

## **Dr. Plaxton Elementary School Council Meeting**

### **Agenda - March 19, 2025 7:00 PM**

1. Call Meeting to Order 7:02 (Paige Olson chairing the meeting)
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Welcome/Introductions: Those in attendance - Paige Olson, Caitlin Krogman, Andy Tyslau, Thomas Scott, Christine Light, Jessica Kaul, Jenn Mackay, Jennifer Gordon, Maria Lindsay, Jaelyn Belisle, Heather Osmond Hoover
4. Additions to Agenda
  - a. - pay for pizza for parent teacher interview for parents
  - b. Discussion of email from presentation of foster families
5. Approval of Agenda - Maria Lindsay Seconded Caitlin Krogman
6. Approval of the Minutes from January, 2024 - Jennifer Gordon Seconded Caitlin Krogman
7. Trustee Report - • Dr. Plaxton received \$1000.00 sponsorship from Avonlea HomesThe Board and Executive Council will engage in assurance and strategic planning on March 6 and 7, 2025. Below is an outline of topics that will be covered during the sessions. The topics align with questions asked at the

Town Hall and information gathered through Alberta Education's Assurance Framework. We will spend time reviewing relevant information, identifying areas of strength, areas for growth and priorities related to Student Learning, Resource Allocation and Organizational Culture. Please note, the topics covered during the sessions may change as we go through the process.

- Assurance Framework Review
- Quality of Education Overview
- o Review Town Hall information and Assurance results
- Student Learning

- o Achievement

- Review town hall information, assurance results and other relevant information
- Review governance and operational considerations
- Identify priorities

- o Learning Supports

- Review town hall information, assurance results and other relevant information
- Review governance and operational considerations
- Identify priorities

- Resource Allocation

- o Staffing Allocations

- Review staffing and other relevant information
- Review governance and operational considerations
- Identify priorities

- o Funding Priorities

- Review budget information
- Review governance and operational considerations.
- Identify priorities.

- Organizational Culture

- o Welcoming, caring, safe, respectful learning environments

- Review town hall information, assurance results and other relevant information
- Review governance and operational considerations
- Identify priorities

- o Engagement & Opportunities

- Review town hall information, assurance results and other relevant information
  - Review governance and operational considerations
  - Identify priorities.
- The Division hosted a successful Town Hall event on February 4, 2025. Despite the cold there was a good turn-

out. We are in the process of collating the information we received through the Town Hall survey. The Division

received a total of approximately 2000 comments in response to the following questions:

Roundtable Dialogue # 1 – Education Quality

Elementary

- What aspects of your school and learning experience are you most satisfied with and why?
- What aspects of your school and learning experience are you least satisfied with and why?

- What specific changes or initiatives do you think would improve the quality of education at your school?The Board of Trustees values community engagement opportunities to hear the perspectives of our partners in education. Community Conversations is an opportunity for stakeholders to connect with trustees in a casual setting to discuss topics of interest and concern around education.

The following dates have been booked for this event:

Wednesday, March 19:

Time: 9-10:30 a.m.

Location: LFGA Hut, 946 9 Ave S

Wednesday, May 7:

Time: 7-8:30 p.m.

Location TBD.

At the Feb. 11 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Lethbridge School Division discussed partnering with the YMCA of Lethbridge to build a licensed childcare facility alongside the modernization of Galbraith Elementary School.

8. School Report Provided By Andy Tyslau- Syd Brown replaced Mrs Murray in Grade 4 when Mrs Murray went on her Maternity Leave. Mrs Thomson leaves on her Maternity Leave this Friday. She is being replaced by Ms. Anna Parkhurst. Grade 5 Basketball wrapped up, KONA ice donated 25% of their profit to Plaxton, and the cantine made \$1000 for the ski trip. Running club is under way. \$150 to each teacher to use in purchasing resources for their classroom, and kindergarten has purchased their audiobook stations and levelled reading. May 15 Spring Gala - Mrs Harmon is working hard with that. School Survey. Education Week, and teachers can be nominated by parents. Digital Wellness Day March 26. Green shirt day April 7. Mountain View Family Photo on April 8. Spring Break April 18-27.

9. Teacher Report

10. District School Council Report - ATA report, learning how to have clarity with communication with parents about report card changes, Evergreen is a process to replace computers, but there are cost limitations. ICE scholarships are being handed out through the division. Nicole Williams did an update on internet safety - March 27 @ CASA. A parent had a question for screen time policies for the district?

11. Treasurer Report - Opening Balance \$10,974.84 - Closing Balance \$11,234.60 This does not include subtracting \$ for teachers for their classrooms and kindergarten resources

12. Committee Report

**12.1** Hot Lunch - Going well

**12.2** Running Club - Remind kids to sign up for Little Soul race

13. Old Business

**13.1** Allocation of School Funds - follow up with Andy

**13.2**

14. New Business

**14.1** Ski Trip Update - Mr. Tom Scott - Grade 4/5 ski trip on March 11. 94 students attended, 70 kids rented, 30 parent volunteers, 10 teachers, \$2970 was donated by families, \$7,750 was fundraised. \$35/ student if they had to rent and participate in the lessons. Panago, KONA ice, Cantina, bottle drive from some grade 4 kids, and donations. Coming up with ideas for fundraising for the next ski trip. Possible clothing to purchase to promote next ski trip. Trying to make it more intentional with learning in regards to this trip.

**14.2** Parent learning session on Report Cards from Erin Hurket - Draft Report Card. Look deeper into each subject breakdown. Indicator Legend. English Language arts and literature, math, science, social studies, physical health and wellness, art and music. 3 terms for reporting Nov, Mar, June. Art and Music have not been updated to the new curriculum at this time. More detail in what concepts are being taught. Sometimes something isn't being taught in all three terms, so some of the marks will show NCA meaning Not Currently Assessed. It will just be assessed when taught. Report Card Comments will be at the bottom of each report card.

**14.3** Mountain View Studios Family Photo Night on April 8 4-6 Families can come to art room and have a family photo taken.

**14.4** Pizza being covered by the School Council funds - motion made by Jessica Kaupp to cover \$350 seconded by Caitlin Krogman voted in favour **NEW BUSINESS** perhaps do a teacher appreciation day the PD Day after May long weekend.

**14.5** A nonprofit agency called Closer to Home reached out to inquire if they could meet with our school council to discuss foster care. It is determined this would be best dealt with at the district level - Caitlin to reply to the email and suggest they reach out to Jen Day (Council Coordinate) and Morag Asquith (Associate Superintendent)

15. Future Meeting Dates: April 16, May 21, June 18

16. Adjournment 8:25