

# Angus Morrison Elementary School Council Meeting

## *Minutes*

**October 4, 2021 ~ Online Zoom**

*The virtual council meeting was called to order by Suzanne at 6:31pm and a quorum was present.*

*Co-chairs: Past – Brooke Williams and Jennifer Janes Present – Amy Kiezebrink and Samantha Visser*

*Secretary: Past - Amy Kiezebrink Present – Sabrina Gilbert*

*Treasurer: Jennifer Janes*

*Present: Jennifer Robinson, Amy Davidson, Amy Kiezebrink, Brooke Williams, Glenda Brocklebank, Michelle Hansen, Pauline Sadlier, Jennifer Janes, Travis Williamson, Sam Hughes, Belinda Brideau, Crystal Jofre, Jodi Oscroft, Kayla Guergis, Kewsi Porter, Donnett Gordon, Ayesha Khurram, and Samantha Visser.*

Agenda Item	Notes/Decision/Action Taken
Welcome/Minutes Review	Many new members joined us for the meeting to check it out and everyone introduced themselves. Amy reviewed September meeting minutes.
Elections	<p><b>Nomination forms</b> We received 12 nomination forms and Kewsi and Dawnette were sent a form to fill out after the meeting. We were all in favor of this.</p> <p><b>Role of Chair/Co-Chair</b> Amy Kiezebrink was nominated as Chair by Glenda Brocklebank and accepted the position. Later Samantha Visser was nominated as Co-Chair and accepted the position.</p> <p><b>Role of Secretary</b> Sabrina Gilbert self-nominated herself and was accepted in.</p>

	<p><b>Role of Treasurer</b> Jennifer Janes was nominated by Amy Kiezebrink as treasurer and accepted.</p> <p>Thank you and congratulations to all on their new roles!</p>
<p>Principal/Admin Report</p>	<p><b>School Staff and Classes</b> Classes are good sizes now but the school is still in the hiring process for staff and there is still a possibility of other movements as teachers move to other schools or accept LTO positions.</p> <p><b>Pavement Painting is done and more to come!</b> Check out the pavement painting as there are now a lot of things for kids to do. Soon to come is Funnel Ball and other games. Rainbow-inspired crosswalk was added to the bus lane. Woot!</p> <p><b>Terry Fox Run</b> Coming up on October 15, check out SchoolCashOnline.com to donate or purchase a shirt – kids will be cohorted with their class, sorry no families this year.</p> <p><b>Truth and Reconciliation Day</b> Last Thursday was a great day of learning for the kids. It was well received, educational, and the kids did many activities.</p>
<p>School Council Priorities/Goals/Brainstorming</p>	<p><b>Upcoming SCDSB Virtual School Council Orientation</b> Tuesday October 19 from 6:30-8:30pm. Registration deadline is October 17 at 4:00pm. For more info or registration form visit: <a href="https://www.scdsb.on.ca/connections">https://www.scdsb.on.ca/connections</a> Fundraising, role of school council, other ideas etc. Parents are encouraged to attend as it is a great event with lots of information.</p> <p><b>Goals</b></p>

	<p>Next meeting, we will be looking at future goals for council.</p>
<p>Fundraising</p>	<p><b>Lunch Programs</b> Office staff will be starting a lunch program for the students for fundraising. This always makes a good amount of money for the school so stay tuned!</p> <p><b>Outdoor Improvements</b> To date we have spent \$5,000 on tarmac painting and \$5,000 on Basketball nets. Approx. \$10,000 left. We are wanting to gather ideas on what to use this money for and complete everything this year for outdoor improvements. While many parents request playground equipment, for safety/maintenance/damage reasons this is discouraged. More outdoor items for primary kids are needed.</p> <p><b>Technology</b> The school gained many devices since there were so many on loan last year. All classes have tablets. Many devices are in need of cleaning/repair/maintenance/replacement so funds are needed in order to keep this amount.</p> <p><b>Third Water Bottle Station</b> While this was fundraised for prior, we can reallocate the money back to this. Suzanne will contact the board in regards to this to find out if we are permitted to install another one since we have two already.</p> <p><b>Wood Room</b> Due to Covid we were not allowed to open the Wood Room, while we are this year, we are in the process of looking for a new teacher as the last one has left. There are no funds needed for this room.</p> <p><b>Spirit Awards</b> Structure has been lost within the school because of Covid and the teachers are working on bringing it back bigger and better. Fundraising money could be allocated to student recognition if needed for such things as certificates etc.</p>

**Hallways/Floors/Walls**

The school is working on keeping the walls (bulletin boards) full, fresh and moving. Sensory painting/decals on the floors for the kids was suggested as well. Sensory tracks for the walls are being created at the moment.

**Gardening**

Staff have been working hard during the summer and the fall on cleaning up the courtyard. Would love to see funds going into gardening.

**Field Trips**

No off-site field trips are allowed at the moment but on-site field trips are. Funds would be needed to either cover costs completely or subsidize them.

**Equity/Diversity/Inclusion**

Funds are always welcome in the promoting of well-being and welcoming of students.

**Ideas for How to Fundraise**

- Krispy Kreme – Brooke going to contact today in regards to getting them on the approved vendor list.
- Big Box of Cards
- Little Caesars
- Cookie Dough
- Happy Hippo Company – bath bombs, soaps etc. 20% commission. Gets shipped directly to the home. Would be good for Mother's Day/Christmas.
- Drysdales/Bradford Greenhouse Wreaths – 2 sizes available, easy to distribute, good percentage (20%). Pauline will research for this and Jen R and Brooke will help if needed.
- Bradford Greenhouses – admin will send a letter to them for our school to be on the list for kick back.
- Restaurants Nights – Sabrina, Jen R and Brooke are going to look into starting restaurant nights again.

<p>Q &amp; A</p>	<p><i>Can there be lunch time supervision for all classes this year?</i></p> <p>Every staff member is entitled to a 40-minute lunch break and this can be accommodated by shared supervision. One staff member would supervise 2-3 classrooms at a time. It is not ideal and creates a lot of extra work but focus is on building these structures, routines and expectations that kids can eat at their desks while be checked on by the teachers, Suzanne, Katherine and EAs. We do not have the presence to have a supervisor in every classroom at all times. It is well structured and well-behaved environment. Many of the parents brought up a big concern in regards to this as there are certain situations that can arise that require adult presence at all times. The issue is the lack of staff and this is a problem within all schools of Simcoe County, not just AMES. Suzanne would like to invite any suggestions or ideas on how to approach this and is going to come to the next meeting with how the lunchtime supervision is done at the school.</p> <p><i>We think a Fall/Halloween Door/Window Decorating Contest would be fun for the students, can we get this done?</i></p> <p>Jen J and Amy will create a proposal for Suzanne and the school culture and leadership team. If it's a go then she will connect us with a teacher on that end.</p>
<p>Confirm next council meeting</p>	<p>November 1, 2021</p>
<p>Agenda items for next meeting</p>	<p>Lunchtime supervision presentation from Suzanne, Winter/Spring door decorating proposal, updates on fundraising plans (restaurant nights, Krispy Kreme, Bradford Greenhouses, wreaths), update on current fundraising accounts, School Council goals, Fund allocation for the year, SCDSB virtual council orientation overview.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Amy adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm and we all pressed "Leave Meeting".</p>

