



**Horace Allen School Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 -2pm**

CHAIR: Mallory Banting 403.563.7135

VICE CHAIR: Melissa Martin

Recording Secretary: Alisha Reil

Treasurer: Sarah Fulton (not in attendance)



Horace Allen School Council Mission:

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

Attendance

Gregory Long, Lesley Margetak, Mallory Banting, Melissa Martin, Carlee Gaetz, Alisha Reil, Laura Shipowich, Kara Kulak, Manindes Kaur, Eco Club Reps: Gia Lui, Jake Bergman, Elizabeth Thomas

HASC AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER..... 5 Minutes
 - a. Mallory calls meeting to order at 2:04pm
 - b. Call for additions/amendments to agenda
 - i. Student Council not in attendance, there will be no update
 - c. Approval of Agenda - Melissa Martin motions to approve the agenda as presented.
2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES..... 5 Minutes
 - a. Change to date of previous meeting: February 27
 - b. Approval of minutes: Melissa Martin motions to approve the minutes from Feb. 27, 2024.
3. CORRESPONDENCE (Mallory Banting) 5 Minutes
 - a. Nothing to Report
4. ECO CLUB (Gia Lui, Jake Bergman, Elizabeth Thomas)
 - a. Great Big Crunch was on Thursday March 7: coordinated coalition for Healthy School Food, annual moment of anti-silence, make noise for healthy school food. Theme was a tree to signify unity and resilience, thanks to Mrs. Williams and Crystal Irwin for help with carrots and apples for the classrooms.
 - b. Waste-free Wednesdays continue, this week tallying the number of litterless lunches and seeing improvement. The class with the most at the end of week will get cookies and a tea party.
 - c. Wednesday, March 27 at Student-led Conferences: Treasure Swap (take a toy, leave a toy), T-shirt Bags for donation to “Juice Boxes for Food Bank”
 - d. Coming soon: Mr. Poole and grade 3s will be starting composting program, Earth Month activities
 - e. Recycling is ongoing. Recieved 89 more markers and pens last week
5. FINANCIAL REPORT (Sarah Fulton not in attendance, Mallory Banting reported)

..... 5 Minutes

 - a. Expenses from Hot Lunch: Cookies: \$106.95, Pizza: \$365.00, Milk/Juice: \$319.93 Total

expenses: \$791.88, Hot Lunch Income Balance before expenses: \$830, Total Income: \$38.12
Income

- b. Sweetness Cookie fundraiser brought in income of \$165.76, this money will go to Student Council for Gaga Ball Pit
- c. Balance as of Monday, March 25, 2024: \$5504.82
- d. Melissa Martin motions to approve the financials as presented, Carlee Goetz seconds. Carried

- 6. SCHOOL REPORT (Kara Kulak)..... 20 Minutes
 - a. Report card term 2 went home
 - b. Literacy intervention groups with Myrna Dembicki have begun
 - c. Crowsnest Pass Music Festival held at H.A.S. for a day; choral, instrumental, staff performances
 - d. Lesley Margatek has been continuing working on grants to aid in outdoor classroom - Fortis Green Up grant, Go Wild grant from World Wildlife of Canada, Community Tree grant
 - e. Kelso continues to move on the goal achievement board. On the upcoming Thursday (March 28), there will be pajama and movie day (Pixar shorts) to celebrate.
 - f. Student led conferences on Wed (March 27), MRA survey in learning commons - students and parents complete the survey.
 - g. Hot lunch last week
 - h. Non-instructional days proposed for 2024/25 school year - 4 days consistent with all 3 Crowsnest Pass schools: Friday Sept. 27, Friday Nov. 1, Monday Jan. 27, Friday June 6. ISS and CCHS schools will have a few additional days . Give feedback on those dates as soon as possible, admin will submit by April 1, 2024.
- 7. TRUSTEE REPORT (Greg Long / Clara Yagos)..... 10 Minutes
 - a. Change to terms of reference for school council: from this year on at least one trustee will go along with any parents to AGM Conference, (would first be president, than others can opt in). Mallory brought the cost into question - wondering the process other schools take in order to send representatives, Greg will investigate and report back.
 - b. Passed LR 3 year school goals:1. Renovate new school in Nanton ('shovel in ground this fall), Livingstone is at 80%capacity- priority to get addition put on, priority 3 review all other schools in division for updates needed.
 - c. Edward Parr nominee: FP Walsh - Michael McTighe
 - d. Passed instructional budget allocation for 24/25, passed maintenance, upkeep, salary, etc. Division is operating in a deficit.
 - e. Passed 4 day school week in Granum. Starting in September 2024. Survey of other parents and communities coming soon.
 - f. Carlee asked about Boys and Girls club support from division (Greg indicated community members lead it, no School board affiliation. Brought into question what parents do with kids after school on Fridays if there is no school.
- 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS..... 15 Minutes
 - a. Parent Worker Bee Committee - nothing to report
 - b. Hot Lunch Committee - Pizza lunch - how did it go? It went relatively well, everyone helping was new to the hot lunch program. Next time, do something prepackaged instead of cookies, they didn't know if 100% nut free (Cookies from subway). Did 4 groups at a time 1 or 2 parents per group.
 - c. After-School Events - end of year bbq, fiddle group is not available until fall, student council could help with snacks/distribution to help them raise money for the gaga ball pit, talk to Paul/becky and see when they are available for next year (could be a tri-school dance).

- d. In-School Events -
 - i. Jump Rope for Heart coming in April
 - ii. Hike-a-thon date tentatively April 22, 2024
- e. School Grounds/Outdoor Classroom -
 - i. Lesley gave overview of history: 2017 started to change philosophy in school and Kara's connection to forest alliance, risky play, behavior support program - kelso choices, area around school wasn't safe- focused to change and expand play spaces, open up hill and rough and tumble, etc., Planned out zone with Grumpy's greenhouse wanted to include various ecosystems, learn about native shrubs and grasses, First Nations Treaty 7,worked with landscape architect, Japanese students built shed, held Festival in the Field, ATA grant to do two weekend forest school workshops
 - ii. Need to communicate plans for outdoor area - Teton science school project can be connected.
 - iii. Hike-a-thon on April 22, could be open to public and Hot Dog lunch .
 - iv. Looking to do another Festival in the Field this year at the end of year, option for attendees to donate to plant trees or support different things for the area.
 - v. Metal bins for treaty 7 representation - could be interpretive signs, places kids could line up by them with different Treaty per grade
 - vi. Start preparing ground by end of April for amphitheater and shrubs
- f. Fundraising - Melissa has been working with Ms. Nelson, for Mama's Pantry fundraiser for Gaga Ball Pit , order forms and information will be sent out tomorrow(March 27). April 12th is the order deadline, it takes about 2 weeks for orders to be received.
- g. Recycling- no report, being picked up

9. BUSINESS5 Minutes

- a. ASCE \$500 grant - Parent outdoor play/learning workshop, Mallory has been talking to Kara Lynn and we can use Peaks (coordinating with Jason) - May 2 in morning most likely date
- b. CNP literacy donation \$1195.20 : Mallory informed Ms. Williams about it and she is looking into what we can use it for

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

11. NEXT MEETING DATE April 30, 2024 at 2:00 pm & ADJOURNMENT

- a. Carlee Goetz moves to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 pm