



**Horace Allen School Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 30, 2024 -2pm**



CHAIR: Mallory Banting 403.563.7135

VICE CHAIR:

Recording Secretary:

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, Ashley Parke, Ashley Pow, Melissa Martin, Jessica Bley, Carlee Goetz, Alisha Reil, Laura Shipowich, Kara Kulak, Elaine Garner

Secretary - Mallory Banting & Kara Kulak

HASC AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER..... 5 Minutes
 - a. Call for additions/amendments to agenda
 - b. 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: No previous meeting minutes
3. CORRESPONDENCE (Mallory Banting) 5 Minutes
4. FINANCIAL REPORT (Sarah Fulton) 5 Minutes
 - a. Opening balance as of November 21 approx. \$6505.00; up to January 29 the only cost was Imagination Academy - \$1028.31 - Current balance \$5297.48
 - b. Melissa Marten motions to approve the financials as presented, Alisha Reil seconds. Carried
5. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE POSITIONS10 Minutes
 - i. Discussion: Advisory Committeel vs. Parent Council - if there were not enough members for School Council, the advisory committee would just advise the school, but could not run any fundraising events; If you are not able to attend an event (as a member of the executive), it is ok because other parents are invited to attend; all parents are invited to attend meetings, even if they are not on the executive; question regarding when meetings are held - trying a daytime meeting, tri-school meetings are last Tuesday evening, idea for classroom reps for School Council, idea for virtual option eg. Owl (can be challenging with technical difficulties), emphasize that all parents are welcome to all meetings, sharing of when might work best for meetings - consensus is afternoons may work best for the group, it is ok for younger kids to join; will meet in February
 - b. Vice Chair
 - i. Alisha moves for Melissa for the role of Vice Chair. Melissa accepts. Carried

c. Secretary

- i. Melissa moves for Alisha for the role of secretary. Alisha accepts .Carried

6. SCHOOL REPORT (Elaine Garner)..... 20 Minutes
- a. Avalanche Education program happening for K - 3 tomorrow; kindergarten leadership with cereal box drive for food bank in February; Feb 9 is the next LAND day with ISS on their campus, volunteers welcome and needed; Ski program - this Thursday is postponed due to wet conditions, hoping to continue Feb 8 and 15, then looking at alternate date; volunteers welcome to come and read with students in any grade - just call the office to sign up; 1 Book 5 Schools has started, families are invited to take pictures of them reading and send to Kara or Elaine to display in foyer; Kindergarten continues to go skating, Valentine's celebrations upcoming; Family Day and Teachers Convention; Monday after the break is 100th day of school, Feb 28 assembly for Pink Shirt Day; hired new Learning Commons Coordinator and Nutrition Coordinator - Cesalee Williams
7. TRUSTEE REPORT (Greg Long / Clara Yagos)..... 10 Minutes
- a. Secretary report from last night is not prepared in time for today meeting; at the next meeting Greg will share the colour-coded calendar for next year; shared that we are exploring a 4-day week - survey was sent to families, responses indicated that people were interested in exploring 4-day weeks, so the school board and admin are looking into pros and cons of this option, Greg will share what has been discovered at our meeting in 2 months, this would be a decision division-wide (not school by school), question regarding length of day if 4-day week - yes, would result in longer day (23-33 minutes likely), would impact bus times, comment regarding challenges of child care in our area on Fridays, Would consistency of scheduled Fridays off open up childcare options?
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS..... 15 Minutes
- a. Parent Worker Bee Committee - setup online to sign-up for a day you can come in - help with photocopying, laminating - starting to get a few more people lined up
- b. Hot Lunch Committee - Pizza lunch? - Sarah is looking for assistance to organize the next hot lunch event, Nutrition Coordinator has helped in the past as well, idea to open up an option to donate a lunch to those who may appreciate a donation; Is School Cash an option for hot lunch?
- c. After-School Events - future idea of inviting the fiddle group to do a dance
- d. In-School Events - lots going on in February already
- e. School Grounds/Outdoor Classroom - kind of a stand-still right now, but promising things happening in the spring - creating our amphitheater, underground water system in development, grants continuing, wonder about hike-a-thon fundraiser again (maybe next HAS LAND day), looking at further developing gardens and perhaps an EL zone; Eco Club continues every 2 weeks, Thursday at lunch, 2 volunteers from each class, we are collecting cell phones/small electronics/laptops to recycle; collecting blankets for local SPCA; adding marker recycling to Staples; introducing sustainable school goals through United Nations and Eco Schools, parents welcome to Eco Club, too; idea to bring in markers from home or around community (town office)
- f. Fundraising - 1) Mabels Labels 2) cookie fundraiser for February, delivery before Easter break - easy and very successful last year, start after the February break; idea to share forms before the break to share as people may travel, comment that sometimes shorter time frame to order 3) Veggie fundraiser - pick the date in June, there is an option to do it all online, but the fundraiser

makes more if we do it through the school (about half)

g. Recycling - Jen Hennig organizes this, but there is an online sign-up for pick-up

9. BUSINESS5 Minutes

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10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS..... 5 Minutes

a. CNP literacy donation remaining amount \$1195.20 - TABLED until new Learning Commons Facilitator begins, separate from our finance as it is a restricted donation

b. Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) grant provides \$500 - for parent workshops

11. NEXT MEETING DATE February 27, 2024 at 2:00 pm & ADJOURNMENT

a. Sarah moves to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 pm