

Dr. Robert Plaxton Elementary School Council Meeting  
Minutes - October 16th, 2024

1. Paige Olson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2. Land acknowledgment

3. Welcome/Introductions

In attendance:

Andy Tyslau, Mrs. Herbst, Mitchell Harris, Jaelyn Belisle, Jenn McKay, Nola Haynes, Jennie Low, Paige Olson, Sarah Orr, Jennifer Gordon, Jan Davies, Jenn Dosso, Jessica Kaupp, Maria Lindsay, Heather Hoover

4. Additions to Agenda:

-Parent/teacher conference food for teachers

5. Approval of Agenda: Jan Davies motioned, 2nd - Jessica Kaupp

6. Approval of minutes from September 18, 2024 - Jen Gordon motioned, second Jan Davies

7. Trustee report: No trustee present.

8. School report by Andy Tyslau:

Alberta Ed Assessments - results will be available soon. We are expecting them to come out before P/T conferences next week, but may come out after.

Time slots might not be long enough, they require some conversation.

Parents may need to contact teachers if they are interested in discussing and phone call may be best.

Grade 5 Volleyball

3 teams with 3 coaches. Run Mon/Wed. Practices start at the end of October.

ISP (Individual Student Plans) coming to parents very soon if you have a child that has one. Mr. Scott will organize meetings if they need one.

Parent/Teacher conferences next week.

No school for kinder on the 22nd

Assessment day on Oct 23rd.

Oct 23rd, 24th for P/T Conferences. Can be booked online.

Book fair - proceeds go to the Learning commons

Parent info Night on Oct 21st at Westminster - 7pm-8pm for the pilot program for Grade 2 children. Link to sign up if you plan to attend. Hosted by Erin Hurkett

Halloween

9am costume parade in the foyer. Kids will do the parade through the school. Halloween dance in the afternoon. 1.30-2:30 (Kinder - grade 2) 2:30-3:30 (Grade 3-5)

Division Wellness:

Put on the digital wellness team. Update on divisional personal mobile device and Social Media use procedure. Please register. November 13th 6:- 7:30 pm at GS Lakie.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

-Friday Nov 8th @ 10:45 am

No school Nov 11 and 12th.

Nov 21st - Hive Night #2 . Upcoming communication coming.

Looking for Rep for District School Council from Plaxton.

DSC Report:

-Shelly Roast chair

-Nathanail vice chair

-Carrie Boshman secretary

Request from the board to review the Grade configurations (Grade 9 and Grade 6 in respective schools)

Alberta Ed:

Accelerated building program.

Approving 30 sites next year.

More info on the website regarding our own divisions plan.

Still have \$750 to use from ASCA this year.

9. District School Council Report

Looking for ideas for the info sessions for District School Council. What do parents want to learn about? Our district rep can bring our ideas to the council.

Again, if you are interested in this position of our school Rep, please reach out to Andy. They meet the 1st Monday of the month @ 6:30 before the parent learning 7:00pm meeting. (can attend via Teams)

10. Treasurer Report:

Numbers coming next month from Jennie Low.

11. Hot lunch:

- First one this last Tuesday. No concerns, it seemed to go well.

12. Old Business:

ASCA Membership

-Jen Gordon puts forth the motion to renew membership for ASCA for Plaxton, Maria seconds her motion.

13. New Business:

13.1 Parent Learning Session from Erin Hurkett.

-New Curriculum & Reporting presentation from Erin Hurkett at the Lethbridge School Division.

-See Andy for the presentation info if you are interested in viewing.

<https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/parents> for more info on the new curriculum.

13.2 Grade 5's are the only ones in the school piloting the Social Studies curriculum.

13.3 Mrs. Herbst:

-Grade 2 piloting program with the report cards

-outcome based report cards

-Personal growth section will be omitted. Those types of conversations about your child will happen at Hive nights and Parent/teacher nights. Report cards will be objective based, subjective info will not be included.

13.4 Updated Cell phone policy:

-our Plaxton Parent handbook is updated on our website in order to reflect the division's new policy.

13.5 Town Hall focus questions:

-Mike Nightingale looking for questions that parents want to discuss at townhall night in February.

### 13.6 Allocation of school council funds

Follow up conversation with Kristine Lee. We need to spend the money for the specific purpose we are fundraising for.

- If the council has funds that are not earmarked for a specific purpose, we can vote to donate money to the society.
- Society is needing some funds to get going.. I.e. insurance \$200
- Society is not a registered charity. The society needs to be a registered charity in order to issue tax receipts.
- School fundraisers can occur for now, then the division will issue tax receipts.
- Society would like to request some money from parent council to get going.
- We should discuss as a council what our goals will be for fundraising.
- Society is looking at doing a silent auction. Through a website would be best, but they need some money to get the ball rolling on some of these fundraising ideas.
- Society requesting \$2000 from School Council.

For items:

'Playground the long-term goal, technology, art supplies for short-term goals.

-Teachers to put together grade level big wish items for the School council to buy. We have excess funds that parents feel we should spend on current school members.

-Jan Davies to motion to allocate \$2000 to society. Nola Haynes to second the motion.

-Nobody objects to doing so.

13.7 Parent teacher interviews - Andy to request Two Guys pizza for teachers to be paid for by Parent Council.

- Jaelyn Belisle motion to spend money for pizza for teachers, Jennie Low to second the motion.

14. Next meeting: November 20th

15. Motion to adjourn: Maria, second Jessica Kelp at 8:11pm