



**Horace Allen School Council Meeting  
Thursday, April 11, 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 MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Sarah Thomas, Chair  
Anke Gravel, Treasurer  
Kim Uhersky, Secretary  
Mirjam Thielen

Elaine Garner, Principal  
Myrna Dembicki, Vice Principal  
Lesley Margetak

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Call for additions/amendments to agenda - none
- b. Approval of Agenda - motion to approve the April 11, 2019 Agenda made by Kim, 2nd by Anke, carried.

**2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- a. Date of previous meeting: February 28, 2019
  - i. Amend date from November 22, 2018 to February 28, 2019 and the amount in 8b to \$51.91 + GST
  - ii. Motion to approve the amended February 28, 2019 Minutes made by Sarah, 2nd by Anke, carried.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT (Anke Gravel) - attached**

- a. Motion to approve the Financial report made by Sarah, 2nd by Kim, carried.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE (Sarah Thompson)**

- a. Mail correspondence reviewed.

**5. SCHOOL REPORT (Myrna Dembicki) - attached**

- a. School Survey Results were reviewed.

**6. TRUSTEE REPORT**

- a. Board of Trustee Key Messages from Irsd.ca reviewed.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Parent Worker Bee Committee - Mallory Banting - Coordinator
  - i. the volunteer will be away May 14 - May 29
- b. Hot Lunch Committee - Melissa Neumeier - Co-ordinating a Subway lunch in April
- c. After-School Events - Movie Night with ISS - March 21, debrief
- d. In-School Events

- i. If I Can presentation by Chris Koch April 18
- e. School Grounds - Outdoor Classroom updates - Eco Club and Olds College
  - i. Eco Club - treasure swap
  - ii. Olds College: Sustainable sites course
  - iii. Upcoming Eco Club events: Shell Energy Diet Classroom Project, Plastic Bag Grab, Earth Play for Earth Day, Outdoor Classroom Day, possible Tupperware fundraiser
  - iv. Couple of large monetary donations received for Eco Club
- f. Fundraising - Farm to School next year - Delivery Tuesday, October 8? Order deadline Sept 26?
- g. Recycling - Sarah Thompson - Coordinator - good response from email request for help

## 8. BUSINESS

- a. Placed Based Learning and Tri-school meeting update.
  - i. Systems 101 workshop took place in March
  - ii. Another workshop scheduled for May 16
  - iii. Next Tri-school Council meeting scheduled for May 28, time to be announced

## 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. T-shirt order – will need to place a new order
- b. Back to School BBQ - Thursday, September 5
- c. Year-end Breakfast for teachers
- d. Thank you gift for Cherie
- e. Festival in the Field end of June
- f. Fun on the Field Day possibly June 21

## 10. NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next meeting June 20, 2019 at 6:30pm
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

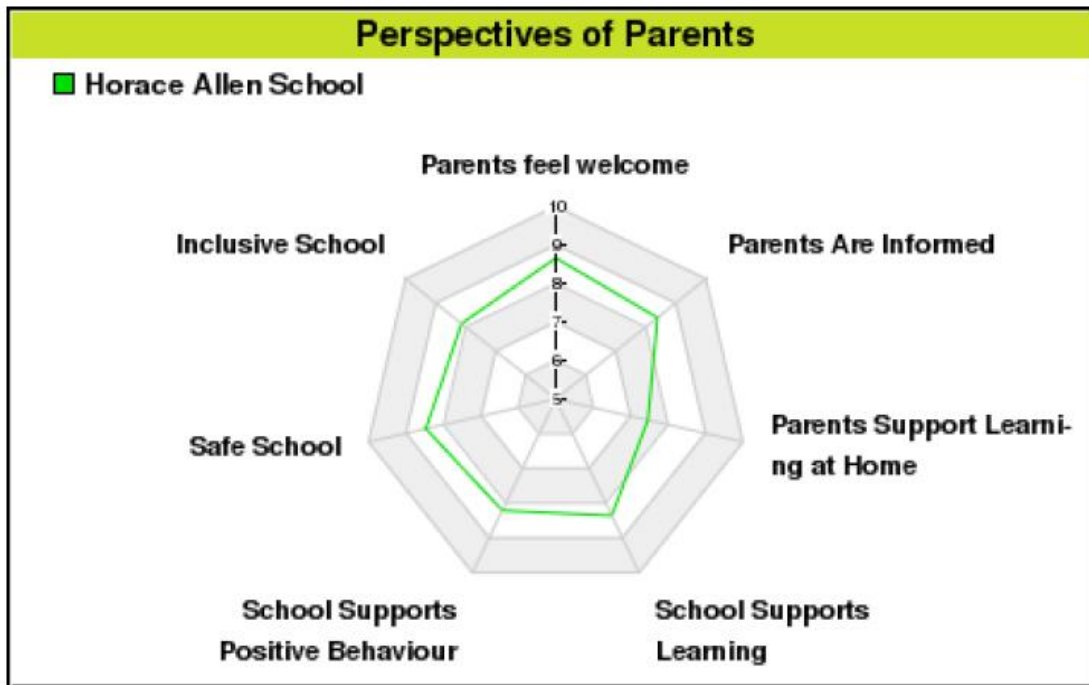
<b>HASC Simplified Financial Statement</b>			
<b>February 26, 2019 to April 10, 2019</b>			
<b>Actual Balance at February 26, 2019</b>			<b>\$6,693.10</b>
	<i>Details</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>Expenses from</b>			
	Condolence Gift for Elaine Garner	3/4/2019	-\$51.91
	Story Theatre Company "Blue Beads and	04/03/2019	-\$950.00
	Childcare at School Council Meetings	12/03/2019	-\$60.00
	Stone's Throw Cafe Invoice for Movie	25/03/2019	-\$245.00
	Black Rock Pizza Invoice for Movie Night	25/03/2019	-\$441.35
	Scientists In School Production	25/03/2019	-\$300.00
	Choc. Milk for Movie Night Fundraiser	09/04/2019	-\$10.00
<b>Income from</b>			
	Cheque from School Board (for	04/03/2019	\$100.00
	Movie Night Fundraiser	27/03/2019	\$931.80
	Cookbook Sale	27/03/2019	\$10.00
<b>Balance at April 10, 2019</b>			<b>\$5,676.64</b>
<b>Committed Future Expenses</b>			
<b>Uncommitted Balance at April 10, 2019</b>			<b>\$5,676.64</b>
<b>General Account Balance - \$4,836.64</b>			
<b>Hot Lunch Balance - \$800.00</b>			
<b>School Council Childcare Account - \$40.00</b>			

### Student-led conferences

From the school perspective, this is a very exciting event. Staff enjoy seeing the interaction between students proudly sharing their learning and success with families. Attendance for the evening was about 80% of students. This is lower than some other student-led conference evenings, but several families had cancel their appointments due to illness.

### Our School survey

Of our 161 families, 92 parents completed the annual OurSchool survey. This gives a response rate of 57% . Generally, the results were very favourable, with rating from 7.5/10 to 8.7/10 in 7 areas. The lowest rating of 7.5 is related to parents supporting at home-e.g. discussion, encouragement, homework. The lowest rating was about homework, but it's important to note that very little homework is sent home with students. Two open-ended questions were asked of parents and, overall, the comments reflected parent satisfaction. A visual summary of the results are shown here:



### Budget

Due to the Alberta election, everything is 'on hold' with Alberta Education. LRSD will not receive budget information until late May, and schools will submit the 2019-20 budget to Central Office in June. This does not allow us much time to share info with School Council and staff before the summer break.

## **Outdoor Learning Environment**

Olds College Horticulture Program students were at HAS on April 9 and 10th. During the focus group conversations, stakeholders offered their ideas for the design of Phase II for our outdoor learning area. Several community members, Central Office staff and HAS teachers participated in small group brainstorming, guided by the Olds students. They will create designs as the culminating assignment of their "Sustainable Sites" course, and will share these with us. From there we can determine how to further develop our area.

## **2019-2020 School Calendar**

HAS, ISS, and CCHS have enough instructional hours over the year that we have requested additional professional development days. These are: Oct. 18, 2019 for progress conversations (to replace our annual Intake Conversations), Feb. 7, 2020 for joint-school work on our place-based planning, and June 12, 2020 for transition meetings between schools.

## **Promotional video for HAS**

Erv Fehr Productions from Lethbridge is creating short, promotional videos about all the schools in LRSD. Mr. Fehr has been in touch with HAS recently, and some filming will start soon. As a promotional video the question is asked: What information do we want parents who are watching? Your input is needed on this. The video will include footage inside and outside the school, including student learning in Flumerfelt Park, and interviews of parents, staff, and a couple of students.

## **National Attention**

Our 'expanding boundaries' playground project and Kelso's Choices conflict management program, the staff training and commitment to the philosophy and benefits for students of "Risky Play", and the environmental focus of our Eco Club, have brought attention and recognition to Horace Allen as a public schools leader! The Child & Nature Alliance of Canada is considering our school as a 'promising practice' model in a nation-wide campaign. We have also been chosen as a site to host one of their courses in June. The Alberta Teachers' Association awarded HAS a Communities of Practice grant to sponsor the "Risky Play" workshop which will be featured in the ATA publications. A representative of the Alberta Council of Environmental Education (ACEE) helping communities promote outdoor learning is interested in showcasing our work! We are mentioned in a publication by the Canadian Public Health Association on their website under promising practices. Check that article on this link. <https://cpha.ca/promising-practices-canada>. These organizations are most impressed by the support and commitment of our community and our parent group! We have been told how lucky we are to have parents who support our initiatives and are advocates for the leadership we believe in to enhance our entire community! Thank you for your ongoing support!

## **Forest School Introductory Course**

The Child and Nature Alliance of Canada is presenting a two-day Forest School Introductory course at HAS in June. Staff members have first right to register, and many will participate in this course.

### **Spring Concert**

It's important to note that the concert will start at 6:00, not 6:30 as indicated on the school calendar.

### **Aquaponics**

Through the Lethbridge Aquaponics Society, we will have an 8 foot aquaponics garden set up at the school. WE will be able to

### **Alberta Election**

We are have polling stations here on April 16. Voters will enter through the front Kindergarten door, and go to/from the gym directly. Classes that need to come downstairs during the day will use the west staircase, or back staircase into the Learning Commons. Lunches will be reorganized so all students eat upstairs Tuesday.

### **Chris Koch presentation**

Parent Shannon Burton won 2 presentations by inspirational speaker Chris Koch, a former LRSD student, and inspirational speaker. Chris travels and presents globally with the theme "If I Can", showing that people with disabilities 'can'. Chris will be at our school Thursday, April 18, 9:15.