

MINUTES

Aberdeen Public School School Council Meeting Agenda

October 10, 2018

9:15 a.m.

Members Present Jay Sheers, Chris Masterson, Julie Elwood, Erica Ross, Melissa Schwartz, Lori Hannon-Ladouceur, Jessica Reinders, Nicolle Preece, Alicia Stafford, Shawna Gales, Miranda Walters, , Kim Jardine, Ashley Laye, Nicole Gilkes, Nessa Sarsfield, Miranda Walters, Terry Burke

Item	Owner
Welcome ~openings and introductions	Chris
Introductions ~introductions done ~four elected positions typically done. Fill out the form if not already done. ~Holly suggested handing forms out to those outside.	Chris
Staff and their roles ~New staff and what they teach. Ms. Walne (FDK), Ms. Tucker (FDK), Ms. Cater (1), Ms. Lutchin ($\frac{1}{2}$), Mr. Butler ($\frac{2}{3}$), Ms. Hughson ($\frac{3}{4}$), Ms. Pyka ($\frac{4}{5}$), Ms. Lozon (6), Ms. Hubbard (6/7), Mr. Gardiner ($\frac{7}{8}$)	Chris
What is School Council ~School council is the active participation of parents and community members to improve student learning and to enhance the accountability of the education system to the parents. As a member of the school council you are accountable to the parents and the community. School Council achieves its purpose by making recommendations to the administrative staff in an advisory capacity. ~Gathers the opinions and recommendations of parents and community members, acts as a voice. ~Minimum of seven and a maximum of 15 voting members, although all parents and community members are welcome to join any of the meetings at any given time. ~In order to remain a voting member, no more than three consecutive meetings can be missed. Therefore, it is recommended that members of School Council let administration know if they are not able to make a meeting beforehand. ~Everyone's opinions are welcome and appreciated. ~Main focus is student learning, achievement and wellbeing. Fundraising is a very small component of what School Council is. ~Any and all fundraising must follow the Thames Valley School Boards policies and procedures in regards to School Generated Funds ~School Council members must adhere to and follow the Thames Valley School Boards School Council Policy (Both these policies are found on the TVDSB.ca website.	Chris

- ~minimum of four meetings must be held each school year
- ~Advisory group to the administration of the school. What is the best for our kids.
- ~four year minutes must be kept
- ~Cannot discuss specific staff, students, or parents. Goes against the confidentiality guidelines. Specifics need to be addressed with the administration not the school council. Ex, EQAO can be discussed but not the specific teachers in the grades 3/6 levels.
- ~what is best for the school and their students
- ~Nonjudgmental manner
- ~Constructive conversations
- ~Confidentiality

School Council Positions

Chair and Co-Chair: Liaise with administration and help prepare the agenda for future meetings. Adheres to the responsibility of School Council Members, arranges for School Council Meetings, and assists in the preparation of the agenda with administration.

- ~Communicates regularly with administration, board staff and trustees
- ~Helps to facilitate the resolution of conflict.
- ~Brings forth any questions and concerns from the community, parents and other School Council Members

Treasurer: Maintains financial records

Secretary: Takes minutes from the meeting

- ~Voting is done yearly
- ~Only one vote per family unit

Financials

~Fundraising and what it looks like and what it needs to look like. All fundraising must have a specific, stated purpose and the funds can only be used for stated purpose. Recommendation to view the SGF policies online

Money from last year to be spent on field trips, outdoor play equipment and technology as decided by last year's school council

Voting meeting date: October 24, 9:15

Secret ballot who you would like as the chair who you would like as the co-chair etc. One can self-nominate

~Brainstorm meeting as well

Next Meeting: November 14, 9:15

Topics for next meeting

- Fence and privacy
- Coats and kids who need them wants to do a drive
- Food, a better program with better food options
- Cater taking some money to use for her field trip.