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Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 23 @ 6:30 ÉWES Staff Room

Laura Lang, Chair Johanna Havelaar, Treasurer Alisha McLean, Member (online) Ron Davis, Member (regrets) Sarah Gallina, Vice Chair	Donna Haughton, Member (online) Sharon MacCoubrey, Principal Val Long, Vice-Principal Sheila Merkley, parent Deb Bartlette, guest - AYSCBC
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1. Call to Order - 18:40

2. Adoption of Agenda

- Add – 6.3
- Remove – 7.1 Wellness Committee (deferred until September meeting).

3. Adoption of the June Minutes

- Change “co-chair” to “vice chair”
- Adopt Canadian spelling (eg: favour instead of favor)
- Sarah motioned, Johanna. Seconded, all in favour

4. Recognition of Community Members

- Sheila Merkley, Parent
- Deb Bartlette, guest from AYSCBC

5. Reports

- a. Administration Report – Sharon MacCoubrey
 - Discuss beginning of school. Short one staff member, backfilled for September
 - Need to fill 2 EA positions
 - Stream of Dreams – Friday September 1st to wire fish to the fence
 - Cards for local veteran – will be presented by a class
 - Terry Fox, Orange Shirt Day
 - From the Ground Up – no veggies this year (barley mix and grains etc)

- Wellness position in every school
 - What are the qualifications of the people filling the wellness positions?
 - Sharon will ask Trevor Radcliffe (acting superintendent) about the difference between the new positions and what the school already has, the intended approach, and potential alternatives.
- b. Financial/Treasurer Report – Johanna Havelaar
 - Will be presented at the AGM.
- c. Budget Review - Johanna Havelaar
 - 2022-2023 budget vs 2023-2024 approved budget
 - Playground for new school? – fundraising ideas

6. New Business

6.1. AYSCBC Strategic Planning Initiative - Deb Bartlette

- Draft plan at fall conference in November
- How should AYSCBC change and adapt and support School Councils going forward?
- **Questions:**
 - What are the biggest challenges you face as a school council?
 - Clarification of authorities and roles for SCs and AYSCBC
 - Education Act is unclear
 - Data and use of data by YG and communicating/sharing with parents
 - What does AYSCBC do best in supporting your work as a school council?
 - Treasurer training
 - Conferences
 - What else do you need or want from them to support your school council?
 - More training/opportunities for interaction with other school councils
 - Information on what support is possible from AYSCBC
 - What are things that you think AYSCBC could be doing better or more effectively in general/on a systems level? What is currently working well?
 - Is AYSCBC able to help SCs connect with the department of Education?
 - SC acquired a legal opinion with help of AYSCBC but nothing was done with it
 - Any other comments or suggestions?
 - Coordination and amalgamation of school council issues
 - Policy work possible through AYSCBC?
 - Does AYSCBC need to exist, does it need to change, does something else need to happen (e.g.: school boards)
 - Should AYSCBC need to change its name (no school boards involved)

6.2. New SC members

- Member positions available until end of school year, election in April for School Council for 2024-2026

6.3. AGM

- September 25th at 6:00pm-6:30pm
 - Kelly will post information – Journal News, Facebook, Coming Events in the news
 - How do we attract parents?
 - Food: Cupcakes and Pizza
 - Babysitting – check if people want to bring their kids

- RSVP necessary

6.4. General communication with parents

- Laura will write-up activities from last year and a welcome for this year and send to Sharon to send out

7. Standing Business

7.1. French Second Language – Laura

- Nothing to report

7.2. Committees

- Project Advisory Committee (PAC) – Laura/Sarah
 - Next meeting August 28th
 - Spot available due to Thane's resignation
- School Growth Plan – Sharon MacCoubrey
 - Nothing to report – focusing on structured literacy
- Transportation Committee – Ron Davis
 - Nothing to report
- New committee positions available through the department. Look for an e-mail.

8. SC Priority Items of the Year

8.1. Defer to next meeting

- Consider a dance

9. Next Meeting – September 25th, 2023

10. Adjournment of Council Meeting at 8:40pm