

Dr. Robert Plaxton Elementary School Council Meeting
Minutes - November 20th, 2024

1. Caitlin Krogman called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. Land acknowledgment

3. Welcome/Introductions

In attendance:

Andy Tyslau, Lois Van Roon, Caitlin Krogman, Sarah Orr, Caylee Low, Christine Light, Jen Gordon, Mitchell Harris, Jennie Low

4. Additions to Agenda:

-Society Update

-Drop off discussion

5. Approval of Agenda: Caylee Low motioned, 2nd - Christine Light, 2nd

6. Approval of minutes from October 16th, 2024 - Jen McKay motioned, second Jen Gordon

7. Trustee report:Christine Light

Oct 22nd, 2024

-parent coming to the board meeting to present on having the division creating an Inclusive Education Parent Committee. A motion was presented to create a committee and was unanimously passed.

-a motion was put forward that Trustee rate benefits would be 100% covered. It was defeated with a 4-2 vote, one trustee missing.

-collaboration with the City council.

-School boundaries discussions regarding new school opening on the westside. Lots of good feedback from parents and community members. New boundaries were passed. Spanish program to be moved to the new school on the westside.

8. School report by Andy Tyslau:

8.1 Mrs. Chelsey Morden was hired for Grade 4. Lower class sizes.

8.2 Growing Smiles fundraiser completed. Sold 186 plants, about 10 less than last year. Raised \$1400. Pickup dates on December 5 and 6.

8.3 Sponsorship opportunities are still available. 3 businesses have already applied for high level sponsors.

8.4 Grade 5 Volleyball

3 teams with 3 coaches. Run Mon/Wed. Practices started at the end of October. Jamboree next Friday - November 29th.

8.5 Assurance Plans

-Please fill out the surveys if you are selected to complete it. This data is valuable for improving and gauging progress.

-The finalized version will be available November 30th.

8.6 Hive night #2 on November 21st.

8.7 Report Cards released November 22nd.

8.8 Ski trip for Grades 4 & 5 - Thursday March 20th.

8.9 Looking for Rep for District School Council from Plaxton.

9. District School Council Report

Parent Learning Session

-Calendar for next school year

-PD Days, staggered entry, bussing, flex time in High School, instructional time.

ASCA Membership completed

ASCA grant money deposited (\$750)

Possible Townhall questions discussed.

10. Treasurer Report:

Current Balance: \$9669.24

Money Out:

-Handbell donations \$1000

-\$350 pizza night

-society start up fees \$2000

Money In:
\$750 ASCA
\$358 booster
\$322.56 mary browns

11. Hot lunch:

- Hot lunch committee approached by teachers about donating money for 2 children in the school that would benefit from having hot lunch provided. It would cost approximately \$150/kid.
- We could ask Angela to add an option when buying hot lunch to donate to the hot lunch program, then these donations could be for children that can't afford hot lunch.
- Caitlin Krogman motions to use School Council money to have these two children's hot lunches covered for the rest of the year, second by Jaelyn Belisle. Motion passed.

12. Old Business:

None

13. New Business:

13.1 Parent Learning and feedback presentation 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 Allocation of school council funds

Staff Ideas for needs:

- Yoga mats approx \$20 each
- Gym Mats \$250+ each
- Listening center (KG & Gr 1) \$295 each
- Home reading books (kinder) \$800
- Math games/ literacy games (DIV 1)
- iPad evergreening support (future) \$12000
- Flexible seating (rocking chairs \$300, egg chairs, scooters or plasmacar \$80)
- Dollars for teachers convention - learning resources they learn about from there.
- ski trip support

Andy to get more information on each item and how many would be needed and which classes would be accessing the items. We will discuss again in January and decide once we have more information.

GRANT IDEA - Picnic tables/ outdoor seating

13.3 Parent teacher interviews (Oct 2024) -

Feedback was positive thus far. They offered Wednesday evening and Thursday mornings. Was nice to have more options for parents.

13.4 Society Update

Silent auction setup for Hive Night.

-Thanks to Caylee Low for offering up Twin Auctions for our silent auction.

13.5 School Drop off

-Andy and Lois are very aware of complications. Will continue to monitor.

14. Next meeting: January 15th, 2025

15. Motion to adjourn: Caylee Low, second Jennie Low at 8:41pm.