

Dr. Plaxton Elementary School Council Meeting
Minutes - June 14, 2023

1. Jan Davies called meeting to order 8:31 p.m.
2. Land Acknowledgment
3. Welcome/Introductions
Present - Jan Davies, Jaelyn Belisle, Caylee Low, Jennifer Gordon, Leah Hogg, Jenn Giles, Heather Osmond Hoover, Jennie Low, Paige Olsen, Jamie Walburger, Andy Tyslau, Erin Hurkett,
4. Additions to Agenda:
 - Funding new bike rack (Erin Hurkett)
 - Filing fee for Society (Jen Gordon)
 - Gr. 1 field trip (Erin Hurkett)
5. Approval of Agenda: Paige Olsen, 2nd - Heather Osmond Hoover
6. Approval of the Minutes from May 17, 2023: Caylee Low, 2nd - Jen Gordon
7. Trustee Report - No trustee present. Tabled.
8. School Report (Erin Hurkett):
Staffing Update (additions to staff) for 2023-24:
Brooke Dykslag, Megan Norton (unsure of grade levels at this time). 1 more piece of the puzzle to determine; Michelle Court's leave (until Christmas) therefore, one more person TBD.

May 23 Division PD; Garfield Gini Newman; Critical Thinking Consortium.
Really good, and lots of good feedback from teachers.

May 26 Literacy PD; Miriam Ramsay & Michelle Bentz. Really good information.

New Curriculum implementation will help this fall.
K- gr. 3; New science curriculum
K - gr. 6; Language arts, math, PE & wellness.

Usually roll out 1 subject at a time, but that is not the case this time.

Plan in place from Division (will try to take it slow).

A lot of change in science curriculum; almost nothing is the same.

Hoping that they will be open to feedback.

Social curriculum is being totally redone due to so much feedback (negative) during the working group phase.

Teachers will be busy learning and implementing this new curriculum.

Parent Information re: Curriculum: [new Learn Alberta website](#); this also has implementation dates. <https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/home/en>

The final Learning Team Meetings have taken place for learners with individualized plans.

AB Ed. numeracy and literacy outcomes were completed (Gr. 1 - 4)

→ Look at data to see where needs are. The province looks at data to see where support is needed to try to close the gap.

→ At Plaxton; have seen success and growth in all students

Andy shared 3D printer gratitude; it has arrived, been set up and is being used a lot already!

KidDoodle ED Giveaway \$10 000; Plaxton entered with short notice. Will find out soon if they win. Would use the money for a variety of enhancements including podcasting and VR with books.

Welcome to Kindergarten is June 15: 5-7 p.m. (drop in @ the gym)

June 22; Sports Day 11:30 - 3:50.

Need volunteers! 8 spots left.

Kona Ice is coming as 1 station (always a hit!)

June 23; Grade 5 Farewell.

Begin at 9:45 a.m. (earlier start than was shared in Buzz Newsletter).

Music Festival theme; grade 5s will be doing their drumming piece again.

June 26; Water fun day (Div 1 afternoon)

June 27; Water fun day (Div 2 afternoon)

June 28; Last day of school. Half day - dismissal at 11:30

Important to remember for fall:
Staggered entry!
Sept. 5 1st day if last name = A-M
Sept. 6 1st day if last name = N-Z
Sept. 7 1st day with all students.

9. Teacher Report (Erin Hurkett)
New Learn Alberta (important when googling to include NEW).
<https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/home/en>

Can browse subject and see outcomes.
“Printable” option may be easier to read.

Literacy & Numeracy Screening.
Literacy = LeNS and Castles & Coltheart 3 (CC3)
The screeners are a start at helping see the needs of the students.
The idea is that a “boost” teacher could support the “at risk” students.

Numeracy: Provincial Numeracy Assessments K-4. Some are timed tests.
Done in small groups.

10. District School Council Report (Jamie Walburger)
170 people at the meeting.
You can check the website for information on the budget.
Some information here: <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/download/416482>

Parent Learning: Internship; starting in grade 10 there are opportunities through connections with Lethbridge College to start learning a trade (and receive credits) in high school.

Superintendent Report:
SOGI presentation (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity)
→ Many people wanted to provide input/discuss/share thoughts & concerns. Were not able to at the meeting. CAN do this via email or in community conversations with the board (held off site from division and at different times/days of the week). There is also a public forum at every board meeting and you can speak up to 5 minutes per person.
→ Board is committed to revisiting SOGI and getting all the feedback.

Presentation: ARAO (Anti Racism Anti Oppression) by Andy Tyslau and Megan

Cummins (“why would ARAO policy matter to students, community and the world.”)

Lastly, there was a brief review of committees. (No further details shared).

Reminder for Division Council meetings: Parent Learning Sessions 6:30-7:00 (In person or can also do through TEAMS). All parents welcome (e.g. how to support literacy at home) District meeting follows at 7:00.

11. Treasurer Report (Jenn Giles)

Hot lunches: March 28, April 25, May 8, May 30, June 12. TOTAL = \$1708.84

Opening Balance = \$6744.95

Closing Balance = \$7873.25

12. Committee Report

11.1 - Hot Lunch (Jennie Low): Last hot lunch of the year was June 12. Looking for feedback - would there be interest in branching out beyond Little Caesars, Booster Juice and A & W? Price Limit? What would be too much for \$?

Discussion: Frequency from this year was great. People would be willing to do a little more expensive (approximately \$7) once in a while.

Possibilities: Subway, Tim Hortons

11.2 - Running Club (Jennie Low): Was successful with lots of positive feedback. The kids loved the sour soother medals and doughnuts. (Tim Hortons donated doughnuts and said they are happy to do this for schools any time)

13. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

Jan followed up with Kristin at Division office, but has not heard back re: issue with parents who subscribe to emails from Parent Council but do not receive emails. Will update when have more information.

14. New Business

14.1 Bike Rack (Erin Hurkett/Jen Gordon)

Bike racks near playground; kids are chaining their bikes together in long line because running out of room because there are not enough racks in that area.

Some parents have asked about whether more/new bike racks could be added. Maintenance came, but don't have a quote on exact price today.

ACTION ITEM: PUT "BIKE RACKS" INTO OLD BUSINESS FOR SEPT.

AGENDA.

14.2 Filing Fee for Society (Jen Gordon)

-There is a fee to submit application for the creation of a Society to fundraise.

Jennifer Gordon motioned to use Parent Council Funds to pay the fee to create Society. Jennie Low 2nd. Vote: Passed.

14.3 - Gr. 1 Field Trip (Erin Hurkett)

Need an additional \$100 for the additional bus needed for the grade 1 field trip. Would parent council be willing to cover this?

Heather Osmond Hoover motioned to provide \$100 to cover additional costs for grade 1 field trip. Caylee Low 2nd. Vote: Passed.

14. Future Meeting Dates

Sept. 20, 2023?

7:00 meeting start time.

15. Adjournment:

Paige Olsen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jennie Low 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 9:23 p.m.