

THORHILD CENTRAL SCHOOL: SCHOOL COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2022
4:00 PM
Zoom Call

1. Call to order at 4:10 pm.

In attendance: Leah Schryver, April Bauer, Harco Middelkamp, David Amiot, Phonda Pawlik, Candice Deveaux, Jamie Green, Pat Topolniski, Kristy Krause, Jamie Green, Melissa Guglich, Krystle Crowell, Chris Lahti, Miranda Middlekamp, Leah Skowronski

2. Approval of Agenda: Jamie moved to approve the agenda. Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes: Remove Leah Schryver from the December minutes. Jamie moved to approve the amended minutes. Carried.

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

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

6. Old Business

6.1 none to report

7. New Business

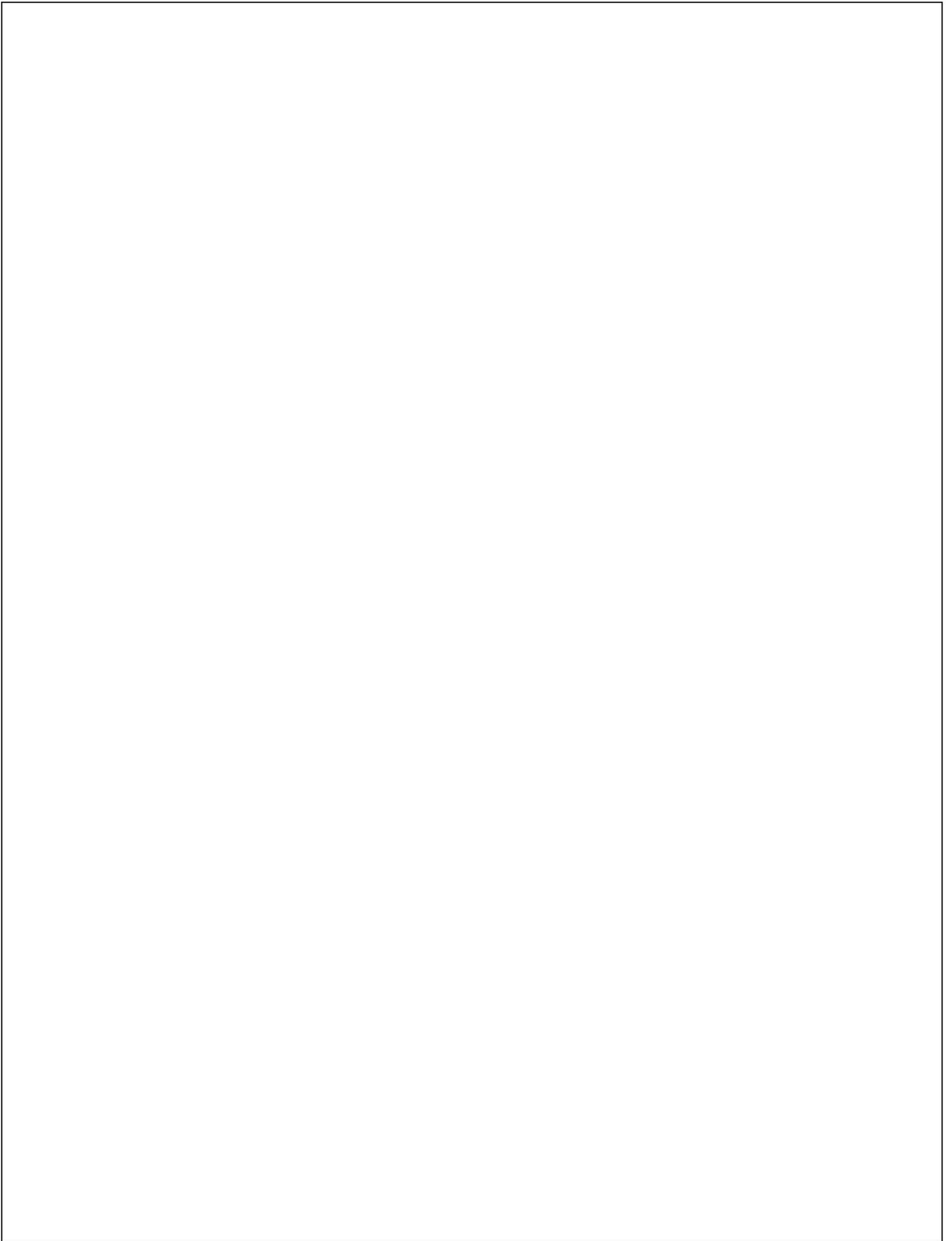
7.1 Parent concern with the timing of the notifications from the school regarding absences. The notifications come after 6:00 pm which doesn't help if students do not make it to school for the morning. It was noted that it is likely a power school notification setting within the app and parents can change that as they like. The school will have a look at the times and how the program is working to see if there are any changes needed.

8. Parking lot:

8.1 Pancake breakfast, with the current health advisories and restrictions, should be possible for May during Education Week.

9. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on February 28 at 4:00 pm.

10. Adjourned at 4:55 pm.



TCS School Council Meeting January 2022 - Trustee's Report

I am pleased to share that Mrs Wesley has accepted a position with Careers Next Generation, an initiative she has worked hard over the years to share across Aspen View. We welcome Sean Morrison into the position of interim principal at the CAVE.

Policy 15-School and Program Viability After receiving 10 year historical information on the enrollment numbers for Rochester School a motion was made to conduct a viability study on Rochester School. The Board will be reviewing that information at our February 24 meeting.

The Ministry of Education announced a slower implementation of the new curriculum, moving forward with ELA & Literature, Math, and Phys Ed & Wellness for September 2022. This does still put a tremendous amount of pressure on staff in preparation of three new subject areas across Grades 1-6. We are continuing to lobby for a staggered implementation as well as further revisions to the proposed curriculum.

The Board approved the final revisions for the 2022/23 calendar. Highlights are August 25/26 operational days for teachers, August 29/30 staggered entry of students, August 31 first full day for all students, September 30 no school in observance of National Truth and Reconciliation Day and to offset this day off May 18 will be a regular school day for staff and students. The calendar should be available on school websites. The Board will be looking at the 2023/24 calendar in February or March.

We have upgraded our transportation software to BusPlanner. There will be a gradual rollout over the spring with full implementation before the end of June. This will ensure a smooth start up in September.

Our next regular Board meeting is January 20/22 in Athabasca

Principal's Report - January 17, 2022

1. COVID-19 Test Kits & Masks

Each staff member and student was provided one box of rapid test kits and one bundle of ten masks on Friday, January 14th. It is not compulsory to use either the medical masks or rapid tests provided by the Government of Alberta.

Masks were bundled as shown below:

- • In a clean and sanitized work area.
- • Mrs. Melnyk wore appropriate PPE (masks and gloves were required).
- • Excessive hand hygiene protocols were followed. Hand-washing and sanitizing

was performed regularly.

- • For tracking purposes, each baggie of masks and test kit were labeled with the students' names.

Use of the provided medical-grade masks is optional, however, mask-wearing remains mandatory for all Grade 4-12 students and staff, and is strongly recommended for K-3 students. Masking remains mandatory on school buses for everyone, regardless of age.

Information from the Government of Alberta on how to use the rapid tests can be found through the following links:

- • [Education At-Home Rapid Testing Program](#)
- • [How-To Video](#)

TCS will reach out to school families with information as additional masks and rapid tests are received.

For more Government of Alberta information regarding public health measures within schools, please refer to <https://www.alberta.ca/k-12-learning-during-covid-19.aspx>. Additional information can also be found within the [Aspen View Public Schools 2021-22 Return to School Plan](#).

2. Reporting of Positive COVID Cases

a. Alberta Health Services will **not** be notifying schools or school authorities of

positive COVID cases in students or staff. At this point, if we are notified by parents that their child has tested positive, Aspen View will **not** be following up with a letter to the class or school community.

3. Extra-curricular

a. Currently, we can continue with practices for sports teams and other activities,

but no games or tournaments with other schools

i. Will be re-visited as more guidance is given

b. For now, no new volunteers will be in our school until further notice

4. Potential Shift to Online Learning

a. There is no longer a threshold of absences or positive COVID-19 cases that

would lead to a decision to shift a class, grade, school or division to online learning. School boards are responsible for determining when it is necessary to move to online learning and to follow the appropriate steps. This will be managed from Aspen View Division office in conjunction with schools.

5. TCS January 2022 High School Exam Schedule

1. All Diploma Examinations in Alberta are cancelled for January 2022
2. Every teacher will be expected to give a final assessment of some type for core classes (exam or otherwise)
3. No teacher final assessments will be worth more than 10%
4. Final assessments will be accessible to students to write in person or if they are in isolation
5. Students unable to complete final assessments will not be penalized
6. Core classes will run regular classes until their respective exam date
7. Last day for regular classes for options/CTS classes will be Jan. 27th (Thursday)
6. Report
 1. Will be accessible to parents via PowerSchool on February 1st
 2. Hard copies may be requested due to exceptional circumstances
7. Curriculum Update

a. In December 2021, Alberta Education announced changes to the implementation

schedule of the new curriculum for Kindergarten to Grade 6 to address feedback from many stakeholders in the province. Information can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum.aspx>. The next few months will be critical in determining a pathway toward implementation of the new English Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics and Physical Education and Wellness curricula. More information will be available in early spring.

8. Bus Status App

1. This app is how bus cancellations will be messaged out within Aspen View Public Schools
2. Anyone can download the app on their cell phones (see instructions below).

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Download the **Bus Status** App

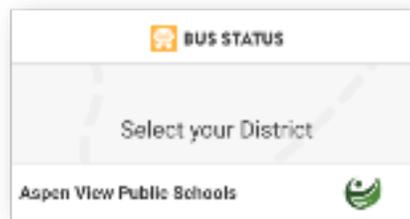
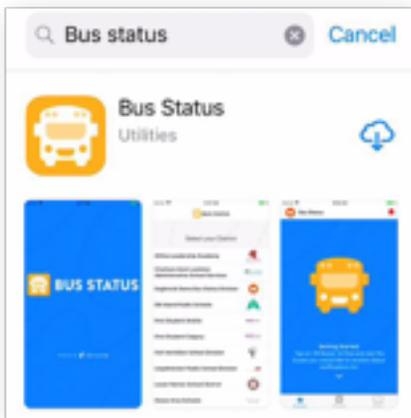
1. Search "Bus Status" on the App Store or Google Play, or use the QR codes below:
2. Download the *Bus Status* app by Box Clever.
3. Open the app and select *Aspen View Public Schools* from the list.



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4. Go to *All Buses*. Tap the star to add a bus to *My Buses*.
5. You'll receive a notification when one of your buses is Delayed, Cancelled, or Early.

Bus Status

Search Buses or Drivers

Filter By Area

Filter By Schools

- 101-27**
On Time Contractor: Sparksman Transportation
- 102-15**
On Time Contractor: Sparksman Transportation
- 105-17**
On Time Contractor: Sparksman Transportation
- 109-28**
On Time Contractor: Yvonne Cumberton
- 110-19**
On Time Contractor: Sparksman

My Buses All Routes Alerts

Bus 105 is Cancelled

Bus 105 is cancelled. Comments: Bus has a flat tire

Close

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Important reminder

It's a new school year. Please remember to add your new bus routes to My Buses!

Clear Notification

Bus Status