



Horace Allen School Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 28, 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

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

HASC AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER..... 5 Minutes
 - a. Mallory calls meeting to order at 2:03pm
 - b. Call for additions/amendments to agenda
 - c. Approval of Agenda - Melissa Martin motions to approve the agenda as presented.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES..... 5 Minutes
 - a. Note in regards to previous meeting: No reply from the library in regards to previous correspondence about 1 Book 5 School funding request.
 - b. Approval of minutes: Melissa Martin motions to approve the minutes from April 30, 2024.

3. CORRESPONDENCE (Mallory Banting) 5 Minutes
 - a. To be left until the new school year: Using SchoolCash as an option for parents to pay for Hot Lunches. This could be more useful if Hot Lunches were something that we offered regularly. (Ex: Hot lunch offered every last Wednesday of the month)

4. ECO CLUB (Gia, Elizabeth, Aylie)
 - a. Litterless Lunch: 1B and 2A had their tea parties for winning Waste-free Wednesday challenge.
 - b. Ms Dembicki spoke about wildlife sanctuary and volunteer work with Elephants in Thailand.
 - c. Read “Shark Lady The Story of Eugenie Clark”
 - d. Planted and transplanted vegetable seeds. These will be placed into outdoor garden beds soon.
 - e. Each class Eco Leader chose 2 species of shrubs for the outdoor play area. They also made posters about the plants to learn and share moer about them.
 - f. All classrooms abd office have GOOS boxes for reusing paper.
 - g. Gr.3 ecoleaders planted “Tomatosphere” project seeds - growth of 2 tomato seeds are recorded, one of which is unknown, has been to the International Space Station.
 - h. HAS asked to be part of the Alberta Council of Environmental Education (ACEE) Ecoschools in Alberta Celebration. Short video was recorded and will be sent via email June 13 and posted to website. Also received a certificate.

- i. Eco club and Peaks to Prairies Outdoor Learning Environment is featured on the “Our Canada Website”

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (Sarah Fulton not in attendance, Mallory Banting reported)

..... 5 Minutes

- a. Opening balance on April 30: \$5504.82
- b. Mom’s pantry \$1235.50 - will move to committed finances (not included in the above balance) to go to Gaga Ball Pit, cookie fundraiser money to be moved to committed finances as well
- c. childcare balance \$60, hot lunch balance \$800

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7. SCHOOL REPORT (Kara Kulak)..... 20 Minutes

- a. Thanks to all for continued support, time is appreciated.
- b. Thanks to Mrs. Margetak for Eco club and outdoor learning space
- c. Staffing number is down just over 1 teacher, Mr. Poole is returning to Livingstone school
- d. Opening posted for new HAS teacher but not sure what grade it will be
- e. 31 registered into kindergarten - 2 classes,
- f. 2 classes gr. 1-3 number of current Kindergarten students moving, grade 1 will have close to 25 in each class
- g. Mrs. Neudorf will be reduced hours, one half hour music only
- h. Mr. Latch remain gym, art support
- i. Support staff will be returning, looks like there will be support in every classroom
- j. School plan - due to division office this Friday, around 80 families completed survey to help guide school goals
- k. Went through goals, this school plan will be posted on the school website once superintendent approves
 - i. Provide more partnership and community event to embrace higher relationship with families , community
 - Teton science school for one more year
 - Each grade will have a specific space in outdoor area to care for, advertise for, clean up, build etc.
 - ii. Culture: continue to grow strategies for creating culture of collaboration and utilize skills to build student success,
 - iii. Academic goal still working on——goal setting?
- l. Newsletter - worth the time? Number of parents reading newsletter is low. Discussion to move to more information to be available ongoing on website
- m. Year end assembly will take place at noon on June 26th, Coleman lions to do pancake breakfast that morning for students and staff
- n. Swimming going well, Kindergarten twice, Gr1-3 swim 3 times
- o. Request for cost share of agendas total is \$970.20

8. TRUSTEE REPORT (Greg Long)..... 10 Minutes

- a. In regards to 4 day week, all staff are being surveyed to be completed by Friday, community engagement starting in Sept.
- b. APSC : \$135 per school council was covered by division but next year it will be the responsibility

of each council to register if they want to belong or not to APSC. Division will give the \$135 to each school council regardless and then can choose to use it for registration to APSC or use the money for other purpose

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS..... 15 Minutes

- a. Parent Worker Bee Committee - nothing to report
- b. Hot Lunch Committee - nothing to report
- c. After-School Events - end of year Pizza Picnic
 - i. June 24th ,12pm. Families are invited to attend.
 - ii. Jessica will work with Ceselee and Mallory to plan.
 - iii. Motion to spend \$1000 on event by Melissa Martin, seconded by Jessica Bley
- d. School Grounds/Outdoor Classroom - Duncan doing more rock work and planting with kids, 20 different shrubs and trees
- e. Fundraising - nothing to report
- f. Recycling - ongoing
- g. Student council update : Gaga pit was on sale and in USD pricing when they budgeted for it, they are looking for about another \$1000.

10. BUSINESS5 Minutes

- a. ASCE \$500 grant - parent outdoor play/learning workshop - May 2 went well, had 5 people
- b. Cost sharing agendas: Jessica Bley motions to approve Parent Council to give HAS \$970.20 to purchase agendas for gr. 1 -3 students, Melissa Martin seconded
- c. School t-shirts: budget for \$1000 even though they may not cost that much
 - i. may switch brand of t-shirt, waiting to hear from Public Image .
 - ii. Melissa Martin motioned to approve, Laura Shipowich seconded
- d. Welcome back picnic/bbq joint with outdoor classroom? Date? Festival in field will take place in early fall - communication will continue via email
- e. Veggie fundraiser for the fall pw Haspass123*

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS..... 5 Minutes

- a. Cnp literacy donation \$1195.20

12. NEXT MEETING DATE and AGM tentative dated for September 17, 2024 at 2:00 pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Melissa Martin moves to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 pm