



Horace Allen School Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 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, Melissa Martin, Lesley Margetak, Cassandra Litchfield, Laura Shipowich,
Elaine Garner, Kara Kulak, Greg Long

HASC MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER..... 5 Minutes
 - a. Alisha Reil called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm
 - b. Call for additions/amendments to agenda: None.
 - c. Approval of Agenda: Melissa Martin motions to approve the agenda.
2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES..... 5 Minutes
 - a. Laura Shipowich motions to approve the meeting minutes from [November 26, 2024](#) with a change to the future meeting date to January 21, 2025.
3. FINANCIAL REPORT (Sarah Fulton not in attendance, Alisha Reil reporting)..... 5 Minutes
 - a. \$165.00 deposited into the account for the Hot Soup Lunch.
 - b. The current account balance is \$6,999.13.
4. BUSINESS 10 Minutes.
 - a. Nothing to Report
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS..... 10 Minutes
 - a. **School Grounds/Outdoor Classroom:** (Lesley Margetak and EcoClub report) (see attached report)
 - b. **Hot Lunch Committee:** (Jessica Bley not in attendance, Alisha Reil reporting)
 - i. First Hot Lunch Next Tuesday, Jan. 28 -
 - 60 orders and 10 of them are staff orders. Low orders likely due to the options being soup and being January.
 - Requested that a paper notice be sent out next month.
 - ii. Golf Course Fundraiser - Scott has offered HAS a fundraising spot on February 21st where they do a prime rib/steak dinner and all funds to go to the student council. Volunteers are required.
 - c. **After-School Events:**
 - i. Second Fiddle Dance Evening Update: (Cassandra Litchfield)

- Fiddle Group not available for February 14th, they recommended Mar.6 (this is a Ski Day, Mar. 7 is a PD Day)
- Cassandra will touch base with Becky on new dates. If the date chosen is a Friday, we will need to make special arrangements so that a custodian is at the school.

d. **In-School Events:** Nothing to report.

e. **Fundraising:**

i. Mabels Labels

- Current Balance \$32 (pays out at \$50)
- 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 \(Popcorn Kernels\)](#)
 - No upfront costs and easy online ordering
 - Products are gluten-free, peanut-free and dairy-free
 - Earn at least 40% of every dollar sold
 - Need approximately 2 weeks notice to get a campaign set up. Run the campaign for at least 2 weeks. Then once a campaign closes, it takes about 7-10 days to get everything popped and shipped out.
- [Created By Kids](#)
 - School receives 30% of order
 - Families could receive art sheets for siblings not in school to participate and add to income for fundraising
 - Timeline:
 - Weeks 1 - 3 (starting at launch date) - artwork is completed in class
 - Week 4 - art goes home to collect orders
 - Weeks 5-8 - you send the artwork to us. The final products are delivered about 3 weeks later.

iii. Alisha to connect with Mr. Lach, Ms. Pohl, and Simone regarding the possible fundraiser.

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:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EABAB28AAFFC43-51507083-parent#/>
- ii. Kara will post on the FB page and save to the top of the FB page for easy access.

6. SCHOOL REPORT (Elaine Garner)..... 15 Minutes
- School council Elaine said that she asked them to write about why they want to be a leader in the school and she started a student council group with grade 2s and 3s.
 - Simone has taken over for Meagan McKenna in Early Learning for her maternity leave.
 - Teachers are busy doing screeners.
 - A small amount of money that came to the school from September screeners. Elaine and Kara are looking at possibly hiring a teacher for 6 weeks with the money for Grade 1 students in

literacy.

- e. There will be screened again in June.
- f. Monday is staff planning and teachers are working on a collaborative inquiry. Grade 1s are doing work on decodable texts. Grade 2s are working on comprehension. Grade 3s are working on supporting in writing. Looking at research and best practices.
- g. 1 Book 5 Schools, assembly next Wednesday, January 29th.
- h. Choir coming from Edmonton touring on January 29th and performing at our school in the afternoon.
- i. Staff goal, by the end of March, is to track steps with a goal to walk to "Ottawa".
- j. Principal Profile email, can be completed by our school council for a response.
- k. Should be a posting shortly for the Principal position.
- l. Daryl asked us to share a new procedure for school councils. Bylaws need to be on our website. Annual report needs to be submitted in June.
- m. Started Pond Parties again this past Friday.
- n. There is a new family starting today from Morocco.

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

- a. For 2025/2026, the government legislated that the bussing would change to 1.6 kms for all students including grades 7-12, who are currently from 2 kms. This will increase costs for the school division.
- b. Quarterly financial report, first quarter has run a deficit.
- c. 4 day week, speculating they would save money to change to 4 day week. First public discussion on January 28th. Then a meeting of the whole, which is not public discussion on Feb 11, in camera. Feb 25, final discussion and vote. Each trustee will be given time to speak regarding their vote and why they are voting that way.

8. FUTURE ITEMS..... 5 Minutes

- a. **CNP Literacy Donation**
 - i. Remaining amount: \$1195.20
 - ii. Cessalee is currently making the list of books.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 18 @ 2pm, HAS Rm. 210

- a. Chair Alisha not available - Alisha will check to see if Jessica is able to run the meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Cassandra Litchfield motions to adjourn the meeting at 3:17 pm.



Eco Club News

January 21, 2025

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!



- We continued the Earth Rangers' **Fall Quest!** This is a series of 4 activities related to reducing waste. **Step 1** was discussing food waste - concept of needs vs. wants and we **took the pledge!** **Step 2** was doing the **Too Tasty to Trash survey** - Eco Club reps took these home, recorded 'left-over' happenings for a week and returned the completed forms! **Step 3** is the **Bye Bye Single Use Plastics** where we are learning about plastic in the ocean and the impact on sea turtles. We made paper plate turtles and are composing a 'plastic rap'!
- Eco Club made nature and recycled Christmas gifts from pine cones, wood cookies and used cards.

Outdoor Learning Environment News

We are awaiting ideas for repairing the damaged wood stump tables before we proceed with our plans to order new log seats.

We hope to create a small Early Learning hill/slide/climber for the foothills/forest area.

Archaeological dig site planning is beginning.

Professional interpretive signage is also in the planning stages.



***Special *Thank You* to our adult Eco helpers – Crystal, Marg and Alisha who have been coming to work with the Eco leaders every meeting! They are very wonderful and help in so many ways!



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 and plastic recycling, also household batteries!**