

# School Council Annual General Meeting

Minutes – Oct. 29, 2024 6:00pm

In-person: Library/Learning Commons; Virtual: Microsoft Teams

1. Call to Order by Danielle at 6:02pm.

2. Attendance

In-person parents: Danielle Luft, Lori Beal, Nancy McCallum, Heather Friessen, Suzanne Farshori, Sam Diamond, Karly Courtney

Online parents: Diana Tokalic

Staff: Alexandros Fotopoulos - Principal, Camille Haggar - Assistant Principal (online)

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Sept. 24, 2024

**Motion:** Nancy motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Lori. Carried.

4. New Business

NE Calgary Adopt a Family Society

A parent has a connection to the NE Calgary Adopt a Family Society and they would like to offer assistance with school supplies or any other specific needs within the school community. The school has an over abundance of school supplies, but there are needs for food or gift cards. Nancy is on the board for NE Adopt a Family and she can arrange a meeting with them.

Alberta School Councils Association has sent an email advertising some school council learning workshops that are engagement grant eligible. They also have a free virtual engagement event to talk about emotion regulation and children.

5. Chair's Report

No report.

6. Principal's Report - Presented by Mr. Fotopoulos

- School population is currently at 540, but more students have been enrolling.
- We have managed to change 2 banks of the small lockers in the old changerooms to half sized lockers for grade 7. Some of these had to be purchased but some were donated.
- Sports: soccer is wrapped up, basketball is still going. Fee payment is an issue. Many families do not pay their student athletic fees. Mr. Foto would like to discuss this further at the next meeting.
- Teams would like to do tournaments but these are expensive. The cost is for refs and facilities staff. Ideally we could do an exhibition game on Friday afternoons which is more affordable, but this would have to be for next year as the window for planning

basketball tournaments has closed. The tournament planning for volleyball is now as this season starts in the new year.

- Wish list from teachers will be presented at the next meeting. The requests will be for career and technology foundations, residencies, athletics, and field trips.
- School development plan is due Nov. 1. The focus will be on numeracy, literacy, wellness and oral French. Looking to increase the success rates in these areas. Currently the school has over 55% English as an additional language (EAL) students. These students work in small groups through a set schedule to work on areas of improvement. The school is hoping to hire someone to work on numeracy and literacy in the new year.. This is a new year in the 3 year cycle. Mental math is suffering the most followed by fractions and decimals.
- The school is at 50/50 French and English students. There are 29 Intensive French students.
- Mr. Foto proposed the following meeting dates for the 2024-25 school year: Nov. 26, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Apr. 29 and May 27. No meeting in Dec., March or June.

7. Questions/Comments from Parents Regarding Principal's Report

- For athletics, what is affordable to families? It was suggested that the fundraising society could pay for tournaments. These generally cost around \$600. Transportation is not included.
- A parent suggested the school should post notices that fees are posted in PowerSchool as a reminder for parents to pay their fees. There is no system to notify parents that fees are due and many parents may not think to check their account.
- Has the school conducted any student satisfaction surveys and do we have any results from the last one? The school hasn't done any for this year and is likely not planning any for this year. There was an AB survey just completed but results have not been shared yet. The AB one will be posted in November.
- Will there be a Quebec trip this year? There aren't any teachers to take this on. The ones who committed last year are no longer at the school. We would have to join along with another school.
- When are volleyball tryouts? January.

8. Liaison & Committee Updates

a. Key Communicator

This position is vacant.

b. Marlborough Community Association Events: Diana Tocalic

Keep an ear out for these events. At the last nerf wars police showed up for a fun surprise.

9. Election of New Positions

Chair - Suzanne Farshori volunteered. All in favour.

Vice Chair - Sam Diamond volunteered. All in favour.

Secretary - Lori Beal volunteered to continue. All in favour.

Treasurer - Nancy McCallum volunteered to continue. All in favour.

Key Communicator - Karly Courtney volunteered. All in favour.

Director at Large x2 - Heather Friesen volunteered to continue. All in favour. One vacancy.

10. Next Meeting Date

Nov. 26, 2024, 6:00pm.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Danielle at 6:32pm.