

Angus Morrison Elementary School Council Meeting

Minutes

April 4th , 2022 ~ Online Zoom

The virtual council meeting was called to order by Suzanne at 6:38pm

Co-chairs– Amy Kiezebrink and Samantha Visser

Secretary: - Sabrina Gilbert

Treasurer: Jennifer Robinson

Present: Suzanne, Amy Kiezebrink, Samantha Visser, Sabrina Gilbert, Jen Robinson, Sam Hughes, Belinda Brideau, Katherine, Christian Walsh, Amy Davidson, Kieredin Garbaa, Jesse MCclroy, Kayla G, Pauline, Holly Elliott Jodi Oscroft, Brooke Oaks, Monika, Laura, Becky, Ayesha Khurram, Nicole

Welcome and attendance	<p>Sam / Amy Co-Chairs welcomed all and asked everyone to mark their name in chat for attendance taking</p> <p>Members were advised that meeting would be audio recorded for minutes purposes.</p>
Minutes	<p>Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Sabrina</p> <p>Seconded by Amy.</p>
Meeting Norms	<p>Meeting Norms read by Sabrina Gilbert</p> <p>Hello everyone, and welcome to Angus Morrison Elementary School Council. We hope the following ‘norms of behavior’ will ensure we have an efficient, effective meeting that is respectful of everyone’s time and perspective.</p> <p>To begin we ask that everyone please be respectful to one another and any personal matters (such as any regarding your own children) be brought to the attention of the principal at another time. The goal of our School Council is to come together as a group to support student achievement.</p> <p>We ask that you sign in using both your first and last name as we are required to maintain attendance records. Participants will be muted upon entry as it can be difficult to hear if there are multiple live microphones.</p> <p>Finally, we would like to remind everyone that our time is limited, therefore, we kindly ask that questions be held until the allotted Q&A times. When invited, participants can use the raise hand feature and will be called upon. At this time, you can</p>

	<p>unmute and ask your question. Your cooperation with this is truly appreciated and we look forward to a great school year.</p> <p>Please type full name for attendance purpose. Having your camera on, will create a stronger sense of community in our meetings.</p> <p>Next Parent council meeting will be in person held at Angus Morrison School Library. A zoom link will be sent out, for those members who would prefer to attend meeting online.</p>
<p>Principal's Report Suzanne Laybolt</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow removal update, Snow season has passed. Contract is renewed every year, and when that happens. This will be addressed. • Hot lunches are a major source of revenue for the council. Pre Covid there was typically 2-3 days a week, where hot lunch was offered. Subs have been added, this year as cross contamination can be greatly controlled with subs. Lunches made easy have a menu, with a four-week cycle and a variety of options. Because lunches made has its own website for ordering, and school now uses cash online for payments must align the two so it can be offered by the school. Little Caesars Pizza and A&W a possibility for future lunches for the future as long as it aligns with school incentives of minimal waist, nutritional value and COVID restrictions. • Grade 8 Grad will be in person WOO HOO! Planning still stages still starting up. Grade 8 Grad will be held in Nottawasaga Pines Second School rather than in the Angus Morrison Elementary. More space available at this location. General Plan is as follows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Arrival 6-630 - 2 Hour Ceremony - 30 to 45 minutes family pictures - 1.5-hour dance (no Parents) • Track & Field will commence, however, to align with current COVID guidelines will only be held with Angus Morrison Students. Will not compete with other schools, to help stop the spread. For Grades 4 and up. Rugby and Free Pitch for the intermediates will be the only sports to go ahead with interschool sports in the Fall. Basketball, volleyball, and badminton will go forward a couple of days a week at this point. • Kindergarten pictures will go ahead, but kindergarten graduation still in planning and discussion process.

	<p>Will do a inter classroom celebration. Blue cap and gown provided by photographer. Email has been sent out regarding this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progrant applied for and approved. Intended to be used for Dr. ABC, everything was put on hold due to COVID shut down in January. This must be rescheduled. Tabled until next meeting.• Volunteers in school still not allowed. Teachers are trying to plan some field trips for older grades, from now until the end of May. As Volunteers are also not allowed on field trips. Planning a full day in Toronto for the grade 8 students as they have missed their overnight trip for the past 2 years. Still in planning stages.• Masks are now considered and option at the schools, it is a mask friendly environment. Hand washing and sanitizing continues. Cohorting during recess will come to an end Wednesday. Parents are reminded to please do and follow self-assessment. Children are being sent to school with symptoms. Working hard to minimize the spread.• \$13,000 in school yard improvement account, funds from Big Box of cards fundraiser and sell of wreaths will go in this account. School Budget money also allocated toward outdoor improvement. Courtyard improvements, 700 spring bulbs planted. Picknick tables, sheds, and outdoor learning materials to come. Growth of weeds and maintenance of this space continues to be a problem, looking for volunteers to help with this. All of this should cost in and around \$4000. Teachers have requested a Gagaball Pit. It is a very popular game with schools (dodge ball with your feet.) These run about \$2500 this will be a well-used piece of outdoor equipment for the students. Outdoor stage has been proposed. Funnel ball on the primary side has been proposed. A running path or track, obstacle course, soccer posts.• Decision to be made tonight outdoor playground must either be disposed of costs will be covered for this or repaired for \$4000. These are the only two options. Staff input was minimal. The Board does not support these structures, however the community do use it outside of school hours as a park. Every year this “play structure” requires an inspection. Council in agreement that having no play structure available is a mistake. However spending \$4000 of school money, that is needed elsewhere, on a yearly inspection is a
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	<p>waste. Christian Walsh would like to donate funds to a outdoor structure for the school. Christian and Suzanne will have a meeting to touch base and discuss, a structure that will meet the boards expectations on an outdoor play structure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katherine has been ordering outdoor recess toys for every division in the school. Kindergarten has their own budget for outdoor toys. Each classroom will have a big grey tub with outdoor toys. Examples of toys are scoops games, soccer balls, rugby balls and skip its. • Wood working room update. Permission to reopen now, may need to wait until the Fall as teachers must be certified to teach in this room. 3D printer needs repairs.
<p>Guest Speakers</p>	<p><u>Jodi Oscroft – Teacher: Eco School</u></p> <p>Community and School yard clean up to be held on April 22nd. May try to have a clean up day on a Saturday. Eco Dragon “cousin of the Red Dragon” school wide naming competition. Poetry month, competition to be held on poetry</p> <p><u>Holly Elliott – Essa Public Library</u></p> <p>Visit essa.library.on.ca for full calendar and to register.</p> <p>Bean Stalk online program for tracking reading, activities built into it. Spring reading program called “Growing Readers” with outdoor activities included. Digital badges are awarded for certain number of minutes of reading.</p> <p>After school programs ramping up, School aged kids can come do crafts and participate in activities. On Wednesday called “What’s up Wednesday”</p> <p>Library has a seed sharing program, along with community gardens outside of the Library.</p>
<p>Treasurer Report</p>	<p><u>Suzanne on behalf of Jen Robinson – Account Updates</u></p> <p>Very little change in school accounts. \$43573 in school generated funds This month eat well to excel account received grant money of \$437 \$177 spent on classroom needs by two teachers.</p>

	<p>Fundraising account, lunch program currently has \$600</p> <p>Restaurant nights \$1700</p> <p>Wreaths \$530 (not yet allocated)</p> <p>Keyboards and guitars purchased for library, half the funds from school budget and half the funds from councils budget.</p>
Fundraising	<p>Restaurant night Going very well. Brooke has done a lot of hard work surrounding them. Harvey's and Mucho Boritto are possibility for future restaurant nights. Freshii approached and there was no interest on there end.</p> <p>Jesse will connect with Suzanne regarding getting approval Colibri as a fundraiser. Two more session available for this year. May need to do this next year.</p> <p>Big Box of Cards running currently</p>
Mental Health Night	<p>Mental Health Night was a success. Very well attend 44 people in attendance and very well received. All speakers were engaging and informative.</p> <p>Proposal to use mental health recording in the future and or post it on the school website. This really was the first step to having the council be seen as more than just fundraisers.</p> <p>Student went to library with information from mental health toolbox night, to find more information and feel connected to the community and library. Really reached the community.</p>
June Fun Fair	<p>First year since COVID that fair is possible.</p> <p>Subcommittee formed will meet April 11 and will bring updates to next meeting.</p> <p>This would need to be seen as a community builder rather than a fundraiser.</p> <p>Tentative dates June 7 or 14</p>
	<p>Jen Motions for funds to be put toward Gagaball kit and outdoor seating/benches</p> <p>Seconded by Jesse</p>
Questions	<p>Christian – Could sign outside YMCA entrance be changed to have a more uplifting community forward message?</p>

	<p>Brooke-Tree in Kinder pen need to tackle moths now. This will be investigated</p> <p>Question regarding overcrowding in school, table to next meeting.</p> <p>Discussion as to whether new school may be built in Angus</p>
Confirm next council meeting	<p>May 2nd 2022 @ 6:30</p> <p>In person at Angus Morrison Elementary and Zoom</p>
Adjournment	<p>Amy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm</p> <p>Seconded by Amy Davidson</p>