



**Horace Allen School Council Meeting
Thursday, January 17, 2019 - 6:30PM**

CHAIR: Sarah Thompson - 403-563-7369

VICE CHAIR: Nicole Stafford

Recording Secretary: Kim Uhersky

Treasurer: Anke Gravel



Horace Allen School Council Mission:

***'To foster the well-being and effectiveness of our school
community and to enhance student learning'***

HASC AGENDA

IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Thompson, Chair
Nicole Stafford, Vice Chair
Kim Uhersky, Secretary
Anke Gravel, Treasurer

Elaine Garner, Principal
Myrna Dembicki, Vice Principal
Lesley Margetak
Mallory Banting

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Call for additions/amendments to agenda
 - i. Change date of agenda to January 17, 2019
 - ii. Delete item 7.d.i. - U of L Global Drums Performance - Mrs. Neudorf Request for Music Monday in May.
 - iii. Add Formalizing Forest /Nature School to School Report
- b. Approval of Agenda - motion to approve the January 17, 2019 agenda made by Mallory, seconded by Sarah, carried.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- a. Date of previous meeting: November 22, 2018 - motion to approve the minutes made by Sarah, seconded by Anke, carried.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT (Anke Gravel) - attached

- a. Tax Rebates - discrepancy between the invoice and the cheque for the cook book fundraiser was due to the fact that the school gets a rebate for taxes.
- b. Motion to approve the financial report made by Sarah, seconded by Mallory, carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE (Sarah Thompson)

- a. School Council e-news - email correspondence reviewed
- b. Alberta Rural Education Symposium - Celebrating Rural Education - Pictures
 - i. Looking for pictures of rural schools that portray life in rural Alberta - we will try to find some images to share.

5. SCHOOL REPORT (Elaine Garner) - attached

- a. Formalizing HAS as a Forest/Nature School - school administration is working to find out what needs to be done to get this certification.

6. TRUSTEE REPORT (Greg Long / Clara Yagos)

- a. Trustees key messages from lrsd.ca reviewed

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Parent Worker Bee Committee - Mallory Banting Coordinator - updates, new volunteer coming

when available

- b. Hot Lunch Committee - Put ask out in December newsletter for Coordinator. No response.
 - i. Putting out another ask in newsletter and social media
- c. After-School Events - Possible Movie Night with ISS - March 21?
- d. In-School Events
 - i. Foothills Brass - update
 - Table until 2019/2020 to give us time to partner with another school
- e. School Grounds - Outdoor Classroom updates and fundraising ideas reviewed
- f. Fundraising
- g. Recycling - Sarah Thompson - Coordinator - update

8. BUSINESS

- a. Scientists in School - Request from HAS K teachers for workshop funding.
 - i. Motion to approve \$300 to Scientists in School for Kindergarten made by Sarah, seconded by Kim, carried.
- b. Placed Based Learning update and Tri-school meeting request.
 - i. Learning for Life initiative is a go-ahead.
 - ii. Tri-school meeting to be scheduled by Marnie Davidson, Principal of ISS

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next meeting February 28 at 6:30pm
- b. Adjourned at 8:15pm

HASC Simplified Financial Statement			
November 22, 2018 to January 14, 2019			
Actual Balance at November 22, 2018			\$6,620.10
	<i>Details</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Expenses from			
Income from			
Balance at January 14, 2019			\$6,620.10
Committed Future Expenses	Story Theatre in March 2019		-\$950.00
Uncommitted Balance at January 14,			\$5,670.10
<i>General Account Balance - \$4,870.10</i>			
<i>Hot Lunch Balance - \$800.00</i>			
<i>School Council Savings - \$0.00</i>			

Report to School Council
Thursday January 17, 2019

One Book, Five Schools- This is the 6th year of this exciting literacy project. This exciting program, called **1 Book, 5 Schools** includes, Horace Allen, Isabelle Sellon, Livingstone School (Lundbreck), Canyon School and St. Mike's (Pincher Creek). Every family at each school will receive a copy of the same book to read at home. Teachers will plan various activities at school to compliment the book. Real Country FM will host a trivia contest on the radio. Everyone - students, parents, teachers and support staff- will be participating, and we can all reap the many benefits. We thank TransCanada for their financial support, as well as the Crowsnest Pass Literacy Foundation, and the CNP Library for helping organize this literacy project. The title for this joint school project will remain a surprise until our kick off assembly on January 25.

Ski Program / Alternate Outdoor Education Program (Gr. 1-3) PPK is offering 4 ski days (lessons) to our students starting Jan 10 - Feb. 7. Although icy the first day, students did well. Students have been organized into 4 ability levels this year which has provided those who need lots of support a smaller group size for lessons and more individual support. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated. Please drop by the office to fill in a volunteer form if you can help out. Current police checks are required.

Outdoor Alternate Programming - Ms. Dembicki has taken the lead with those students not skiing. This year we have 12 grades 1-3 students who are being provided with alternate programming at the school. Students experience indoor and outdoor programming on these days, with a focus on the outdoors. Experiences so far have included nature journaling (we made our own journals), Sit Spots (observing outdoor surroundings using our senses), free play (outdoor explorations), nature inspired art, nature inspired literature, outdoor safety, snowshoeing (Let it snow!!!), snacks and lunch together, and a warm drink to end the day. Reflections from the students involved have been very positive.

Skating (K) - Kindergarten students are looking forward to learning and practicing their skating skills with 3 visits to the local rink over the next few weeks.

Rocks and Rings - January 30 HAS thanks Kayla Strandquist and the local curling club for making arrangements for curlers to spend the day at HAS delivering the Rocks and Rings program to all students throughout the day.

Outdoor Learning Classroom Initiative - Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary Canadian Legion #19 for a donation of \$500 to the outdoor classroom. Letters have been sent to Olds College, SAIT and Lethbridge Community College architectural design faculties to see if there is any interest by students to help out with a scaled model/design of our space. In addition, Elizabeth Anderson has been hard at work completing grant applications for various components of the space. HAS thanks her for her time and help.

Pond Parties - Students have been organized in cross-graded groups to once again learn together about Kelso's Choices and building good character. These ½ hour lessons happen on selected Fridays, and students in each "Lily Pad" group are taught the same lesson. This promotes common language and learning across the school, and helps build community by meeting and learning with students from other classes.

Forest School - With all the work at our school toward outdoor learning, and with the successes we are feeling in this movement, we are considering making a formal move to becoming a 'forest school'. This ethos involves environmental awareness and learning through the lens of nature, free play and nature inquiry. We are gathering information from the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent of Business at this time.

Staff News

- Laken McKee is our newest EA hire. She will start on Jan. 21/19.
- Mrs. Reil will not be returning this year. Mr. Page will remain in Grade 1 until the end of the year.
- Jan. 31st - Staff Planning Day with Sandra Lamouche, LRSD's FNMI Success Coordinator; we will explore art, and experience and learn about the smudging ceremony.
- PD session on January 25, 2019 (K teachers, PUF coordinator, and classroom EAs will attend)

Attachment: Everyone's Talking, But What is it and What Does it Mean for Me? With Dr. Kendra Massie, LRSD's Clinical Team Leader

This interactive presentation will:

- Review social, emotional, and behavioral well-being and development
- Enhance understanding of the meaning and application of attachment theory
- Highlight the goals of our intervention and teaching strategies when children have social, emotional, and/or behavioral difficulties
- Provide specific knowledge and strategies to be used in our classrooms to support the social, emotional, and behavioral well-being of children

Upcoming Events:

- January 25th - Ski / Outdoor Learning Day
- Feb. 7th - Last Ski / Outdoor Learning Day
- Feb. 8th - Winter Walk / outdoor play day
- Feb 14th - Valentine's Day
- Feb Break for students - Feb. 16-24
- Teachers Convention - Feb. 22 and 23 (Ms. Dembicki and Mrs. Kulak will be presenters - Risky Play on the Schoolyard)