

# THORHILD CENTRAL SCHOOL: SCHOOL COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2023  
5:30 PM  
Foods Lab

**1. Call to order at 5:37 pm.**

In attendance: April Bauer, Harco Middelkamp, David Amiot, Candice Deveau, Jamie Green, Kristy Krause, Rhonda Pawlik, Krystal Crowell, Darlene Kuzyk, Casey Maguire-Neaves, Pat Topolniski, Miranda Middelkamp, Kelly Feledichuk, Christina Dowhan, Leah Skowronski

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved by Candice. Jamie seconds motion.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Kristy approves minutes. Jamie seconds motion.

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

*ACTION: Aspen View Friends of School nomination needed by March 1.*

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

**6. Parking Lot:**

6.1 Pancake Breakfast for Education Week will be sponsored by Thorhild ATB.

6.2 Future Council Initiatives: Discuss with Thorhild County FCSS to find sessions that could be held for parents. Dragonfly also holds learning sessions for families/students/parents. This would use the money given to councils annually. Will reach out to Alberta School Council Association for sessions that can be held for our council.

6.3 School start program updates for next year

6.4 School Council Goals for 2023/2024

**7. Old Business**

7.1 Update on Parent Teacher Communications: Staff meeting held to discuss what would be the best form of communication. Other schools were also consulting to see what forms of communication are used between parents and teachers. The expectation is that there is communication back and forth between parents and teachers, but teachers are not expected to use a specific form. Discussion for the potential for a parent learning session for the apps used by teachers.

**8. New Business**

8.1 School Survey for families at the end of the year: Other schools are sending out surveys to families at the school to find out likes and dislikes from parents and students. This will help with finding things that can be done in school to improve. All in attendance agreed this would be beneficial for our school as well to learn what families like or dislike.

8.2 White School Bus Update: This was discussed at the TEAM meeting. The buses are currently being worked on. One bus should be back in use in a month's time.

8.3 Archery: 59 Archers enrolled this year from Grade 4 – 12. There are 2 practices a week. There are upcoming tournaments for students attend.

**9. Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Monday, March 20 at 5:30 pm at the school Foods Lab and via TEAMS meeting.

**10. Adjourned at 6:35 pm.**

## **TCS School Council Meeting February 2023 - Trustee's Report**

Aspen View is currently in the process of meeting with each municipality within our division. Our meeting with County of Thorhild has been postponed. At these informal meetings we share with those in attendance a one pager on their local school including some historical data as well as some data that encompasses the whole division. Mr OShea is willing to attend a School Council meeting to share this document with parents in attendance.

AP 154-Dispute Resolution has been developed. Important to note Dispute vs Decision.

AVPS has 626 self identified indigenous students, 22.3% of our student population. The rate of High School completion with this group of students significantly increases at the 4 and 5 year mark from 56.9% completing to 81%.

At our last meeting we had a presentation from two of our High School Graduation leads, Kelly Feledichuk and Ashley Romaniuk. Their work on building relationships with students and parents and fostering relationships with local businesses is a huge asset to our students and communities.

Aspen View Friends of Education award nominations are due March 1. The Friends of Education Award recognizes organizations or individuals who have made a special contribution to education in Aspen View Public Schools. The primary criteria of the Friends of Education Award is a significant contribution to education in Aspen View Public Schools. Nominees should be demonstrably committed to the improvement of education of students. The service must be documented. Additional consideration will be given to nominees whose contributions involve more than one school, and/or are over a significant time frame.

We are happy to welcome back Amber Oko to the position of Secretary Treasurer. She will start in April.

Next meeting March 9, 2023

## Principal's Report - February 21, 2023

### 1. 2022-2023 Education Assurance Survey for Parents

- <https://public.education.alberta.ca/APOS/>
- Alberta Education mailed out parent survey packages on February 6th
- Parents can complete the survey online or return paper copies to Alberta Education
- Last year, only ten parents completed the survey
- Parent survey submission deadline is March 3, 2023

### 2. Penguin Visit

- "Tweeblick" the Penguin visited our Kindergarten to Grade 4 students on February 14, 2023
- Tweeblick is an African Penguin housed at Marine Life in West Edmonton Mall
- WEM representative named Garaf made an informative presentation to our students
- Our students were excited to see Tweeblick and asked numerous questions!
- Thanks to Mrs. Kuzik for organizing this event and Mrs. Gabbey for introducing Tweeblick and Trainer Garaf!

### 3. Outdoor Education Overnight Stay

- Mr. Klein-Fraser facilitated a junior high outdoor education overnight stay on February 14th
- Six of our fearless students participated in fire building and shelter building but eventually had to warm up in the school (i.e. they watched Shrek)
- Students enjoyed a hot dog roast that evening and a pancake breakfast

### 4. Long Lake Ski Trip

- Grades 4 to 9 will be skiing at Long Lake
- Grades 4, 6, 8 on Monday, February 27th
- Grades 5, 7, 9 on Monday, March 6th
- Depending on the number of high school students who are interested in going skiing, we may be able to accommodate high school students on one of the dates listed above
- Thanks to TEAM (Together Enriching Academic Minds) for providing us with some generous funding to keep costs low for families!

### 5. Aspen View Career Connector

- Please check out the new "Aspen View Career Connector" newsletter by accessing the following link:

[https://www.canva.com/design/DAFZcXaBD4E/s6Xf3Cgg\\_MOPSAQqgdWnKQ/edit?utm\\_content=DAFZcXaBD4E&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link2&utm\\_source=sharebutton](https://www.canva.com/design/DAFZcXaBD4E/s6Xf3Cgg_MOPSAQqgdWnKQ/edit?utm_content=DAFZcXaBD4E&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton)

- Please contact our AVPS Program Coordinator - Student Engagement, Success Coach, and Off Campus Coordinator for more information about careers: Mrs. Kelly Feledichuk [kelly.feledichuk@asperview.org](mailto:kelly.feledichuk@asperview.org) (780) 398-3610