

Dr. Plaxton Elementary School Council Meeting
Minutes - September 18, 2024

1. Jan Davies called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Land Acknowledgment
3. Welcome/Introductions
Present - Jan Davies, Jaelyn Belisle, Maria Lindsay, Jen McKay, Andy Tyslau (Principal), Jette Allen, Mishelle Wehbe, Carmen Gfrerer, Kaitlyn Krogman, Caylee Low, Jennifer Gordon, Allison Stewart, Nola Haynes, Mitchell Harris, Jennie Low, Becca Olson, Paige Olson, Jessica Kaupp, Brooke Oviatt, Sarah Orr
4. Additions to Agenda:
:Mountainview photos for families (Andy)
5. Approval of Agenda: Caylee Low motioned, 2nd - Jennie Low
6. Approval of the Minutes from June 2024: Jennifer Gordon motioned, 2nd - Mishelle Wehbe
7. Trustee Report (Christine Light): Not present. No update provided.
8. School Report (Andy Tyslau):
K - 3 Mandatory assessments have already started. Need to report in by next Friday September 27. If you would like to see them - Andy would be happy to show them with you.
1-3 Sept, K-3 January, 1-3 June

F & P not happening in grades 1-2 because of these assessments. Grades 3-5 will be doing F & P to get benchmarks, so only grade 3 will be participating in both types of assessment.

Some assessment dollars from division for substitute teachers; but does not cover all assessment time.

Hive night in November you can discuss with your child's teacher if you would like to review this.

Terry Fox Walk this Friday: Grades 1-2 =9:30 3,4,5 10:45
October 9, 10 = school picture day.

Sept. 30 - no school. National truth and reconciliation day.

Hive night Sept. 17: Thank-you for all those who attended. A lot of families in and out of the buildings in those two hours!! Next Hive night will look a lot different as there will be a lot more evidence based learning to review etc. More information will come out before this date.

Year 2 Farm to Table grant moving forward (government dollars).
Last year the grade 5s did a lot of learning through this program including making chips from fries, pickling, roasting seeds, etc.
Will be trying to find some new ideas this year.
Focus on getting veggies into their diet.

9. District School Council Report

- Would be good to have a rep from our school council to attend district school council.
- Can attend on Teams (virtual) do not have to attend in person.
- If you are interested; reach out to Andy.
- The School District Council meet the 1st Monday of the month. 6:30 = parent learning 7:00 meeting (Can attend via Teams)

10. Treasurer Report (Jenn Giles not present at meeting.)

- Info will be provided at next meeting.

11. Committee Report (Jennie Low)

11.1 - Hot Lunch: Committee had a meeting yesterday and read to go. Will start middle of October. Two a month; looking at some changes. D'Spot and Mary Browns chicken. Trying Papa Johns instead of Little Caesars.

Question: Is there a way to incorporate Farm to Table into Hot lunch program?
Andy shared that they would like to try twice per year having the students make a lunch as their hot lunch option. Need licensed space, and the people using the space need to be licensed as well. Andy will be looking into this.

Committee wondered how Parent Council feel about a flat rate for hot lunch (approximately \$8 per hot lunch)

Discussion whether sides could be added to hot lunch (e.g. farm to table veggie sticks, fries, chips, etc.)

Question re: having classroom snacks (healthy options) rather than just having to go to the office.

School food program (we have access to this, however, historically this has not been asked for or requested). Mindful munchies program - many of the items need to be refrigerated.

Action item for next meeting: Heather Osmond-Hoover will share information on School food program.

11.2 - Running Club:

: Table to discuss in January. Add to January agenda.

12. Old Business

12.1 ASCA Membership 24/25

: If the new chairs would like to be a part of ASCA; review the website and determine if they would like to participate.

Action Item: Add to agenda for next meeting to vote on/decide.

13. New Business

13.1 - Updated cell phone policy:

In elementary - no cell phones during the school day.

This is not as large an issue at the elementary level; however still want parents to provide feedback and input.

: Discussion - positive feedback.

: There has also been changes to Microsoft teams

: Youtube is still available on school devices. Teachers must preview, and preferred to use teachertube. Teachers/staff also expected to only use cell phone for school business.

Want to model what is being expected of the students.

: Tech time - if on laptops/iPad, there is a specific purpose, not just open tech time or "free time".

: Want to be open and transparent with parents about what is being done on devices when they are being used.

: Will no longer be having "bring your own tech" day.

13.2 - Hive Night #1

Feedback from parents (Andy will be sending out a survey later on)

For multiple kids - was nice to have the same thing/expectation for each grade and not

Floor was mopped right before students and families arrived (kindergarten)

13.3 - Report card pilot for grade 2.

Brand new report card; Outcomes based report card. Paper copy will come home. Cannot be in powerschool. Specific grade level outcomes. Erin Hurkett will present what to expect at next parent council. It will look very different. Andy believes this will be much more accurate way to reflect how your student is doing.

13.4 - Mountainview Photos for families

: One offer is family photos fundraiser (approx \$30.00) this money is donated to the school.

:Discussion when it would be good to host these - feedback that some families would prefer NOT on Hive night. The company suggested April as potential timeline.

14. Future Meeting Dates:

October 16, Nov. 20, Jan. 15, Feb. Town Hall, Mar. 19, April 16, May 21, June 18

Action Item: To discuss at next meeting - 7:00 meeting start time. **May review start time, in consideration of Fundraising Society meetings taking place following council meetings.

15. Adjournment:

Sarah Orr motioned to adjourn the meeting. Heather Hoover 2nd.

Jan Davies adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.