



**Horace Allen School Council Meeting  
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 - 6:00PM**

**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 MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Sarah Thompson, Chair  
Nicole Stafford, Vice Chair  
Kim Uhersky, Secretary  
Mallory Banting

Elain Garner, Principal  
Myrna Dembicki, Vice Principal  
Leslie Margetak  
Greg Long, Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. Call for additions/amendments to agenda
    - i. Addition 8. f. - Grade 2 request for \$300 toward their field trip
  - b. Approval of Agenda - motion to approve the agenda made by Kim, carried.
2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
  - a. Date of previous meeting: April 11, 2019 - motion to approve the minutes made by Sarah, carried.
3. FINANCIAL REPORT (Anke Gravel) - no update
4. CORRESPONDENCE (Sarah Thompson) - none
5. SCHOOL REPORT (Elaine Garner) - attached
  - a. Reviewed at the general Tri-School Council meeting, and at the HASC Meeting.
6. TRUSTEE REPORT (Greg Long / Clara Yagos)
  - a. Board of Trustee Key messages from Irsd.ca website reviewed at the general Tri-School Council meeting
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. Parent Worker Bee Committee - Mallory Banting - Coordinator - no update
  - b. Hot Lunch Committee - Subway Lunch went well
  - c. After-School Events
  - d. In-School Events - Fun on the Field potentially scheduled for June 21
  - e. School Grounds - Outdoor Classroom updates - Eco Club, Festival on the Field
  - f. Fundraising - Farm to School next year - Delivery Tuesday, October 8. Order deadline Sept 26.
  - g. Recycling - Sarah Thompson - Coordinator

8. BUSINESS

- a. Placed Based Learning - discussed during the Tri-School Council meeting
- b. T-shirt order – tabled
- c. Back to School BBQ - Thursday, Sept 5
- d. Year-end Breakfast for teachers – tabled
- e. Thank you gift for Cherie – tabled
- f. Motion to provide Grade 2 with \$300 for a field trip made by Sarah, second by Katherine, carried.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. AGM Meeting in September - Bylaw review.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE (June 20, 2019) & ADJOURNMENT (*Goal 8:00pm*)

- a. Next meeting date June 20, 2019 at 6:30pm
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

## **Report to School Council Tuesday May 28, 2019**

### **Staffing and Budget 2019-20**

With not having a provincial budget until the fall, LRSD is working with schools to create a manageable budget based on the assumption that there will be no increase to student allocations in 2019-20. Some cuts are being made divisionally, in addition to changes to how funds will be distributed to schools. More information will be shared at the June meeting about how this will impact HAS. Transportation costs will increase by 30% which will impact costs associated with all field trips (local and outside the community), skiing and swimming. There is uncertainty over whether the nutrition program will continue in 2019-20. Schools have been asked to plan without the financial support of this program.

Based on projected enrollment numbers, HAS will have 2 K classes, 3 Gr.1, 2 Gr. 2 and 3 Gr. 3 classes in the fall. Staffing should be finalized in the next week.

### **2019-20 Calendar**

Winter Concert: December 19, 2019; Spring Family Night: April 8, 2020; Student Led Conferences: December 5 and April 2 (same night as ISS).

This year administrators decided to have one common cover page for all three schools to avoid confusion. The calendar continues to show events from all schools, recognizing that more events will be added, and some dates will change, throughout the school year. Families will receive their calendar when they come in to register their children or confirm/update information at the end of August.

### **Staff PD**

- **Making Sense of Teaching for Conceptual Understanding and Learning Transfer**

Two staff will attend this workshop June 6 as teachers prepare for a new conceptual curriculum. This curriculum shift will help learners to make connections between topics, to develop quality thinking skills, and to transfer understandings and provide solutions to problems.

- **Forest School Introductory Course**

We are hosting a two day course for Child and Nature Alliance of Canada June 2 and 3. Of the 21 participants, 11 are from HAS. This is an outdoor, experiential workshop for everyone interested in learning more about the theory and practice of Forest and Nature School (FNS). Participants will learn about play-based learning and how to support risky play, specifically, emergent curriculum and inquiry-driven learning, as well as planning and delivery of FNS programs. Participants will leave the workshop with a broad understanding of FNS theory and practice, and, if they are educators, a sense of how they could interweave FNS into their current teaching practice.

- **SIVA** - Supporting Individuals through Valued Attachment- 3 additional staff will be trained May 31 and June 14. SIVA is a safety management framework with the focus of working with people to proactively identify and maintain safe behaviour and situations. Foundational to the SIVA philosophy is the belief that true safety is built on communication and the establishment of trusted relationships. An understanding that an intervention can never be greater than a relationship is the key to building the trusting relationships that assist with avoiding crisis situations and ensuring that students are available for learning. This model is now used throughout LRSD which guides support and interaction rather than a crisis response model which has previously been used.

### **Exit Interviews**

Any family with children moving to a new school in a new community will complete an exit interview with school administration (face to face, telephone or paper copy sent home). Data collected from a series of questions will help evaluate the quality of the educational programming provided at HAS including school climate, learning environment, curriculum, student support, discipline.....

### **Outdoor classroom update - Mrs. Margetak**

Dirt, rocks and fabric screening have been installed in the two garden beds. This will allow students to do some planting before year end. Boys and Girls Club and Mountain View have offered to weed and water over the summer.

Festival on the Field 2nd annual fundraising event with local musicians is scheduled for June 24th at 5 p.m. More information to follow.

Olds College

Tupperware fundraiser

### **Nutrition and ECO Club**

The school is ordering Bento lunch boxes and sporks for all students from a ECO Club grant and from the school's nutrition grant. These will be given to each student in September.

**Blackfoot Storytelling** – Sandra Lamouche will be at HAS on Wednesday, May 29 to share some traditional stories of our land and people with various classrooms. Sandra also shared an Indigenous Peoples of Canada floor map that was used in the gym with Grade 2 and 3 students on May 15.

### **Pancake Breakfast and Year-end assembly**

Coleman Lions have been approached to help with a pancake breakfast on June 27, 2019. Waiting for a reply.