

THORHILD CENTRAL SCHOOL: SCHOOL COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2021
4:00 PM
Zoom Call

1. Call to order at 4:27 pm.

In attendance: Leah Schryver, April Bauer, Melissa Schwab, Harco Middelkamp, David Amiot, Jessie Schimpf, Krystle Crosswell, Candice Deveaux, Miranda Middelkamp, Jamie Green

2. Approval of Agenda: Jamie Green moved to approve the agenda. Carried. 7.2 Parking Lot Safety was added to the agenda. 7.3 Cafeteria was added to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes: Jamie Green moved to approve the minutes from last meeting. Carried.

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

- September's projected student enrollment numbers for Aspen View Public Schools were 2576 with the actual enrollment numbers at 2511.
- Discussed budget numbers and amounts with reference to what upgrades can be expected at TCS.

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

- Discussed what the new AHS covid outbreak status looks like in schools: 10 or more positive cases in a 14-day period in school will be considered an outbreak and AHS will take over. 3 or more positive cases in a class in a 5-day period will see the class change to online learning while students stay home.
- In contact with the yearbook creators to discuss the options for adding the online learners to the year books that just came out.
- Working to ensure online learners from last school year are recognized for their achievements

6. Old Business

6.1 Pancake Breakfast: Due to the covid situation and restrictions still in place, planning for a pancake breakfast will be pushed another month.

ACTION: Have a member of the executive look into applying for the Breakfast Club of Canada funding which could give an additional \$20,000 to the breakfast program at school.

7. New Business

7.1 School Council Christmas Party: There not be a school Christmas concert this year due to covid. The staff are looking into other options for the students to participate in Christmas activities.

ACTION: Krystal Crowell will look into donation options for a meal or Christmas bags.

7.2 Parking Lot Safety: There have been complaints of vehicles speeding through the parking lot which threatens the safety of students walking through the parking lot. Mr. Amiot recommends recording the license plate and bringing it to his attention to be handled. TCS works with the RCMP and the County By-law offer to help maintain safety in the parking lots. Another suggestion was to have parent volunteers to monitor the parking lot at the end of the day by wearing reflective vests and walking the parking lots.

7.3 Cafeteria: There have been some concerns regarding the breakfast program meals been provided to the students as well as the menu diversity options. If parents or students have any concerns, it has been encouraged to email or call the Bulldog Bistro staff directly as they are very receptive and willing to accommodate.

8. Parking lot: nothing to be added to the parking lot.

9. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on November 22 at 4:00 pm.

10. Adjourned at 5:23 pm.

School Council Trustee Update-TCS October 2021

Aspen View September 30 enrolment numbers – 2511

We will be finalizing our fall budget and preparing for our 2020-21 audit in November. It looks like we will end up with a surplus of \$269k for 2020-21, due mostly to staffing. In the spring budget we approved a projected deficit of \$565k for 2021-22. With the unanticipated decrease in enrolment at the end of September, we will need to make some adjustments.

In 2020-21 we spent just over \$2M on facilities upgrades, enhancements and repairs. All schools got touchless taps installed in the washrooms, new flow meters, and new phone systems. TCS got the floor plugs in the home ec room removed, heater installed in exterior gym storage area, repairs to the air handling unit, handicap door closure and door buzzer, replaced all the car plugs in the staff parking area, as well as the paving of the parking lot and a roof section repair. This year we have \$845k allocated for IMR/CMR. On the list for TCS this year is some weeping tile in our basement boiler room, a quick valve replacement on the gym AHU. Long term plans for TCS include a drama room upgrade ('23), AC for the cafeteria ('23), AC for the tech room ('23), and a CTS room upgrade ('24).

AVPS has established a Public School Works learning protocol for all employees, including head office staff and trustees. Employees will be required to complete training and safety courses online as part of our OH&S directives. Courses include things like slip/trip/fall, WHMIS, harassment, back safety, etc.

AVPS has on staff this year 161.4 FTE teaching, 119 support, 7 maintenance, 5 technology. We have hired our own SLP that will travel the division.

2020-21 AVPS Scholarships were awarded to 15 High Honors over 90-100% \$500 and 29 Honors 80-89% \$300 students across the division out of approximately 200 graduates.

Breakfast Club of Canada Grant. Both Vilna and Grassland have received funds for their programs.

Next Board meeting October 25

Principal's Report - October 18, 2021

1. COVID-19 Update

- "...the definition of a COVID-19 'outbreak' is changing. A school outbreak will now be reported as 10 or more COVID-19 cases within a 14 day period that were infectious while at school. The previous update will remain in place for other respiratory or gastrointestinal illnesses.
- During the week of October 12th, contact notification within schools commenced. AHS will be sharing case specific information with schools. School authorities and schools, using guidance being developed, will determine in school close contacts and will be required to notify parents/guardians of the identified contacts (**i.e. information sent via SwiftReach**). Alberta Health Services will take over the lead on contact notification in schools within the next several weeks and once they hire staff to support this process.
- Beginning during the week of October 12th, if three or more COVID-19 cases are identified within a five day period in a Kindergarten to Grade 6 class, AHS will issue an *exclusion notification*, shifting students to at-home learning. Exclusion letters will be issued on a class-by-class basis and any classes in receipt of an exclusion letter will be required to shift to at-home learning for 10 days. Because AHS does not collect class information, they will be relying on school authorities to notify them of classes that meet the exclusion criteria".

2. Student Awards - Online Learners

- Superintendent O'Shea will be discussing how schools recognized online learners with regard to student awards at the next Admin Association meeting on October 27, 2021
- TCS will be recognizing last year's online students for Honors awards but has been asked to wait for direction from Division Office to ensure consistent practices are happening throughout the school division

3. 2020-2021 Yearbook - Online Learners

- Online learners' photos are missing in the 2020-2021 school yearbooks
- TCS is working with Lifetouch to resolve this situation
- Regardless of associated costs, TCS will be ensuring that all school yearbooks are reprinted to include photos of last year's online learners