3 week caramel apples and caramel popcorn - parent business at the school



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Possibly another 50/50 toward year end ● Social Committee - Melissa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Game nights coming up ○ Year end committees to be set up ○ Jon - idea for door prize, donation of board game
6.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● From Mike - re funding Initiatives supporting literacy, technology or physical wellness - looking toward a more general description for use of funds so it's available when I need it, rather than an exact specification, provides flexibility in funding - in May report on budget, year end review, this is what the money was spent on. This is the approach in other schools. ● On a financial note, the school can earn interest on the money, whereas parent council cannot
7.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concern raised about teacher workload in classroom, budgets for assistants, Mike to continue the conversation raised by the parent ● Will teachers be coming to Parent Council meetings? Left it up to the teachers
8.	General Account Voting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remainder from Christmas Concert revenue \$1600 to be put toward next year Christmas Concert - motioned by Kendra, second Chantelle; discussed accounting and benefits of having funds upfront next year; Approved. No opposed. 2. \$880 for tickets for Seussical the Musical - motioned by Jon, second by Danielle; Approved. None opposed.
9.	Casino Account Voting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$1607 for music instruments and supplies; motioned by Bernadette, second by Krista; Approved. None opposed.
	Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow up with door prize idea for games nights - Jon

Financial Documents:

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