



Annie L. Gaetz School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date	11 February 2025		
In Attendance	Krista Hagel, Kim McGilvray, Mike McCorquindale, Reyna Olson, Charlene Sisson, Kendra Stankieveh, Lisa Peters, Jon Davies, Chantelle Bornn , Danielle Mathieson, Bernadette Cronin Online: Gillian Lovelace		
Apologies			
Called to Order	18:02 by Krista	Meeting Adjourned	18:48 by Krista

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1.	Approve Last Month's Minutes	Motioned by Kendra, Approved.
2.	Approve Today's Agenda	Motioned by Reyna, Approved.
3.	Principal's Report By Mike McCorquindale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge exchange - Maskwacis school that is all kindergarten, visited us, we are going there in March, understanding around learning from the land Skating has started, great volunteer help from parents New hire - from our Sept results we gained funding to facilitate small group learning with literacy and math, additional for kids that require additional time. 9 hours per week. ALG will match this so 18 hours per week. Grade 5 basketball starting after winter break Read-a-thon going well K-2 Games Night, about 10 families about 40 people, very cute, some families dropped in for an hour, some for the whole time, was awesome, popcorn and juice.
4,	Chair's Report by Krista Hagel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All fundraising that is happening could not happen without you! Thank you to all for volunteering. Read Krista's speech in appendix regarding the question she is often asked "What is Parent Council?"
5.	Trustee's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A



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6.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From last month's meeting, kids tell us when they think something needs addressing; parent council happy to support the school by writing letters to the district / support the school Need to look at shovelling snow going forward Parking issues at the front of school being corrected by Peace Officers; also need to remind parents no parking in the staff carpark, there used to be a sign, Lisa to follow up.
7.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions from parents re reading college, spots are based on school results, so last year ALG didn't receive and spots. Lisa will be following up with people on the board of the foundation, Outliers need to be seen. Water fountains - some kids have complained that water fountain takes yukky City Wide - playground start time changed earlier to 7am Outdoor improvements - Move Your Mood etc, looking to re-book for the spring Easter Hampers - check with Melanie FSLC
	Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Shovelling snow - school admin Parking signs - carpark - school admin Reading College - school admin Water fountain - water quality needs checking / work order - school admin Check with Melanie re Easter Hampers - Kim & Mike



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School Council Chair Krista Hagel's speech - response to "What is Parent Council?"

Thank you all for coming! I still can't express how grateful I am that there are so many people here. We have had an amazing year so far: The dance, the christmas concert, and the fundraising that has been done - none of that could have happened without all of you. I get asked alot "what is parent council? What do you do? And I never felt like I had a really good answer, "ummm - we serve as an advisory role to the school" But I think I have an answer now to what OUR school council IS. A safe space where we are all on the same team, where the opposite of negativity isn't toxic positivity but real warmth. We are not here to complain or demand answers, point fingers or place blame. But no issue ever got solved by ignoring it. To truly act as our advisory role we need to be solutions focused, look at the school as a whole picture and ask these two questions: 1) Where are the needs? 2) What can we do to help? ALG is a special place - the communication happening is open and honest. We have great discussions and dialogues about issues from so many different perspectives. Students, Parents, Teachers, and Admins - each one is a piece of identifying the issue and then finding new and innovative ways to do things. I heard a saying: Work shared is halved. Joy shared is doubled. So with that in mind, its no wonder how we are accomplishing so much, we keep growing our village, keep celebrating our wins, and support each other and our bigger communities.

The staff in this building are basically superheroes. They have been navigating an ever changing political funding model, Curriculum changes and increasingly complex classrooms - with such grace and skill - as evidenced by our test scores, because they love our kids as much as we as parents do. But they didn't ask, or want to be heroes. They wanted to be educators, to teach these amazing kids skills not just for school but for life. Provincial funding issues are not going to be solved in this room - but we can start the conversation, contact elected officials and have our voices heard. And until that change happens, we will keep on doing what we are doing - helping to fill the gaps by donating our time and money to support our school and keep giving every child here extra opportunities for learning and growth, and to inspire a lifelong love of education and community service.

Sometimes you have to be the change you want to see in the world, and other schools are seeing this - we have been able to share some of our knowledge with two schools so far, have welcomed our 3rd work-study high school student, and hope to keep making more community connections.



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Called to Order	18:50 by Kim	Meeting Adjourned	19:45 by Kim

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2.	Approve Today's Agenda	Motioned by Kendra, second Chantelle. Approved
3.	Chair Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active PC shows up and makes a difference. We are looking to shape the future of the parent council and volunteers Read Kim's letter in appendix re looking to put in place continuity planning for volunteers and running hot lunch, fundraising, snack shack Welcome pack for new families from parent council that can be given to families when they join the school Reconciling Balance Sheet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventory List is finalised, thank you Stephanie and Kim From paper and spreadsheet to Quikbooks was a huge undertaking and our financial reporting is professional Year End adjustment for "equipment asset" that was on previous accounts without documentation for such asset has been completed (\$4186.36) Parent Assoc investigated avenues of possibilities and advised to make adjustment as at Dec 31 2024 to remove from accounts going forward
4.	Treasurer Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance - paid now, although the working with the insurance company has been a nightmare - looking for new insurance company Need to have drive to store documents across PC Credit Card on our system now in QuickBooks - will be paid in full each month and reconciled post payment
5.	Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New menu items for next session Popcorn day was amazing Snack Shack



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chocolate strawberries for Valentine's Day ○ Financial literacy part is great ● Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 50/50 going well, goes until 24 February ○ Little Caesars - confirmed, posters and order forms have arrived. Dates are March 2-23 with delivery date 7 or 8 April before Easter ● Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Message from Melissa - families out despite the cold for the games nights ○ First meeting held for Grade 5 Year End committee
6.	Old Business	●
7.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RDPS Foundation will be hosting golf tournament at Alberta Springs in August - asking school for door prize - something value \$250 potentially something using our partnership with the Rebels? ● Team of Staff Members for Golf - looking for Parent Council to form a team
8.	General Account Voting	No voting tonight
9.	Casino Account Voting	No voting tonight
	Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find new insurance company for the Parent Association <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Krista check with ASCA b. Kim check with broker 2. Set up Drive for common use across Parent Council 3. Golf tournament door prize 4. Parent Council team for golf! - Kim 5. Welcome pack for new families from parent council that can be given to families when they join the school



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Parent Association Chair Kim McGilvray on continuity planning for volunteers

When you have an active council that shows up and makes a difference ! That's what makes ALG a place we all love and all want to make better not just for ourselves but for those around us !! And it's the village of volunteers that make the difference so thank you to each and every one of you !!! Many hands make light work !!! we have a very vibrant council lots great of fundraisers, stellar hot lunch Program !!! And the truth is it's needs more volunteers to be sustainable

I once read that the moment you volunteer - your child benefits from the following better grades, improved behavior, and increased attendance, while also fostering a stronger connection between home and school; making it a worthwhile endeavor.

When I say volunteer it doesn't always mean physically being in the school it can be many different things needed by the council - like hot lunch programing, contacting sponsor for funding raising , writing letter to city about snow removal, cross walks all of these examples can all be done during non school time

Finally if there one thing I've learned about life is that change is constant , so conversations about what the future looks like as one council team changes into the next team needs to start talking and thinking outside the box, meaning everything is open to change and streamlining.

Like a whole fundraising Committee and hot lunch/snack shack committee

Maybe more people can say I'll do it on Wednesday - September to Jan then Feb - thru - June it's on Thursday - these. Are purely hypothetical - but I do feel they need to start sooner then later, a full year Or two of shaping the future is important

Hot lunch needs a sustainable approach to remain successful. So as spring comes our way ponder these ideas and share with those in the community. It takes a village. !!!