

THORHILD CENTRAL SCHOOL: SCHOOL COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2022
8:00 PM
School & Phone Call

1. Call to order at 8:04 pm.

In attendance: Leah Schryver, April Bauer, Harco Middelkamp, David Amiot, Candice Deveau, Jamie Green, Pat Topolniski, Kristy Krause, Rhonda Pawlik, Krystle Croswell, Kendra Toronchuk, Jenny Zolkewski, Miranda Middelkamp, Leah Skowronski, Darlene Kuzik

2. Approval of Agenda: Addition 7.4: Open Gym Night. 7.5 Transportation. 7.6 Supporting community events 7.7 In person book fair 7.8 Dinner for parent teacher interviews night 7.9 Dress code at school 7.10 Winter Festival. Jamie approves agenda with additions. Candice seconds the motion.

3. Approval of Minutes: Kristy approves minutes. Pat seconds motion.

4. Trustee Report: Report by April Bauer attached for full details.

5. Principal's Report: Report by David Amiot attached for full details.

Asking School Council to assist in helping find an Educational Assistant – 25.5 hours per week.

6. Old Business

6.1 Pancake Breakfast: Funding is the issue. The nutrition program is no longer the same as previous years. Suggestion is to host one during Education Week May 2 – 6.

7. New Business

7.1 Newsletter: The school council is looking at starting a newsletter for parents that will include information on what council is up to, volunteer opportunities at the school, community events for children and families, and any sports teams sign up information. This will be further discussed at the next meeting to determine if it would be paper or virtual and how it will be funded.

7.2 Volunteer Recruiting: Bring to the next meeting.

7.3 Parking lot safety: Staff and daycare staff are parking in the student parking making it difficult for parents to pick up students after school. Will be discussed at school admin level.

- 7.4 Open Gym Night: It was proposed to look at monthly/bimonthly open gym nights at the school for students to stay and enjoy. Falls under use groups agreements to be able to host a night for students.
- 7.5 Transportation: It was proposed that Great Beginnings should get bussing one way to school. Funding and policies take care of this. Learn to ride the bus: Other divisions do this for kindergarten students. A program designed for first time bus riders to be comfortable with their travels and orientate them with the process. This is a Aspen View level decision.
- 7.6 Supporting community events: It is suggested that the school be open a bit more for community organizations to use, adult sports, and other group that may have use the facility. There are new user agreements in place for groups to use the school. This would need to be updated for all groups.
- 7.7 In person book fair: It was asked if the school could look at holding the spring book fair in person as the fall one is online. School Council can help with volunteers.
- 7.8 Dinner for parent teacher interviews: It was suggested that teachers get a supper during parent teacher interview evenings. Leah will help organize a supper for November 2 – 3 for the teachers.
- 7.9 Dress code: It was asked if there is a dress code at the school that could be put in place or enforced. There is not but students are encouraged to dress appropriately.
- 7.10 Winter Festival: There is a date set for this year's Winter Festival but it is still in the planning phase. There will be more information to come later.

8. Parking lot:

8.1 None to report

9. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on November 21 at 5:30 pm at the school and via TEAMS meeting.

10. Adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Thorhild School Council Meeting October 17, 2022 Trustee Report

Curriculum implementation September 2022 (K-3 ELAL & Math, K-6 PhysEd and Wellness)

September 2023 (4-6 ELAL & Math, K-3 Fine Arts, Science, French LAL)

September 2024 (K-6 Social Studies, 4-6 Fine Arts, Science, French LAL)

AVPS Board met with Minister LeGrange September 30 for an hour. Spoke with her about transportation, curriculum implementation issues and rural sustainability. Learned that the cost of MELT training has been lowered to \$5000, the Minister is working with Transportation to see if there is more that can be done. School buses can now travel at posted highway speed limits.

Trustee Lutz has resigned from Ward 1. Brenda Fulmore was acclaimed in the bi-election.

AVPS is at 2655 students, up 144 from last year's enrolment (up 135 from projections).

Alberta School Councils Grant again this year \$500, last year's funds can still be used.

COSC in Boyle November 3 5:30-7pm.

Principal's Report - October 17, 2022

1. Student Enrolment:

- Great Beginnings - 20
- K-26
- 1-27
- 2-26
- 3-20
- 4-31
- 5-24
- 6-24
- 7-29
- 8-24
- 9-27
- 10-16
- 11-24
- 12-21
- TOTAL = 339 Students

2. Elementary Morning Recess Change

- Due to challenges getting students back to class (especially in winter) and subsequent loss of instructional time, the morning elementary recess has been removed from the TCS timetable.
- Lunch recess (11:25-12:11) and afternoon recess (1:47-2:07) have been increased.
- Elementary teachers can still take their students out for elementary recess or planned "body breaks" in the morning (i.e. as determined by each elementary teacher).

3. AP 360: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting of Student Achievement

- Adjustments were made to this AP after the feedback received at the Admin Association meeting and a meeting of the original committee
- AP360

4. Green Certificate Presentations to Grades 7 - 12

- Held at TCS on Tuesday, October 11th
- Ms. Jennifer Stoby from Lakeland College was the presenter
- Since we are an agricultural community, we are encouraging more students to register in this program (i.e. Grades 10 - 12)
- Overall student feedback was very positive!

5. Educational Assistant Search

- Challenges with recruiting EAs

6. Upcoming School Events

- Student Awards Night
 - 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 27th
- Try-A-Trade® event in the Heartland Community
 - Tuesday, November 1st from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Dow Centennial Centre in Fort Saskatchewan
 - Activities will include plumbing, carpentry, baking, welding, and more!
 - Grade 9 students and interested high school students will be attending
- K - 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews - 3:30 - 6:30 p.m., November 2nd & 3rd
 - Wednesday, November 2nd: In-person Interviews
 - Thursday, November 3rd: Telephone or Virtual Interviews
- Educational Liaison Association of Alberta (ELAA)
 - TCS is hosting an ELAA Post-Secondary Event on Wednesday, November 23rd from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 - Parents & Grade 9 - 12 students are encouraged to attend