# Dr. Plaxton Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes March 16th 6:30

- 1. Meeting Called to order by Jan Davies, March 16, 2022, 6:44pm
- 2. Land Acknowledgement
- Welcome/Introductions by Jan Davies. 8 people in attendance. All in attendance introduced themselves and told their connection to the school. Microsoft Teams not working.
- 4. Additions to Agenda: Changes to bell times for 2022/23 school year and possible Plaxton Running club
- 5. Approval of Agenda: Caylee Low, Second: Brooke Oviatt
- 6. Approval of the Minutes from January 19, 2022: Brooke Oviatt, Second: Caylee Low

# 7. Admin Report: Erin Hurkett

- Thank you to Parents for the lunch and treats for teacher appreciation week.
- School wide events:
- Grade 5 basketball- New Jerseys
- Maker Space- Mars Month, building and constructing, kids love it, whole school involved, unifying
- Grade 4 Carnival project, simple machines
- Report cards, Parent/teacher conferences
- Learning team meetings happening this month
- Recess: broken up cohorting, continue to monitor grades interacting
- Outdoor equipment is ordered, should be here soon, hoops, gaga ball and pitt
- School data and programming
  - standard comparing using data from previous

years

- Literacy and numeracy assessments have been high. Slightly lower in grade 3.
- Assess in October and again in the spring. Boost program- Grade 2 & 3 students participating in the interventions. Gr. 1's will start in 2 weeks. 6 students in each intervention group.
- Parents expressed concerns over Covid learning delays. Discussion about Dr.Plaxton's literacy focus for all grades and the resources available.
- Professional learning:
- Teacher convention Jan 28th, talked about

guided learning.

- March 18th: No School

- Spring production in May Planning: Have whole school attend?

Staggered, Day? Evening?

Teacher Report: Lara Hall

- Thank you for teacher appreciation meal
- Teacher convention courses a success on

teams/ zoom. Variety of courses to pick from.

- Mars Month, presenter from Nasa, common theme was unifying for the whole school.
- Grade 5 basketball was a success and

wrapping up next week

- School is allowing field trips, taking a bus
- Making plans for grade 5 graduation
- Focus in school is literacy, using small groups

- Exciting to see the growth in the students!

8. District School Council Report- Email from Jamie Walburger



#### Re: School Council Meeting

#### Hi Erin!

When I click the link for tonight's meeting, Teams keeps telling me that the live event hasn't started yet.

For Division School Council, I just wanted to bring forward more information/clarification on using the ASCE grant.

Minutes on what was discussed, copied and pasted:

- 8. Engagement Fund Discussion (opportunity to share ideas councils have come up with to utilize the funds)
- S.R. Discussion on ideas with how Schools plan to use the \$500 grant:
- One parent has children in 3 schools and each school plans on using it on a presentation on mental health and each school at kids age level. Question: When does the grant expire? Answer: The grant expires at the end of the school year (June) and if a school chooses not to use it, that money will not be available any further, the \$500 will be sent back to the provincial government.
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- There was a suggestion, sometimes an instructor or presentation is more than \$500, School Councils

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school and allowing parents to have contact with agencies that they haven't had contact with due to Covid. This is an opportunity for Parents to see what is available, what are the costs, what are the dates.

Question: Most of those agencies wouldn't charge for that event, so you can't use the grant for refreshments, so how would you spend the money? Answer: for an event like that, you may not be able to spend the money, but you could have the community even as a jumping point to engage with Parents. It would be nice if you could use \$100 for refreshments as that is how to get people in the door. Alberta Education doesn't allow that currently.

Question: The \$250 from the Division to send folks to the ASCA, could that be used for parent engagement? Also, if you didn't use the \$250 last year, can you use last years and this years towards parent engagement? Answer (Trustee A.P): Yes, the \$250 can be used for parent engagement instead of sending parents to ASCA. Need to clarify if that money can be used to spend money on refreshments.

Clarification (addition to the Minutes): it has been clarified that the \$250 can be used for refreshments, however the goal is to use it for the engagement of parents. Also, the \$250 is not returned to the Divisions, the schools retain the \$250 and can be use cumulatively.

 School Council Community Engagement Funding from Alberta Education will be a standing agenda item to generate some ideas.

Thanks!



- At Agnes Davidson, they are looking at offering Parent French classes.
- There was a suggestion, sometimes an instructor or presentation is more than \$500, School Councils could pool their money together. For example, bring in Bonnie Stelmach could come in and talk/ presentation. o Bonnie Stelmach has done a lot with Parent engagement and throughout the pandemic, she has a lot of great information on parent engagement. o She does presentations on building School Community. o <a href="https://">https://</a> intersectioneducation.com/2019/10/15/58-dr-bonnie-stelmach-buildingschool-communities/
- Board Leadership offers some amazing opportunities to learn about how Boards and Councils work, how to write grants, Roberts Rules of Order, etc.
- There is a session with Debbie Pushor, March 24th, called 'Join the Gentle Revolution'. o Tickets are under \$20 each, so if your school is looking to spend those funds and use to see Debbie Pushor, which would be a great use of the \$500. o <a href="https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/engaging-parents-the-gentle-revolution-with-drdebbie-pushor-tickets-269215409537?ref=eios">https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/engaging-parents-the-gentle-revolution-with-drdebbie-pushor-tickets-269215409537?ref=eios</a>
- Wilson Middle School is having an engagement evening and are having agencies, sports organizations, Jump Starts, etc.... come into the school and allowing parents to have contact with agencies that they haven't had contact with due to Covid. This is an opportunity for Parents to see what is available, what are the costs, what are the

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# 9. Committee Reports

### 9.1 Hot Lunch: Jennie Low

- Hot lunch going well!
- \$266.75 Subway (March)
- \$268.78 Booster Juice (February)
- \$488.07 Little Caesars (January)
- Tacotime next week
- Donations: Costco \$300, Superstore
   \$100, Lakeview Bakery donated buns

## 10. Old Business

10.1 Adoption of the Plaxton School Council OperatingProcedures: Motion: Jennie Low, Second: Brooke Oviatt10.2 Adoption of the PIPA Policy Motion: Caylee Low Second: Jen Gordon

#### 11. New Business

- 11.1 Fundraising for Additional Playground: Need a society, Plan to do an establishment meeting after April 2022 meeting
  - Maybe a "Superhero run" for fundraising
  - Grocery card/fast food card fundraiser
- 11.2 Vote to use hot lunch funds for Teacher Appreciation Week March 14-18, 2022 Motion: Jana McFarland Second: Caylee Low
- 11.3 Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant

https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/workshops/albertaschool-council-engagement-asce-grant

- Each school council has \$500 to be used by the end of the school year. Funds are entered around

"engagement with parents"; Workshops/information sessions

- Discussed ideas, Erin Hurkett will look into it further.
- See Jamie's district emails above for further detail

Addition: Running Club: Jennie Low

- Many families used to participate in running club at Lakeview
- Could do 3:15pm- 3:45pm Mondays & Thursdays. Lead up to Little souls Marathon June 1st (2 miles)
- Maybe have shirts made and available on School cash online

Bell times: Changed for September because of bus routes

- 8:40-3:50 Elementary
- 7:55-2:45 Middle School
- 8:00-2:50 High School

# 12. Future Meeting Dates

12.1 April 13, May 18, June 15

13. Adjournment: Motion Jennie Second: Jen Gordon

Ending time: 8:30pm