



Horace Allen School Council Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 27, 2024 -2pm

CHAIR: Mallory Banting 403.563.7135

VICE CHAIR: Melissa Martin

Recording Secretary: Alisha Reil

Treasurer: Sarah Fulton



Horace Allen School Council Mission:

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

Attendance

Greg Long, Lesley Margetak, Mallory Banting, Melissa Martin, Jessica Bley, Carlee Goetz, Alisha Reil, Laura Shipowich, Kara Kulak, Elaine Garner, Manishanker, Manindes Kaur

HASC AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER..... 5 Minutes
 - a. Mallory calls meeting to order at 2:05pm
 - b. Call for additions/amendments to agenda
 - i. Elaine Garner adds Student Council and Eco Club to Agenda
 - c. Approval of Agenda - Melissa Martin motions to approve the agenda as presented.
2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES..... 5 Minutes
 - a. Date of previous meeting: January 30
 - b. Approval of minutes: Melissa Martin motions to approve the minutes from Jan. 30, 2024.
3. CORRESPONDENCE (Mallory Banting) 5 Minutes
4. FINANCIAL REPORT (Sarah Fulton) 5 Minutes
 - a. Current balance \$5297.48, no changes to financial report since last meeting
 - b. Carlee Goetz motions to approve the financials as presented, Melissa Martin seconds. Carried
5. SCHOOL REPORT (Elaine Garner)..... 20 Minutes
 - a. ECO CLUB: Zophie and Grayson - Gave a year report of what the club has done so far this school year:
 - i. 2 volunteers from each class meet for lunch hour every 2 weeks
 - ii. 3rd annual “Lettuce Veggie Wrap Buffet” held in Oct. using veggies from school garden, IGA, rice noodles and cheese. Students made own wraps and volunteers kept buffet full.
 - iii. Learned about green triangle - reduce, reuse, recycle
 - iv. Made sure each classroom had a recycle bin for plastics and made christmas crafts by reusing old christmas cards
 - v. Investigated Staples Terracycle program and made boxes to collect crayons, markers, pens, pencils and paper
 - vi. Learned about United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals, learning on #1 No Poverty, looking into making “kids bags” for local foodbank

- vii. Feb. reported collecting 120 markers from classrooms over 3 weeks time
 - viii. Implemented “Waste-free Wednesdays” and “Boomerang” lunch
 - ix. REMINDER: HAS is a collection site for recycling cell phones (supports Calgary Zoo Gorilla conservation project), used blankets/towels/facecloths (supports local animal shelter), markers/pens, and household batteries.
 - x. Terra cycle - Melissa asked about the cost of boxes and details, Lesley indicated that they range from \$150-300 a box so the ecoclub was not considering a box for the school. Jessica indicated that Sparwood could be a possible option for recycling snack wrappers
 - xi. Alisha suggested to add info on recycling and bins to the school website
- b. STUDENT COUNCIL: Asher and Alyssa presenting.
- i. Council is brand new for the school: Asher wrote a letter to Elaine about wondering about creating a school council and they decided to set it up for more student input. Grades 2 and 3 meet every 2 weeks with Ms. Nelson.
 - ii. Need help with fundraising for a Gaga Ball Pit. We accept to help them out, can support them in looking into fundraising (they asked about Mom’s Pantry - it was noted that this was recently done with local Dance society) and will apply the current Cookie Decorating fundraiser to support the purchase of the Gaga ball pit. Melissa Martin agreed to be the liaison with Ms. Nelson and the student council moving forward.
 - iii. Discussed what Gaga ball pit is and how it would benefit the school. As many kids that can fit into the pit can play. Crow camp has a gaga ball pit. There are indoor/outdoor moveable options or permanent options. Plastic Kit - can be moved, taken down, gate for wheelchair access, more expensive, can be stolen if left outside. Wood Kit - remain outside, wear and tear, splinters. Link to pits that have been researched: <https://www.playgroundoutfitters.com/independent-play/gaga-ball-pits/15-foot-gaga-ball-pit/>
 - iv. 106 Kelso student goals have been achieved so far. School will hold a 100 goal celebration and student council is helping with choices for celebration activity options. Then a survey will be sent out to students to vote for celebration activity.
- c. Elaine gave update on school events:
- i. Kindergartens collected 126 cereal boxes for the food bank. Made a domino chain in the hallway. Great leadership role for them!
 - ii. School choir has been recorded now. Their recording of “O Canada” is often played in the morning announcements.
 - iii. Teachers convention last week
 - iv. Last ski /peaks day [tomorrow] Feb. 28
 - v. March 11 school board is coming to do a walk through and see what’s happening in the school
 - vi. HAS is a Teton Science School with ISS, with Suncor provided funds for activities in school on March 14 and on March 15 and for staff PD day
 - vii. Report cards coming up, assessments happening between now and then
 - viii. SLC will take place on March 27th , run as a student led conference instead of an interview. Students will become the teacher to the parents, parents will do a survey in learning commons, donation of prizes have been provided for people who complete survey.
 - ix. Music festival in gym on March 12 every class does choral, Ms Neudorf has musical selections as well, with HAS Staff performing too.

- x. Regional school council meeting will be on the evening of March 12 - virtual meeting, link will be sent out.
- xi. Easter break March 22-29
- xii. Beginning of April, HAS will participate in "Jump Rope for the Heart" - collect loonies and toonies, kick off assembly, skipping apart of gym classes with Mr Lach
- xiii. Kindergarten and Early Learning registration now open

6. TRUSTEE REPORT (Greg Long / Clara Yagos)..... 10 Minutes

- a. Calendar for 24/25 school year was handed out for attendees to review
- b. Place Based Education - facilitators presented to the board , utilization at PEAKS is doing great - onboard to receive 5200 students not including summer season and FACES. Programming including topics such as: trees and forests, bear smart, soapstone carving, canoeing, track identification. Peaks campus website has more info.
- c. We are the only schools in Canada to be involved with Teton science
- d. Got an offer for the school board building in Claresholm, it's been 6 years trying to sell, this is great news for development of PEAKS campus
- e. ASCA conference and AGM in Edmonton Apr 27-28, a trustee will attend for representation (travel and accommodation covered) only if a parent council rep will also attend
- f. Greg asked if we applied for \$500 from the board , Mallory then spoke to ASCE grant (see section below in minutes)

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS..... 15 Minutes

- a. Parent Worker Bee Committee - No changes or updates from Mallory - gave a quick overview of sign up online and process.
- b. Hot Lunch Committee - Pizza lunch- Sarah will connect with Cesalee Williams to organize Hot Lunch for March 21
- c. After-School Events - Carlee and Jessica have offered to brainstorm and organize a movie/dance/event
- d. In-School Events - nothing to report
- e. School Grounds/Outdoor Classroom - WWF listed grant recipients for Go Wild grants (\$1500-\$2000) and HAS was on the list to receive a grant. Leslie and Elaine will look into this and confirm. This will go towards the amphitheater and trees/shrubs.
- f. Fundraising - Sweetness Cookie Fundraiser closes [tomorrow] February 28. These funds will go to HAS student council to support the purchase of a Gaga ball pit. The final fundraised amount will be noted tomorrow night.
- g. Recycling - Same as Worker Bee, someone signs up and comes in every week or two. Question asked if the links for sign-up are on the website. Mallory will contact Cherie to confirm.

8. BUSINESS5 Minutes

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9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS..... 5 Minutes

- a. CNP literacy donation remaining amount \$1195.20 - TABLED due to limited time
- b. Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) grant provides \$500 - In the past we have used it for brochures and magnets with school info. Also for parent workshops; previously brought in Meghan Cooper with Imagination Academy who spoke to working with kids creativity and incorporating art. This grant cannot go toward any childcare/refreshments/food for what we choose to do and needs to be used by June as there is no known carryover. Next meeting we will make a decision/set up for use of the grant money.

- i. Alisha suggested using the money to do a workshop about incorporating the outdoors in Family life. Greg suggested contacting Jason for PEAKS, Kara suggested Kara Lynne, Kirstina Pickles (run local Forest Kids program) from Lethbridge. Kara will send Mallory contact info for Kristina to see what possibilities could be.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE March 26, 2024 at 2:00 pm & ADJOURNMENT

- a. Melissa moves to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 pm