



Horace Allen School Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 26, 2:00 pm



CHAIR: Alisha Reil
Vice Chair: Jessica Bley
Recording Secretary: Melissa Martin
Treasurer: Sarah Fulton

Horace Allen School Council Mission:

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

In Attendance:

Alisha Reil, Jessica Bley, Melissa Martin, Sara Fulton, Elaine Garner, Kara Kulak, Lesley Margetak, Cassandra Litchfield, Laura Shipowich, Carla Christopher

HASC MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER..... 5 Minutes
 - a. Alisha Reil called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm
 - b. Call for additions/amendments to agenda: Change to agenda date and previous minutes date.
 - c. Approval of Agenda: Jessica Bley motions to approve the agenda with changes.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES..... 5 Minutes
 - a. Date of previous meeting: Jessica Bley motions to approve the meeting minutes from [October 29, 2024](#)

3. FINANCIAL REPORT (Sarah Fulton) 5 Minutes
 - a. October to November no changes to report.
 - b. Cherie has a cheque in the amount of \$2,560.00 from Farm to School to still be deposited.
 - c. No update on the \$24.00 discrepancy. Cherie will look into this.

4. BUSINESS10 Minutes
 - a. **CNP Literacy Donation**
 - i. Remaining amount: \$1195.20
 - ii. Discussion with Cesalee Williams, she is currently interested in updating the library catalog and adding newer titles to the collection including titles that kids are requesting. Alisha will speak to Cesalee regarding a list of books and the cost.
 - iii. Cesalee is in need of book fair volunteers for December 5th from 4-8 pm.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS..... 10 Minutes
 - a. **Hot Lunch Committee:**
 - i. Update on starting in January - Jessica Bley
 - ii. Ready to go for the first hot lunch on January 28th with The Pantry. They are going with a soup and bun (regular and gluten free buns) options for \$4.80 plus \$.50 juice box plus \$.50 for fee - total of \$6.00 lunch.
 - iii. Fees on Cash Online, Cherie was told 4% per transaction, but fees seem to have varied. Minimum of \$.50.
 - iv. Cadillac Kitchen will do taco Tuesday in March.

- v. Hot Lunch Dates: January 28, February 24, March 25, April 28, May 27, June 25 (end of year BBQ - potentially change date).
- vi. Jessica advised we will need approximately 4 or 5 volunteers for two lunch rotations. Cesalee will help if she is available. Most companies are able to deliver and Jessica will pick-up, as needed.

b. After-School Events:

- i. Second Fiddle Dance Evening Update - Cassandra Litchfield
 - Cassandra had a call with Becky whose biggest concern is that this kind of function will not work if parents are not involved. Must have parents support and advertise in a way that this is a parent led event, a family function then it could be so much fun, but if you don't then it is a non-starter.
 - They would keep it very basic so young kids can follow along.
 - Alternative option, is a two hour dance with a playlist.
 - If you open it up to the public, some regulars will come and some families with children in ISS and CCHS as well as younger kids.
 - It is a charity donation, \$5 per person or \$10 per family and funds would go to the Parent Council with the funds going to the Parent Council.
 - Facility request form will be needed for a public event so that janitorial staff is available. A few volunteers would be required.
 - Gym would need to be cut in half, it's too big. Section off hallways, stairs, etc. String band would be on the stage and run it for an hour and start no later than 6:00 pm. We would need to pick a couple dates and go back to Becky. January or February would work. Cassandra will bring a potential date of February 13th to Becky and then update Alisha.

c. In-School Events:

- i. Nothing to report.

d. School Grounds/Outdoor Classroom: (Lesley Margetak and EcoClub report)

- i. Eco Club is now on the website.
- ii. See attached Eco Report.

e. Fundraising:

- i. Mabels Labels
 - Current Balance \$32.00 (pays out at \$50.00)
 - Information posted on HAS news section of website:
<https://www.horaceallenschool.ca/home/news/post/horace-allen-school-news-information>
- ii. Future Ideas:
 - Heritage Confections (Popcorn Kernels)
 - Bags of popcorn and we choose the price. Receive 40% of profits.
 - Painting Cookie Kits - no updates on website or social media. It appears they are restructuring.
 - Created By Kids - Student art fundraiser, Alisha is looking into.

f. Parent Worker Bee Committee and Recycling:

- i. Parents can sign up at this link to help teachers with preparation tasks, and we have added a slot to sign up for picking up recycling once a week:

6. SCHOOL REPORT (Elaine Garner)..... 15 Minutes
 - a. Kara Kulak has returned to the school.
 - b. Students have been involved with ideas to improve the outdoor area.
 - c. Scientists in School - will be done virtually.
 - d. Toonies for Tummies sent \$1,250.00 for the nutrition program.
 - e. Ski program, students will be skiing on March 6, 13, 20.
 - f. Winter Concert will look very different with Mrs. Neudorf only here for ½ hour once a week.
 - g. Student Led-Conferences December 5th from 4-8
 - h. 12 Days of Giving - different colored items to donate
 - i. Simone Walton to take over in Early Learning for Megan who will be off on maternity leave.
 - j. Elaine Garner announced that she will retire at the end of June 2025.
 - k. Annual Education Results Report - Kara provided an update on the report, which will be used as a working document for HAS. Data will be posted on the HAS website.

7. TRUSTEE REPORT (Greg Long / Clara Yagos - absent).....
10 Minutes
 - a. **4 Day School Week**
 - i. Nothing new to report, they are still working through the 4 day school week.
 - ii. Parents can go to the bottom of LRSD webpage to find information and share comments
<https://www.lrsd.ca/our-division/4-day-school-week>

8. FUTURE ITEMS..... 5 Minutes
 - a. Fundraising for Easter

9. NEXT MEETING DATE (Tuesday, January 28 @ 2pm, HAS Rm. 210) & ADJOURNMENT
 - a. Laura Shipowich motions to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 pm.



Eco Club News

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Horace Allen Eco Club mission: 'take care of the environment' by finding ways to help nature!

Horace Allen is a **PLATINUM level ECOSCHOOL (the highest certification awarded in Canada) so...we hope to be able to retain that status - any suggested actions or projects would be wonderful!

November -

- Earth Rangers - Fall Quest Pledge - we joined Earth Rangers which has great challenges, projects and resources. The Fall Quest is a series of 4 activities related to reducing waste. The first is to sign the pledge which our Eco Rangers have done. More info to come...
- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - Thanks to everyone who donated items, we were able to fill 6 shoeboxes and Miss Charlotte filled 2 more so Horace Allen has sent 8 boxes to some children in other countries to enjoy!
- What is Recyclable? What is Garbage? Knowing some items that are not recyclable helps to make choices when shopping.
- How long does it take items to decompose in the ocean? Did you know 'disposable diapers' take 450 years to decompose and some plastic bottles will never decompose? Our oceans are becoming littered and many creatures are harmed.

- Class "green boxes" & school recycle bins - what do we recycle? We made a list and are updating our class boxes and reminding students and teachers what can go in them!

December -

- "Buy Nothing" Day - a short [Happiness video](#) and story [Lily Learns About Wants and Needs](#) introduce the concept of financial literacy.

- "The Green Ninja" - our carbon footprint

- Making upcycle Christmas gifts/ornaments/wrapping

- Learning a Plastics 'rap' (Denise Gagne music program) - possibly to present at an assembly

Outdoor Learning Environment News

- *Log seats for tables* - we have received a quote from Jeremy at "His & Hers Woodworking" in Coleman - we will be discussing how many seats we will order for the 6 tables. (\$165.00 each finished with premium coating ready to apply a number or symbol on each)

- *Damaged tables* - unfortunately 2 of the tables have significant damage and we are looking at some way to repair and possibly re-do them all - Jeremy will have a look at them and give us some ideas. We welcome any other suggestions!

Reminder: Horace Allen is an on-going drop-off/collection site for:

1. Cell phone recycling supporting the Calgary Zoo Gorilla conservation project!
2. Used blankets/towels/facecloths supporting the CNP Animal Shelter
3. Markers/pens recycling, also household batteries!