

Angus Morrison Elementary School Council Meeting

Minutes

September 20, 2021 ~ Online Zoom

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

Co-chairs: Brooke Williams and Jennifer Janes

Secretary: Amy Kiezebrink

Present: Jennifer Robinson, Amy Davidson, Amy Kiezebrink, Brooke Williams, Samantha Visser, Ayesha Khurram, John Price, Glenda Brocklebank, Jodi Oscroft and Jennifer Janes.

Agenda Item	Notes/Decision/Action Taken
Welcome/Minutes Review	Amy reviewed June meeting minutes and they were fabulous.
Principal/Admin Report	<p>Info Magnets are here! Thank you to Tina for the beautiful design, the magnets will be getting out to families this week as so far only new families have received them.</p> <p>School Sports Uniforms Approximately \$6,000-\$8,000 is the cost. Suzanne has spoken to the company in regards to uniforms as we can start getting going with those due to the fact that some sports are now allowed.</p> <p>Staffing update Numbers are in for re-organization 720 kids (decrease from last year). If children are affected, you will find out by turnaround day (September 28). Staff will do their upmost to ensure a smooth transition for students. Individuals who are affected will be contacted via personal communication, there will also be a mass communication after. There were 7 Learn@Home classes</p>

	<p>last year and now there are 2.5 classes. The .5 class is one with students of varying needs.</p> <p>Devices for Classrooms This year we are in a position where we can provide technology devices (tablets) for classrooms. Primary classes have 5-6 devices and junior 10-11 and each classroom also has a hovercam. Looking to replenish and maintain that level in each classroom once repairs/cleaning are assessed in current technology.</p> <p>Nomination Meeting for School Council Oct 4 is election meeting. Please send the nomination form into the school office if you wish to become a voting member of School Council. Either send to Tina, Suzanne, or to school with your kids. We are also asking to please invite people to come out and join council. You do not have to be a voting member to be on council. Chair person, secretary, and treasurer will be needed for this school term. Another important person would be a community member if anyone has any thoughts on someone.</p> <p>Tarmac Painting in Yard Tarmac painting is taking place in the school yard. Cost of this is about \$5,000 and looking to get done by end of September.</p>
<p>Fundraising Ideas & Finance Allocation</p>	<p>Future Fundraising Decisions need to be made by the end of October. Suzanne is going to send us an update of our accounts prior to the next meeting.</p>
<p>In-School Items/AWESOME News Sector</p>	
<p>Q & A</p>	

Q & A: Council put forward questions/raised concerns for the Principal for the coming year

A janitor asked some of the moms for help in regards to vacuums as they are in need of more for cleaning of the carpets in the portables. Can we fundraise for this?

Portables are not carpeted (max 6 have brand new area rugs). The providing of supplies for custodial staff is not the responsibility of school council but must go through the correct chain of command. Suzanne did reach out to the area supervisor and acquired three new vacuum cleaners for staff.

Was it planned to have the basketball nets not facing each other?

Yes. We have contractors and board depts that come in and plan these things. There are restrictions to where the balls can go (towards the road etc.) as well as square footage and wires. Teaching staff are very happy at the moment with how it is because two classes can use the basketball nets while staying safely distanced. Kids don't always want to play an organized game but rather a "bump". The gym is open for actual basketball games. Also, Funnel Ball is looking at being installed in the primary side.

In the primary yard and in the pens, is that going to be re-surfaced?

No, but it will be painted.

I've heard about Student Councils getting together with Canadian Tire and providing incentive for kids to wear helmets, is this something we can do?

There are helmets at the school that have been donated and we would like a program to be established such as a Bike Safety Day or some sort of annual event that involves police, council, and Jaxon's family. Brooke and Mrs. Myers will be spearheading this drive.

Are we able to start walking patrollers? Such as students out there to ensure it is safe?

Staff have to be out there as we cannot rely solely on kids to do this. But now we are starting safety patrollers on the busses and will look into walking patrollers too. CAA trains the bus patrollers and therefore have criteria – they do offer a walking patroller training program. Katherine will be looking into this.

When are the crosswalks going in?

The crosswalks will be going in shortly as they are waiting for a part. These are the flashing X crosswalks. They are located on the corners of Simcoe and Raglan as well as Auburn and Sydenham. We also have crosswalks in the bus lane that will be painted also.

Can we have a parking update?

Katherine did a walk around with the bylaw officer as they were scouting and putting up signs. There were concerns about blocking driveways etc. Behind the busses and where they unload, there is a space that has yellow stripes, there is a possibility of having parallel parking established there. There are criteria that we have to meet in order to make that happen. Walking has improved with the sidewalks and bus lanes. We are trying to maximize parking areas as much as possible. The township sent us the no parking map but the map that was given to us was inaccurate so there is a new one coming to us.

It is dangerous at the front during the end of school with the kids walking out to the road. What can be done about this?

Suzanne will look into what we can do with this to make it safer.

A lot of parents are blocking the entrance and exit to the school.

Suzanne will talk to Mrs. Chapman about putting a stop to this.

Concerns about the ice cream truck that made an appearance last Friday.

By law will be called as this is not acceptable.

Concern about the lack of communication between the school and the bus with children getting on the wrong bus.

There was a situation on the first day of school where children were put on the wrong bus for the way home. This was particular situation was stressful and took way too long for the situation to be rectified but everyone was safe. The bus consortium has been communicated with in regards to this. Teachers have been asked to communicate with their bus students to ensure they understood which bus they are on. Typically, if a student gets on the wrong bus, the driver now knows who is meant to be on their bus etc., if they see anything amiss then they report to the dispatcher. There are procedures with kindergarten students where they are not

allowed to be let off the bus without a parent present. Kids will be sent back to the school until picked up by their parents.

Another water fountain needed in the primary wing, is this possible?

Ms. Hart came to Brooke saying that it is very inconvenient with their classes to travel all the way to other water fountains. Suzanne will look into another one being installed or if it is necessary.

Do the water filling stations have filters? As there are some complaints about the water tasting "funny".

Suzanne will look into it, but there are checks, tests and flushes done to the water frequently and the fountains are connected right to the school's water supply.

Extracurricular activities - are they happening this year?

They will be happening this year; we have had staff conversations and info collection from older kids on what that would look like. There will just not be meetups with other schools. There still needs to be protocols put in place about what kinds of sports and clubs will be permitted and what it will look like so stay tuned.

What is the protocol with Halloween/Birthday/Christmas etc treats in the classroom?

No treats in the classroom are permitted at the current moment. If it is organized where treats are quarantined for 5 days prior to be handed out, then this could be an exception.

What about pizza days/lunch days?

The issue is the man power as we cannot allow parent volunteers in yet but we are hoping to get some lunch fundraisers (more individual meals) started.

Recycling/compost - can this be done at the school or does it need to come home too? Banana peels, yogurt tubs etc.

We do have recycling at the school which is maintained by the staff and students, not by the custodian team. We do have green bins but have not started with them yet as the collection falls to a classroom monitor delivering it to the depot which is difficult in the cohorting. Crystal (main custodian) and Jodi Ocroft have been trying to facilitate a collection throughout the day and will try to get something organized. This could be that Jodi herself will do the collecting during the day.

School pictures - Are they happening? Individual? Class?

Katherine had conversations with the school photographer. We did book two potential dates (October 28 and November 24). The secondary schools have received limited permission to go forward but elementary has not received permissions yet from the health unit and board. Katherine will communicate if we hear something.

	If we are able and allowed to accommodate photos then we can look at other options such as Kindergarten graduation photos, group photos etc.
Student Council Future/Brainstorming /Voting Matters	
Confirm next council meeting	October 4, 2021 (Election Day)
Agenda items for next meeting	Voting, fundraising plan for 2021/2022 and follow ups from items in this meeting.
Adjournment	Suzanne adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm and we all pressed "Leave Meeting".