



## School Council Meeting Minutes – Sept. 28, 2022

### I. Meeting called to Order at 6:31 by Jan Davies

### II. Additions to the agenda

- Picture Day Volunteers (11.6)
- Calendar sync (11.7)

### III. Approval of June 15, 2022 meeting minutes - *motion by Jennifer Gordon, second by Jaelyn Belisle*

### IV. Approval of Agenda

### V. Principals Report – Erin Hurkett

- Staffing update – Mrs. Norton to fill in for Mrs. Kortt while on leave in grade 3
- Assessments – MIPI assessments (math strands from previous grade level) are done twice in the year, start and end, to assist teachers with planning and instruction. Alberta Education assessments in literacy and numeracy to assess phonic and basic numeracy skills in grades 1,2,3 and some grade 4 students. Assessments for grade 2 and 3 have been completed, and the grade 1 and 4 will be done in January. There is potential to receive intervention funding - we hope to find out in a few weeks
- Upcoming events – Terry Fox Walk, Guest Speaker (Elder Sheldon Day chief) for Truth and Reconciliation Week. Sheldon's message will be about unity and kindness.
- Makerspace is up and running – Andy Tyslau (VP) has been coordinating with classroom teachers to organize initial visits for students. Collaboration with teaching staff on connecting makerspace resources to grade specific curriculum.
- Junior/Senior choir and handbells starting soon! Planning to perform in December. Information is on social media and will be sent to parents via school messenger
- Grade 5 volleyball going on this year as well. Information to come out late October, games start in November.
- Picture Day is October 12 (all day) and 13<sup>th</sup> (PM only)

### VI. Teacher Report – Jodie Goruk

- Focus for staff PL this year is Numeracy
- All teachers are looking at how to use workshop model for teaching numeracy; use of rich math tasks and images to support numeracy understanding
- Lots of numeracy resources on hand to use and support student learning with
- Small group of teachers had the chance to have PL with Garfield Gini-Newman last week on creating a thinking classroom – fantastic PL! Hopefully more to come.



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## VII. District School Council Report

- No report this month. Meeting is October 10<sup>th</sup>.

## VIII. Treasurer Report

- School council has \$3 388.86 from hot lunch
- Running club generated \$1 774.85 last year
- Total of \$5 155.71
- Discussion at next school council meeting on how to best use the current budget

## IX. Committee Report

- Hot lunch
  - Year is planned for hot lunch dates. Info coming out soon for the vendors, dates and the costs for each student. Thanks to the team for organizing this!
- Running club report
  - Postponed to later date

## X. Old Business

- Fall fundraiser – honey fundraiser
  - Forever Bee connection (Erin Hurkett)
  - Catalogue of options for honey products and wax products
  - Possible run in November before the holiday season?
- Save the Kids Presentation
  - School presentation at Plaxton on ## for southside schools.
  - Request from SJF for extra funding to support transportation of students to/from the event. Costs were a bit higher than anticipated from last year.
  - **Motion:** *Jennifer Gordon moves to use \$250 to support the presentation from last years ASCA funds for SJF. Seconded by Jamie Walburger.*
  - Discussion of possible parent night this year to use \$500 grant money for school councils. The idea of a literacy evening with Robin Bright was discussed. Erin shared that the cost is \$90 for Dr. Brights presentation (about one hour).
    - Discussion around gaining information on literacy levels for parents to understand more and how to support their children at home with literacy
    - Possibly give info on AB Ed assessments and their data??
    - Idea of refreshments available? No confirmation on this.
    - Looking at November parent council date for this presentation.
    - **Motion:** *Brooke Oviatt motions to spend the \$90 to book Robin Bright for the November school council meeting. Seconded my Jaelyn Belisle.*



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- Parent library – TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING

## XI. New Business

- Halloween Dance on Oct. 27 @ 6-730 PM
  - Grade 4/5 students doing food sales – looking for parent helpers from school council?
    - Suggestion was that grade 4/5 parents be asked first to help out
  - Popcorn sales suggested (try to keep it simple) instead of hot dog, snack and drink combo sales. Cotton candy machine also suggested (cost??) Possibility of selling glow sticks as well for the dance.
- Playground paint update – Erin has connected with maintenance a few times, and has no new information or dates on when this will be done.
  - Request also for an additional bike rack on playground side.
- School council date/time change
  - GPMS has 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Division council is 1<sup>st</sup> Monday
  - Suggestion to move to second Monday?
  - Suggestion of time to move to 7:30 PM start to allow for more parents to come
  - **Motion:** *Jennifer Gordon moves to change the start time of Plaxton School Council to 7:30 PM start.*
  - **Amended Motion:** *Brooke Oviatt suggested amending the time to a 7:15 start, seconded by Jennifer Gordon.*
- Review of location for Spring Gala
  - Discussion on using a larger venue
  - Options to get higher risers so parents can see students?
  - Jodie Goruk shared that supervision here at the school went amazing and it was so easy to have students ready for their routine and in a space where they were easily supervised.
  - Erin shared that the school is looking into purchasing options for staging / risers
  - Discussion was to keep the location at the school for now, with the understanding that this may need to be reviewed as we grow.
- Picture Day
  - Information went out; clarification on the full day vs PM (PM for KG class only)
  - Students should be ready for Oct. 12 for their photos!
- Calendar sync
  - Brooke Oviatt requested that the school have a calendar option for parents to add to their own so events and activities are easily tracked
  - Andy Tyslau shared that Google calendars wont work specifically on our websites, but you could add the calendar option to your iCal or Google.
  - Andy to check into easy of access for adding that for parents.



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- School guide calendar is really good, but does not match the school website (school guide not managed by each school)

**XII. Adjournment of 7:39 PM**

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Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Calendar sync and updates	Andy Tyslau	Oct. 19	In Progress
Nov. 19 Parent Night PL from Robin Bright	Erin Hurkett	Nov. 19	In Progress



## School Council Annual General Meeting Minutes – Sept. 28, 2022

- I. Meeting called to Order at 7:40 by Jan Davies
- II. Land Acknowledgement – Jan Davies
- III. Welcome and Introductions
- IV. School Report – Erin Hurkett

- Budget review

Budgeted teacher allocation	\$2 045 904
Uncertified staff (admin support, LCF)	\$107 929
Contracted services (mail, printing, PL, phone, etc)	\$26 613
Supplies (grade level budgets, resources, furniture, etc)	\$45 695
Contingency	\$3000 (possible more from last year – waiting to hear on final budget)

## V. Election of Executive Officers

- Chair
  - Jennifer Gordon nominated Jan Davies, Jan accepts the nomination
  - No other nominations – Jan Davies elected School Council Chair
- Vice Char
  - Jan Davies nominated Brooke Oviatt, Brooke accepts the nomination
  - No other nominations – Brooke Oviatt elected School Council Vice Chair
- Secretary
  - Jamie Walburger nominated Jaelyn Belisle, Jaeyln accepts the nomination
  - No other nominations – Jaelyn Belisle elected School Council Secretary
- Treasurer
  - Jamie Walburger nominated Jenn Giles, Jenn accepts the nomination
  - No other nominations – Jenn Giles elected School Council Treasurer



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**VI. Additional Roles**

- Hot lunch committee set for the year
- Division School Council Representative – Jamie Walburger volunteered, Caylee Low as alternate

**VII. Adjournment of 7:54 PM**



## School Council Meeting Minutes – October 19th, 2022

- I. Meeting called to Order at 7:18 p.m. by Jan Davies
- II. Welcome/Introductions
  - Cheryl Gillmore - Superintendent, Lethbridge School Division
  - Tyler Demers - District Trusty representative
- III. Additions to the agenda
  - Erin Hurkett: Volleyball coaching (New Business)
- IV. Approval of Sept 29, 2022 meeting minutes - *motion by Jennifer Gordon, second by Cami Low*
- V. Approval of Agenda - *motion by Tara Shields, second by Caylee Low*
- VI. Principals Report – Erin Hurkett
  - Recently there has been school wide Picture Day  
Also school wide fire drill.  
Scholastic Book fair - back in person, which has been great. Parents can check out during parent teacher interviews.  
Oct. 11, Professional Learning Session: Numeracy. P.M.: Assessments used in school (literacy and numeracy) and how to use them to inform learning and ISP (Individualized Service Plan) goals.  
Fountas and Pinnell Assessment: Literacy Assessment. Completed by every teacher with every single student (1:1). Not high stress. There are different levels, and the assessment is used for analyzing reading behaviors to make sure the child is receiving appropriate books to be at the correct level for challenging them, and helping them grow as a reader.  
Look forward to:
    - Learning Team meetings planned for students with ISPs.
    - Gr. 5 Volleyball: Christy Walker and Erin Hurkett coaching. Monday & Wednesday mornings 7:45-8:30. Games Tues/Thurs with different schools. Final tournament for south side schools will be held at Plaxton. Andy Tyslau scheduled volleyball for the whole division.
    - Family Halloween Dance (October 27: 6-7:30): Ram Entertainment - DJ/Lights, etc. No charge for this.
    - Spooky stories (Maker space)



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Canteen

Karaoke (art room)

Photobooth - free or upgraded background for minimal charge.

Families are asked to stay and enjoy. NOT drop off. Siblings of Plaxton families welcome.

Halloween Parade: October 31: Each class parades through foyer & then can watch the other classes in their classroom on smart board through live feed. Parents are welcome to come to the foyer to watch.

Food Drive for Pumpkins: Avonlea Showhome near school. Students can take the coupon that went home from school along with a food donation and receive a pumpkin at the showhome.

Save the Kids Presentation (Nov. 3)

Grade 4 & 5 students (and other grade 4 and 5 students from south side schools).

Parent Night @ Chinook 7:00 p.m. (All parents welcome not just those of grade 4/5 students)

Caylee shared that she has attended in the past and it was a very informative presentation and good information on how to be safe on cell phones.

Cheryl shared that it is always good to look ahead, so even parents of students for younger students should consider attending.

Remembrance Day Assembly: Nov. 10 @ 10:30. Parents are welcome to attend.

Variety of student performances (Handbells, choir, etc.)

Nov. 14 No school - PL day.

Kindergarten Teacher/Parent Conferences Nov. 15-16.

## VII. Teacher Report – Christy Walker

- Numeracy: Fact Fluency Kits.

Grade 1 & 2: Addition & Subtraction

Grade 3, 4, & 5: Multiplication & Division

Variety of games and activities for kids to participate in. All year long, not just one unit.

Not just rote learning.

This goes far beyond memorizing. Want kids to actually understand the concepts of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Build number sense. Concrete understanding and connecting to real objects/pictorial then moving to abstract. Deep understanding of numbers.

Erin also shared that it helps teach Problem Solving - Rich Tasks; Using what they have learned, collaborate with peers to solve more complex problems.





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Cheryl shared that she observed grade 2: very complex thinking to solve problems. She was impressed they were giving each other hints, not just the answer.

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#### VIII. District School Council Report - Caylee Low

- Presentation: Healthy Hot Lunch Options (You can find this presentation on the District website)  
Discussion around including healthy sides, or whole grain buns vs. white buns, and parents as good examples.  
Fresh Fruit Fundraiser (this is being done at another school). Could this be an option for Plaxton? January (Citrus). Caylee is looking into pricing.  
Stand for Education Rally in Edmonton Saturday (Oct. 22) For teachers and anyone else interested.  
What to do with grant money - sharing purposes with other schools.  
Shelley Roest = Chair. They are still looking for a secretary for the district council if anyone is interested.  
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.  
What does our council love about our school that involves parents? Think about and share:  
Meet the Teacher night  
Halloween Dance  
ANY in person opportunity! Performances, etc.

#### IX. Treasurer Report - Jenn Giles

- \$5179 Carry forward  
\$475 Little Caesars  
\$253 Booster Juice  
Total = \$5907

Hot lunch reports will change once GST is calculated.

#### X. Committee Report

- Hot Lunch (Jenny Low)  
Twice a month (Booster Juice & hotdogs, A & W baby burgers, Little Caesars)



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Some places wouldn't participate this year for hot lunch due to our later lunch time.

Spreadsheet for volunteers to sign up. Angela emailed this ("hot lunch sign up")

You will get a reminder a day or two in advance.

Question: Do A & W burgers have sesame seed buns? (Allergy). Jenny will look into this.

- Running Club (Jenny Low)

Will start up again in January. Need to discuss times (before school?) Need to coordinate with other activities. Erin & Jenny will discuss.

## XI. Old Business

- Robin Bright Literacy Evening (Erin Hurkett)

Parent Info night Nov. 16 (date of next council meeting, so hoping to also have presentation the same night.)

Discussion: Before or after meeting? Push council meeting and do Education at 7:15.

Robin's presentation + info on school literacy assessments and how to use this information.

Snacks? Council could use some funds (NOT grant) to provide snacks.

Andy also suggested that the coffee machine works now as well.

Jenn Gordon made motion to spend up to \$150 for snacks for the Robin Bright literacy parent evening. 2nd: Cami Low. Voted: passed.

- Save the Kids Presentation Nov. 3rd

Jan Davies shared that the total cost for the presentation for Plaxton as the host school is \$198.25

## XII. New Business

- Parent/Teacher Conference schedule feedback (Erin Hurkett)

There is option to do in person or on TEAMS.

No concerns at this time.

- Treasure Island field trip funding request (Erin Hurkett)

Sarah Harmon (Music Teacher) would like to take Grade 4 & 5s to production at Gilbert Paterson. 2nd week of February. Would council be willing to cover cost for bussing?



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Parents would pay for ticket to the event on school cash online.

Evelyn Murakami motioned to use school council funds to pay for bussing for students to attend Treasure Island at Gilbert Paterson. 2nd: Jenny Low. Vote: Passed.

- **Volleyball Coaching (Erin Hurkett)**

A community member who has experience with Lethbridge Volleyball Club (LVC) would be willing to provide coaching. \$150 for two sessions.

Coaches could learn some drills and get support, and kids would learn from this coach with a lot of experience as well. Both kids and coaches would benefit.

This coach would attend the first day.

Would school council be willing to fund this coaching fee?

Cami Low motioned to provide funding for volleyball coaching. 2nd: Caylee Low. Vote: passed.

Tara Shields requested information on elementary wrestling. Tara will find out and send information to Erin. Erin will send to Plaxton email lists.

- Cheryl Gillmore shared that Andy Tyslau and Jesse Silowski were featured as part of a Global Conference regarding virtual reality pilot project. Plaxton was featured during this presentation. Anyone is able to register and then you can watch it for free. Erin will show it at the next council meeting. You can watch the presentation here (Click on link):

[Lenovo Tech World '22 - Lenovo Tech World '22](#)

### **XIII. Future Meeting Dates**

Nov. 16, Jan. 18, Feb. Town Hall, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17, June 21

Jennifer Gordon shared that if parents were still interested in changing date; the 4th Monday of the month may work for council meetings.

Erin asked to table until the next meeting: at this time, she has requested Robin Bright for Nov. 16 so would like to keep this date for meeting. Erin will meet with Andy to review dates for possible change.

### **XIV. Adjournment of 8:12 PM: *Motion by Evelyn Murakami, second Tara Shields***



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Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status

Dr. Plaxton Elementary School Council Meeting  
Minutes - January 18th, 2023

1. Jan Davies (Chair) called meeting to order 7:09 p.m.
2. Land Acknowledgment
3. Welcome/Introductions  
Cheryl Gillmore - Superintendent, Lethbridge School Division
4. Additions to Agenda
5. Approval of Agenda: Jenn Giles, 2nd - Jennifer Gordon.
6. Approval of the Minutes from Oct. 19, 2022: Jennifer Gordon, 2nd - Jenn Giles
7. School Report (Erin Hurkett):  
E.A.s hired: Brooklyn Sander (Div 2), Brianna Evenson (mostly Div 2.). There have been lots of changes this year and E.A. turnover. Hoping this is the last of the changes.

Student Achievement; Director of Curriculum

Reviewed with Cheryl Gillmore (Superintendent)

Students at school are doing quite well overall in literacy and numeracy.

“Data Conversations” - use the data to determine next steps, and identify areas of strength and growth.

Areas for growth: individual levels of growth.

Cheryl Gillmore added: Plaxton is very purposeful with use of time. Results are great. Plaxton is a model of how to use these results to move forward.

School events:

-Winter Wonderland (Dec. 8) - Excellent turnout. Really fun evening.

-Halloween Event (October 27) - very well attended and families also had lots of fun.

-Gr. 5 Volleyball (ended in December). Wrap up tournament was at Plaxton and went well. All students who wanted to be on a team were. Great coaches and experience for all.

-Gr. 5 Basketball (now). Going well. Plaxton is also hosting the year end tournament. Andy Tyslau organized the league for the city.

-This week: Celebrating Chinese New Year at school. Community members

offered to teach Mandarin to the students and share information about Chinese New Year. Posters on Doors etc. Started the week with Lion Dance at assembly that was very well received by all. Positive feedback from students, teachers and parents.

Look forward to:

-Maker Space/Learning Commons (Update shared by Andy Tyslau): Winter activities including Circuitry, magnetism, etc. for all grades to explore. Mars month after February break (until end of March) - there will be guest speaker from NASA! Other ideas include: book making, kindness activities. There is a Learning Commons committee as well as Libby Leusink who have been working hard on creating fun activities for all grades.

-January 27: Professional Learning Day - No students. This day will focus on Teachers learning about numeracy. "Math Up" Resource (Learning content, how to use it properly). This is the main resource used to help students learn about curriculum outcomes.

8. Teacher Report (Brandon Morrissey)

Grade 5s have been doing some chemistry and hands on learning. Brandon shared Ooblech (term created by Dr. Seuss). This substance behaves as a liquid and a solid. The kids really enjoyed this experiment and creating the ooblech.

Tom Scott: Learning Support Teacher. His role entails supporting students, teachers and parents to navigate the school experience. His role includes Building support plans, organize ISP and other meetings, connect to supports (SLP, OT, PT, etc), work with students in the classroom, and much more.

9. District School Council Report (Cheryl Gillmore provided information as no parents present attended district school council)

January 16, 2023 Meeting: Parent learning session: How to welcome newcomers to school and how council can support and engage newcomers. For next year: School council email accounts created by the division for communication. This way, when the chair changes, then the history also goes with it via email. (Would be confusing to introduce this mid-year so will be rolling out next school year.)

Please see this link for Division [Parent Learning](#) site:

<https://lethsdcommunityengagement.schoolsites.ca/parent-learning>

You can check the Division School Council minutes for deadlines and other important information. They can be found [here](#):

<https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/parents/district-school-council/meetings>

The Division website will also have information regarding SAPDC Learning opportunities for parents. There will be a Literacy Learning Pamphlet with how to work on literacy at home. There will also be sessions on social media awareness and numeracy as well.

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.

10. Treasurer Report (Jenn Giles)

November: \$5907.34

December: \$6201.44

January 16: \$6706.27

11. Committee Report

No one present to report.

12. Old Business

12.1 Robin Bright Literacy Evening (Erin Hurkett) Rescheduled from November to March 15. Robin will present at 7:00 with council meeting to follow.

13. New Business

13.1 Feedback on Winter Wonderland Evening:

Positive feedback overall. Enjoyed the format, the activities and connecting with other families (and the treats!)

13.2 Funds for Gr. 4/5 Ski Trip (Tom Scott & Brandon Morrisey)

There is interest in taking grades 4 & 5 to Castle Mountain for the day March 2 (tentatively booked). The classes have been fundraising, and \$1490.88 raised so far. Expecting to raise \$500-\$600 more in next canteen.

Funds needed for:

Buses, Rental Equipment, Day Passes, Lessons. (Not all students would need all of these if they have season pass, their own equipment, etc.)

If a student needed EVERYTHING cost would be \$155 per student.

Requesting Parent council provide funds to offset costs not covered by

fundraising. Approximately \$2000-2500.

The hope is to build this ski trip into Plaxton tradition. Every other year the grade 4/5 classes would go on the ski trip and the off year they would fundraise for the trip. This way every student would get to attend in either grade 4 or 5. They have not had as long to fundraise for this inaugural trip, which is why they are requesting funds from council.

The ski trip would include: Whole Day Lesson, supervised all day. Built in lunch break. Will be in groups based on skill. Instructors will be provided for all experience levels. These instructors are provided by Castle Mountain.

Parent group discussion regarding whether the grade 4 free ski passes could be used to cover students who do not have season pass. Mr. Scott clarified that the WOW pass does not cover the ski trip due to the format of lessons and instructor provided etc.

Jennifer Gordon motioned that School Council provide between \$2000-2500 to the grade 4/5 Ski Trip. 2nd: Jenn Giles. Vote: PASSED.

13.3 February Town Hall Representatives (Erin Hurkett/Cheryl Gillmore)

Tuesday February 7 @ Victoria Park School (THIS IS A RECENT LOCATION CHANGE). This year's Town Hall will focus on these two questions: 1. In what ways are we successfully supporting students to help them grow as learners? 2. Where do you see room for improvement in supporting students as learners?

-Cheryl noted location change for meeting from LCI to Victoria Park School gym.

-Would like 4 reps from Plaxton.

Reps = Jan Davies, Jaelyn Belisle

-Jan Davies will contact some other possible reps and follow up with Erin.

13.4 Potential "Parent Learning" option - Blanket Exercise (It builds a better understanding of the past, present, and future of Indigenous worldviews, histories, cultures, language, perspectives and experiences.) (Cheryl Gillmore)

- Is there interest? If so, how many?

- No date yet.

- It would be in the evening.

- Division is trying to get an estimate of interest.

- End of next week deadline for numbers from schools.



Action Item: Jan Davies to send email for Blanket exercise #s and possible Town Hall reps to Erin. (Erin will pass along to division).

#### 13.5 Funds for Teacher Appreciation Week (Jan Davies)

Discussion regarding when Teacher Appreciation week is. Confirmed that May 8-12 is Teacher Appreciation week. February is Substitute appreciation.

Jan wanted to ensure there are funds for council to do something special for teachers during this week. Approximately \$2500.

Jennifer Gordon discussed different options (potentially have option where parents could donate through school cash online) rather than just having school council provide all \$.

Options include providing dinner during Parent/Teacher Interview night. However, this would not allow support staff to be appreciated, and the next Parent Teacher Interviews at Plaxton are Celebration of Learning format, so this may not work.

Providing lunch to all staff one day during week of May 8-12 may be better option.

Group decided to park this item until March meeting. Carry forward on March agenda. Will review and discuss at this time.

#### 14. Future Meeting Dates

Feb. 7 Town Hall, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17, June 21

7:00 meeting start time.

#### 15. Adjournment:

Jennifer Gordon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jenn Giles seconded.

Meeting adjourned 8:07 p.m.

Dr. Plaxton Elementary School Council Meeting  
Agenda - March 15, 2023 8:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Welcome/Introductions
4. Additions to Agenda
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of the Minutes from Jan. 18, 2023
7. School Report
8. Teacher Report
9. District School Council Report
10. Treasurer Report
11. Committee Report
  - 11.1** Hot Lunch
  - 11.2** Running Club
12. Old Business
  - 12.1** Teacher appreciation week May 8th-12th
13. New Business
  - 13.1** Alberta School Council Conference April 21 followed by the Annual General Meeting April 22. Must register by April 14th. (Lethbridge School Division will pay the registration fee for one parent per school to attend the conference/AGM. The School Division provides \$250 to schools each year to support other costs as school councils see best covered (this additional money could possibly be used to help cover the attendee's travel costs?) There are some virtual

possibilities for this conference and AGM.

14. Future Meeting Dates  
Apr. 19, May 17, June 21
15. Adjournment

Dr. Plaxton Elementary School Council Meeting  
Minutes - March 15th, 2023

1. Jan Davies (Chair) called meeting to order 8:20 p.m.
2. Land Acknowledgment
3. Welcome/Introductions  
Present - Jan Davies, Jaelyn Belisle, Heather Hoover, Maria Lindsay, Carol, Brooklyn Oviatt, Jennie Low, Jennifer Gordon, Caylee Low, Tom Scott, Andy Tyslau, Erin Hurkett.
4. Additions to Agenda:
  - Policy Review (13.2) - Jan Davies
  - Fundraising Society (13.3) - Jaelyn Belisle
5. Approval of Agenda: Maria Lindsay, 2nd - Jennie Low.
6. Approval of the Minutes from Jan. 18, 2023: Jennifer Gordon, 2nd - Caylee Low
7. School Report (Erin Hurkett):  
Staffing Update: Grade 4, a family of triplets and other families have joined the school. The school was given additional 0.5 grade 4 teacher. Brooke Dykslag. She works 9:30-1:30 supporting literacy and numeracy. The transition has gone smooth and the smaller class sizes are working really well for the teacher and students.  
  
School events:
  - Grade 4/5 Ski Trip (March 3) Very positive response (Tom Scott will share update)
  - Sign Language Club: Thursday during 2nd nutrition break, lead by Char Schow. Lots of interest.
  - Chess Club: Upper Elementary
  - Spring Learning team meetings coming up this week. (For kids with complex needs, IPPs)
  - Report Cards went out March 10.
  - Parent/Teacher interviews March 16 if needed.
  - Celebration of Learning March 16; 5-7 p.m.; anyone welcome to attend to see the learning that has occurred over past few months. (There will be early

dismissal March 16)

-March 17th, Professional Development Day; Numeracy continued learning.

-Currently taking in registration for 2023-24; will use to begin projections for staffing, etc.

-Division mandate of more recycling - Plaxton is part of pilot for the division; updated bins in the foyer including compost. Will monitor and provide feedback.

-Mars Month is happening now. Every grade has participated in the maker space at least once; Robotics, colony making, Virtual Reality, Connecting with NASA (Connor Nixon) - next Tuesday morning (March 21).

Basketball wrapped up with successful tournament at Plaxton. 5 schools participated. Approximately \$1000 @ canteen raised for the grade 4/5 ski trip.

-Running Club also started this month.

-Badminton starting; support through Ard Biesheuvel

Look forward to:

-Spring Break! April 7-16; April 17th PD Day. Students return April 18.

8. Teacher Report (Tom Scott, Learning Support Teacher)

-Shared photos from March 3 ski trip for grades 4 and 5. Lots of smiles!

-124 total grade 4/5 - of this, 103 attended the ski trip.

-\$8673.26 was fundraised for the trip (there was A&W fundraiser, Panago fundraiser, personal donations, canteen sales, student council donation).

-Parent cost per child is approximately \$34 (the parents have not been charged yet, still finalizing the numbers.)

-Plan is to host the trip every other year, and fundraising during the off year, so every student will go in either grade 4 or 5.

-For many students, it was their first experience skiing ever.

-Castle was very well organized; full day lessons, so kids were always supervised.

-Parents, students and staff who attended all had very positive experience and feedback.

Teachers are looking forward to the Celebration of Learning. There is currently a display of the grade 4's "building" project in common space.

9. District School Council Report (Caylee Low)

March 16 7:30 @ Division Office - Community Engagement Meeting

April 18, 2023 Meeting: Parent learning session: Youth anxiety

[Town Hall results](#) can be found on division website (click on link)

ICE scholarships - winners can be found on website.

Cheryl Gillmore (Superintendent) is retiring.

The Board want feedback on what parents, staff and students are looking for in new superintendent to help guide the hiring process for new superintendent.

You can provide feedback by reaching out to Trustees, or by attending a “community conversation” meeting.

Budget recommendations - community engagement survey/tool can be found [here](#).

ASCA Conference is April 21-23 in Edmonton. Must register by April 14. If you would like to attend, please reach out to Jan Davies.

It was noted that parent councils should check their bank accounts, as some received a \$95.00 auto deposit from the Government.

Citrus Fundraiser (in the past, G.S. Lakie has done this). Andy Tyslau shared that there will be apples available in the fall. Bulk pricing. No answers needed right now, but keep in mind as the school will need to decide if interested in participating.

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.

10. Treasurer Report (Erin Hurkett shared as Jenn Giles, treasurer was absent)

Opening balance: \$6848.67

Closing balance: \$9107.13 (unclear if amount donated to ski trip has come out of account yet).

11. Committee Report

11.1 - Hot Lunch (Jennie Low): Offered every 2 weeks. January 31 Booster Juice: \$669.39 (the smoothies were frozen, so owner did not charge as much), Feb. 13 A & W: \$353.26, Feb. 28 Little Caesars: \$400.92, March 13 Booster Juice: \$331.00

11.2 - Running Club (Jennie Low/Erin Hurkett): Started this past Tuesday. Delayed start to club due to weather. Today was quite icy, but hopefully better next week.

0.5 mile loop for a couple weeks, then move to 1.0 mile loop, and eventually 1.5 mile loop.

Brooklyn asked whether shirts are available again this year? Erin shared that if kids do not have one, they could order more. There was still money left over from sponsor last year for this.

## 12. Old Business

12.1 - Teacher Appreciation Week May 8-12.

Tabled until April meeting.

## 13. New Business

13.1 Alberta School Council Conference: (Jan Davies): Jan provided information on ASCA Conference April 21-23 in Edmonton. Jan cannot attend. If anyone would like to attend, please contact Jan.

Registration Deadline April 14. (Lethbridge School Division will pay the registration fee for one parent per school to attend the conference/AGM. The School Division provides \$250 to schools each year to support other costs as school councils best see covered (this additional money could possibly be used to help cover the attendee's travel costs? There are some virtual possibilities for this conference and AGM - however may not have voting rights (unclear).

You can get another school council to vote on your school's behalf if you assign a proxy.

You can find the Resolutions for the Conference [here](#)

13.2 Policy Review (Jan Davies)

Policy Advisory Committee Change.

Jan provided printed copies of policies reviewed and amended. If you have feedback, please email the Plaxton Division Representative, Jamie (Jamie Walburger, [jamie\\_walburger@hotmail.com](mailto:jamie_walburger@hotmail.com)) or the executive assistant (Kristin Solwoniak) by April 3, 2023.

### 13.3 Fundraising Society (Jaelyn Belisle)

Would there be interest in creating a fundraising society for Plaxton to tackle larger fundraising items such as playground expansion?

Erin, Jan and Jennifer Gordon attended learning session last year, however there were not enough present to create a society. Need 5 people to start the society, and then are able to fundraise through casinos, etc. and raise large amounts of money that is not possible/allowed through parent council.

Maria Lindsay would be willing to chair. Jaelyn Belisle would be part of society.

Jennifer Gordon willing to write the grant and has taken the course.

Add to agenda for April. Will create society if enough interested members present.

Action Item: Jaelyn Belisle to inquire with Lakeview and Agnes Davidson on their fundraising societies and approximate \$ required for playground expansion, types of fundraising, etc.

13.4 Brooklyn Oviatt shared that she received a phone call from AHS as her child in grade 1 is overdue on vaccinations. She was informed these vaccinations will occur at the school. Brooklyn wasn't sure if Erin or the teachers were aware this would be happening, and it could be stressful/emotional, so it may be beneficial to let parents know so they can be at the school with their child if that may be helpful. Erin will talk to grade 1 teachers; she did just receive an email.

### 14. Future Meeting Dates

Feb. 7 Town Hall, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17, June 21

7:00 meeting start time.

### 15. Adjournment:

Caylee Low motioned to adjourn the meeting. Heather Hoover seconded.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.



Dr. Plaxton Elementary School Council Meeting  
Agenda – April 13th 6:30

1. Call meeting to order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Welcome/Introductions
4. Additions to Agenda
5. Approval Of Agenda
6. Approval of the Minutes from March 16, 2022
7. School Report
8. Teacher Report
9. District School Council Report
10. Committee Report
  - 10.1 Hot Lunch
  - 10.2 Running Club
11. Old Business
  - 11.1 Alberta School Council Engagement Grant- Utilize the grant for: a Fundraising Association Introduction Workshop or Literacy Presentation for parents of Plaxton Students.
12. New Business
13. Future Meeting Dates  
May 18th, June 15th
14. Adjournment

Dr. Plaxton Elementary School Council Meeting  
Minutes - April 19, 2023

1. Jenn Giles (Acting chair) called meeting to order 7:02 p.m.
2. Land Acknowledgment
3. Welcome/Introductions  
Present - Jenn Giles, Jaelyn Belisle, Maria Lindsay, Caylee Low, Jennifer Gordon, Leslie Lebeau, Sarah Orr, Andy Tyslau, Erin Hurkett, Tyler Demers (Trustee)
4. Additions to Agenda:
  - Purchasing Request (13.1) - Andy Tyslau
  - Trustee Update (13.2)
5. Approval of Agenda: Caylee Low, 2nd - Maria Lindsay.
6. Approval of the Minutes from Jan. 18, 2023: Jennifer Gordon, 2nd - Caylee Low; Amend to update change to 13.3 - Jennifer Gordon offered to write bylaws, not grants as written.
7. School Report (Erin Hurkett):  
Staffing Update:  
Steph Murray on mat leave now (grade 4). Cali Harris (just had name change updated today - Cali McCorriston) now teaching grade 4. Had been in grade 1 before, so is familiar with the school.  
Mrs. Walker now back in grade 1.  
  
Erin is currently working on 2023-24 staffing. Working with HR on number of teachers and support staff for each grade. This is based on enrolment and student need. Mike from HR coming Friday, so staffing for 2023-24 should be confirmed Friday.  
  
In most recent Buzz Newsletter, parents can fill out student profile form re: class placement - NOT requesting specific teacher, but info about students. Opportunity to fill this out closes on May 1st.  
  
School events:
  - Parent/Teacher interviews (by request only) & Celebration of Learning.

Positive feedback, parents liked the set up, and liked seeing their own children's stuff, along with stuff created/completed by other grades/students.

- Mars Month; Erin thanked Andy for all he did for the Mars month activities, etc. Lots of positive experiences for the kids.
- Running Club; Jennie Low organized; big thanks to her (she was absent from this meeting), It has not been great weather, but the kids are enjoying it.
- Dare to Care art gala at the Galt Museum (auction/fundraiser). Brandon Morrison & grade 5s, in conjunction with grade 4s and grade 2s. (smashed clay pots, painted, then put back together, and put plants with soil and seeds from Mars month activities.
- 2 Professional Learning Days (March 17 and April 17). Numeracy Focus. Resource - Math Up (Marion Small - Canadian). Digital in nature. Awesome resource. (Sharing more in Teacher Report)

#### 8. Teacher Report (Erin Hurkett)

- Math Up Resource demonstration; Erin showed how the resource can be used for different grades/topics.
- Digital textbook; can keep updated without having to buy new textbooks.
- Interactive resource; choose grade, can access all for differentiated learning.
- Full class, small group, partner & individual/independent pieces to it.
- Lots of games and activities.
- There are currently 1 or 2 other schools in the division also using this resource.
- MathUp has committed to changing the back end if/when curriculum changes due to government, etc.
- The resource is responsive to changing needs.
- Only teacher resource, not parent resource/access
- QR codes for activities/games are good for 2 weeks; these could possibly be shared home, for use in that 2 week period.
- Most teachers at Plaxton are using at least pieces of it, maybe not all.

#### 9. District School Council Report (Caylee Low)

Steps to becoming a member of ASCA; go through chair (to get profile/password). Lots of information on website if you want access.  
Option: Print off info & organize in binder, so parents could access information without profile.  
ASCA Conference coming up April 21-23; deadline to register was April 14.

Online learning sessions: many coming up. Check division website for details.

Hot lunch discussion around different options & figuring out best options for your school. LOTS of different things happening.

Some options included: Subway, Boston Pizza, Edo Japan, Busters, Jugo Juice, Little Caesars, Booster Juice, Stellas Diner, Coras, Tim Hortons Truck (Andy has emailed this one!)

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.

#### 10. Treasurer Report (Jenn Giles)

Closing balance: \$6744.95 (Does not reflect March 28 hot lunch, but does reflect donation for ski trip).

#### 11. Committee Report

11.1 - Hot Lunch (Jenn Giles shared as Jennie Low absent): April 3 Hot lunch: \$349.31

11.2 - Running Club (Erin Hurkett): Going well, weather has not been great. Tues, Weds and Friday mornings starting at 8:15 a.m.

#### 12. Old Business

12.1 - Teacher Appreciation Week May 8-12.

Jenn Giles Idea; Cater a breakfast as lunch is not a time the staff can all be together (staggered lunch times) OR lunch for staff meeting (May 5) however: not all support staff will be there Friday at noon.

Monday/Thursday would be better - ready by 8:00 would be good.

Catering = easier.

Jennifer Gordon shared some parents like to participate by making/sending something.

Discussion that what works for some parents does not work for all (some would rather contribute money, some would rather make something and drop off, etc.)

Andy shared that their staff enjoys Bootsma bakery goods as well.

Jenn motioned to do a sign up sheet for lunch items for staff meeting Friday May

5. Seconded; Leslie. Voted = passed unanimously.

Jenn motioned to do small Bootsma breakfast during appreciation week paid for

by parent council. Seconded by Caylee. Vote = passed.

\*Jennifer Gordon will create sign up sheet for lunch 11:00 drop off May 5.

\*Jenn Giles & Jaelyn Belisle will coordinate to organize Bootsma breakfast treats with coffee/juice and fruit tray as well. Will share date with Erin/Andy.

Idea for future: In September, talk about Teacher Appreciation over the year/spread out rather than one time (e.g. could do 12 days of Christmas, doesn't necessarily all need to be food, catered lunch in May)

Other schools set up donations via school cash online (doesn't need to just be a parent council donation, parents could donate as much as they would like) - need a due date, and someone to organize/ensure all funds are used for teacher appreciation.

## 12.2 Fundraising Society Start Up (Jaelyn Belisle)

Group agreed that discussion would occur tonight, with plans to form at next meeting.

Steps = form, name (name gets approved), write bylaws (Jennifer Gordon volunteered to complete this step).

Jaelyn shared information from OnBrand, Jamie Petrone (local branding company) who could run fundraiser that would cost school/council nothing, but would raise money from any apparel or "swag" with Plaxton logo on it. Jaelyn will send more information to Erin/Andy to look into.

Erin suggested we hold a meeting after council to officially create a Society.

Erin will contact ASCA for rep to walk through the process.

Following next school council meeting there will be an establishment meeting.

Erin to send email to all parents informing them about this plan, and asking them to reach out to parent council email if they are interested but cannot attend establishment meeting.

## 13. New Business

### 13.1 Purchasing Request (Andy Tyslau)

3D Printer is being used by all classes. There is also 3D print club.

The current 3D printer they have is running all the time. They are also using personal printers of staff to keep up with demands.

Andy would like to purchase a duplicate Printer - Creality Ender 5 Plus 3D. Maker Space has some \$ in budget. Andy proposed parent council split the cost (approx. \$400).

Discussion: How much does it cost to run the printer? Approx \$30 per spool. Andy has not run out in a school year yet with his budget from school, plus budget from the budget from 3D print club (they pay to be part of this club).

Jenn Giles motioned for parent council to provide \$400 to Andy/Makers Space for 2nd 3D printer. Leslie LeBeau seconded. Vote: unanimously passed.

#### 13.2 Trustee Update (Tyler Demers):

Hiring new Superintendent; short timeline. The Board of Trustees have not reviewed applications or created short list, but are currently working on this. Tyler asked if parents from Plaxton provided feedback on what they were looking for in a superintendent (opportunity was on division website). Some parents present sent in information/suggestions.

#### 14. Future Meeting Dates

May 17, June 21

7:00 meeting start time.

#### 15. Adjournment:

Jenn Giles motioned to adjourn the meeting. Caylee Low seconded.

Meeting adjourned 8:17 p.m.

Dr. Plaxton Elementary School Council Meeting  
Minutes - May 17, 2023

1. Jan Davies called meeting to order 7:03 p.m.
2. Land Acknowledgment
3. Welcome/Introductions  
Present - Jan Davies, Jaelyn Belisle, Maria Lindsay, Caylee Low, Jennifer Gordon, Andy Tyslau, Erin Hurkett,
4. Additions to Agenda:
  - Kona Ice for Sports Day in Junet (13.3) - Erin Hurkett
  - K, 1, 2 funds for movie mill field trip (13.4) - Erin Hurkett
  - Serving Piece for kitchen (13.5) - Andy Tyslau/Erin Hurkett
5. Approval of Agenda: Jennifer Gordon, 2nd - Caylee Low
6. Approval of the Minutes from April 19, 2023: Jennifer Gordon, 2nd - Caylee Low; Amend to update date on Minutes to April 19 (typo says April 1)
7. Trustee Report - No trustee present. Tabled.
8. School Report (Erin Hurkett):  
Thanked parent council on behalf of the teachers and staff for Teacher Appreciation Week. It worked really well to have breakfast provided Tues, and lunch provided on Friday before staff meeting. Majority of support staff were able to stay and enjoy on Friday afternoon, which was really great.

Staffing Update for 2023-24 school year (for the most part):

No more e-learning in elementary next year, due to low interest/registration. Sarah Brunner will be moving to LCI, and Candace Lozano will be staying at Plaxton.

Kindergarten: Full time Mrs. Baker; potential to increase 0.5 (another Tues/Thurs program diff teacher). Currently 42 students registered.

Grade 1: Three classes; Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Pirie, Mrs. Dejong → 17 kids/class

Grade 2: Three classes; Mrs. Lovett, Mrs. Herbst, **TBD** (Tacy Thomsen mat leave) → 22 kids/class

Grade 3: Two classes; Mrs. Goruk, Mrs. Kortt (although not sure if she is

returning at this time) → 23/class

Grade 4: Three classes; Mr. Vanden Dungen, Mrs. Lozano, **TBD** (Steph Murray mat leave) → 20/class

Grade 5: Three classes; Mr. Morrison, Mr. Firth, Mrs. McFarland → 20/class

\*all numbers based on current registration information, may change before school year begins.

Great class sizes for next year.

It will be communicated end of August who the student's next teacher will be (Teachers will send out post cards)

If you missed deadline to complete student profile re: class placement - you can email Erin if you have information about your child's needs. (No specific teacher requests).

Bell times for 2023-24 will be staying the same. There was some feedback from group regarding bell times; some parents do not like the times.

Run club has been going well - Tues/Weds/Friday. Little souls Marathon is May 31 @ Chinook High school.

All students have been preparing for Spring Gala (May 18) - afternoon and evening performances. There will be art gallery and performances.

No school May 22/23 (Professional Learning Day). Plaxton teachers will be attending along with 9 other elementaries for PL with Dr. Garfield Gini Newman. Critical Thinking & Engaging Learners. He is part of the Critical Thinking Consortium.

9. Teacher Report (Erin Hurkett)

- Learning Commons - Month on poetry, song writing, book making.

Poetry in Maker space.

Songwriters from Lethbridge: John Wort Hannam (won a Juno recently!)

Workshop style. Shaela Miller also came to perform and share.

10. District School Council Report (Caylee Low)

Presentation to Board re: Cell phones/technology use in school. Committee will be put together based on this (technology strategies for kids, making good



choices, etc.)

Anti-racism, anti-oppression survey -see in email from Division.

June 14 @ 4:30: Diversity & Inclusion parent table at Division office.

Provincial Election: Be better advocates - on division website, find advocacy information. Also information on forums that are available to attend.

ASCA; Outcomes of general meeting (go on the ASCA website for full details)

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>

All resolutions passed except the Climate Change resolution.

June 12: District Council Meeting (CHANGED FROM 1st MONDAY) - Format might change; reviewing SOGI policy (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity)

Reporting for school councils due in June. Jan will take care of this for our council.

Upcoming learning opportunities: Building the Adolescent Brain JUNE 6.

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 not present - no totals to review at this time.

#### 12. Committee Report

11.1 - Hot Lunch - Jennie Low not present. Unable to review at this time.

Caylee shared that it is running smoothly and there have been lots of volunteers.

11.2 - Running Club (Jennie Low absent, so Erin Hurkett shared update):

Tuesday May 30 will be last day. Wondered if parent council would support sour soother medals (last year did these and pizza, wondering if donuts would work better this year being before school?)

Jennifer Gordon motioned to cover the cost of donuts and sour soother medals if not donated; Maria Lindsay seconded. Vote: passed.

#### 13. Old Business

### 13.1 - Teacher Appreciation Feedback (Jan Davies)

See positive feedback in teacher report (8) above.

Idea for future: In September, talk about Teacher Appreciation over the year/spread out rather than one time (e.g. could do 12 days of Christmas, doesn't necessarily all need to be food, catered lunch in May)

Other schools set up donations via school cash online (doesn't need to just be a parent council donation, parents could donate as much as they would like) - need a due date, and someone to organize/ensure all funds are used for teacher appreciation.

### 13.2 Fundraising Society Start Up (Jaelyn/Erin)

Erin shared that an ASCA rep to facilitate meeting was not able to attend tonight's meeting, but can come to our June 21 meeting at 7:00.

We will need 5 people to agree to be part of the society to get it established.

This will mean that June meeting will be: Society Establishment, followed by AGM meeting, followed by Parent Council meeting.

Erin will send email to all parents,

Parents who subscribe to parent council updates via school website are not getting put onto the list to receive emails. Action Item: Jan will follow up with Kristin at Division office to determine solution to this problem.

## 14. New Business

### 14.1 Sports Day - Kona Ice (Erin Hurkett)

Sports day is June 22; would like to provide kid size Kona ice for all students.

Last year parent council paid \$770 to supply this.

Jaelyn Belisle motioned to pay for Kona Ice for all students. Jennifer Gordon seconded. Vote: Passed.

### 14.2 - Lower Elementary Movie Mill Field Trip (Erin Hurkett)

Grades K, 1, 2 are going to the Movie Mill and requested \$275 to help offset costs (there is still cost to parents of these students)

Maria motioned to pay for the Movie Mill Field Trip. Caylee seconded. Vote:  
Passed.

#### 14.3 - Servery (Andy Tyslau/Erin Hurkett)

At this time, not sure about full details but wanted to start a discussion and get feedback/gauge interest.

Would like to use the servery in the school for meals/snack programs

Need permits to use servery and need permit for safe food handling.

One idea: Farm to School - eating locally grown foods. Offers grants; 2 years up to \$10 000.

Work with coalition for healthy foods at school.

“Try it Tuesday” - Farmer brings in a vegetable for all students to try.

Unsure at this time what other grants are available. Andy looking into this more.

Discussion:

Magrath - SASH (Southern Alberta Society for the Handicapped) run the cafeteria.

Possibly connect with the College Culinary students?

Positive feedback from parents present.

LMBA (basketball) June 9 @ Plaxton: running a canteen.

#### 14.4 - June dates (Jennifer Gordon)

June 15 - Welcome to Kindergarten

June 23 - Grade 5 Farewell

June 26 - afternoon - water fight/play grades K, 1, 2.

June 28 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Lots of field trips happening in month of June as well.

#### 14. Future Meeting Dates

June 21

7:00 meeting start time.

#### 15. Adjournment:

Caylee Low motioned to adjourn the meeting. Maria Lindsay seconded.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

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.