

# Aspen Grove School Council Nov 18, 2024



## 1.0 Call to Order

- Welcome and Introductions: Started at 6:30 pm

## Working Commitments

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## 2.0 Attendance

- Present: Colin Murphy, Arlene Foley, Andrea Wilman, Johanna Cheik, Jacob Smith, Julie Hardacker, Jaclyn Schultz, Tanya, Brandy, Whitney, Kate, Ashley Vincent and Andre Oulette board of trustees

## 2.0 Review of the Agenda and Additions

- Munch A Lunch update- went well, everyone got their food with minor mixups. Hot dog orders closed tonight. Profit from State and Main \$1906.50 -expenses= \$330.63 profit. Pizza lunch is December 12.
- Christmas Hampers- how many families are school council willing to support? 4-6? Staff are also doing a few on their own. Other community organizations have had family names brought forward. Those organizations try to ensure that families are not double dipping and being supported by more than one. Gift cards to WalMart give families flexibility to put the money towards whatever they prioritize.
- Date for Turkey Dinner-December 4, will accommodate both Kinder/Kinderpal classes. Will run in two shifts, K-3 and 4-8. A few caterers have been reached out to, have \$4200 for the Turkey Dinner: anonymous donation of \$200 and Kenton Schultz donated \$4000. School will provide \$800 to bring the total to \$5000. Signup Genius to go out to have a parent volunteer sign up/advertisement.  
Different quotes from Caterers:  
Board and Bottle: \$3850, Valleyview Catering \$4000, Lefties Café Catering: \$11/plate \$4400, Delta \$4800, Citrus Catering \$4400, Majors \$5985 . Some items not included from different caterers, can ask students to bring ie. dessert, plates, cutlery etc. Sub-committee will decide on caterers.
- Homemade center pieces: Students can make center pieces, sub-committee will get back to admin about quantities needed to reach out to teachers.
- ADDITION: Andrea other business

## 3.0 Approval of Minutes from Oct 2024

Approved by Tanya

## 4.0- Aspen School Council Executive are:

**Chair-** Brandi Smith

**Vice Chair** -Jacalyn Schultz  
**Secretary** -Ashley Vincent  
**Treasurer** -Kathy Lamson

#### **5.0 Treasurers Report-**

- Kathy is away and Jacalyn will provide an update during the Society meeting
- Balance of 2 accounts financial review of outstanding financial items from 2023-2024 will be during Society meeting
- General Bank Balance is \$37,862.94
- Casino Bank Balance is \$39,571.90
- 6 cheques written out since last meeting: catch up for insurance 1260.17 Marsh Canada
- Nikki LaValley for Halloween prizes \$77.18
- State and Main \$1349.36 Fun Lunch Expense
- Julie Hardacker \$137.51 fun lunch supplies
- Halloween canteen \$330.43
- Brandi-PTI supper \$104.98
- Halloween expenses: \$1978.80-\$330.43- expenses= \$1648.37 profit, \$960 collected at the door, \$1018.80 collected from the Canteen)
- State and Main Fun Lunch revenue \$1906.50- expenses \$1572.87 equals profit of \$333.63

#### **7.0 School Plan Review** -PAT 2023-2024 results shared and interpretations

Opportunity to see trends at Aspen Grove. Didn't write the LA and the Math. Only wrote SS and Science. Social- all students wrote in both grade 6 classes, using the old curriculum. Aspen Grove students are not doing as well as the standard for the rest of the province. Moving forward, looking at the why for this data. Social Studies requires a lot of reading skills. Looking at students at Aspen Grove who are not reading at grade level. Local government was the lowest score: is there opportunity for students to get out and gain experiences in the community. They need the skills and application to answer multi-step questions, higher level thinking. About 30% of students are not reading at grade level. See if trends continue with new curriculum on the next PAT.

Only half wrote the Science, which make a significant statistical difference. Very large drop for acceptable and standard of excellence. New curriculum last year. Perhaps only some outcomes were piloted? Some concepts to work on to improve data are improving vocabulary, higher level thinking to look at information and synthesize to answer questions. New curriculum does not provide students with the background knowledge from previous years, as the new curriculum catches up to students as they move up.

#### **8.0 Principal Report**

Thank you to the parents for the delicious supper during PTIs. Was very appreciated.

Halloween Dance was awesome!

Collaborative practice this week is focused on working through the new report cards. Parent will receive a parent report guide for K-6 via e-mail- how to interpret achievement indicators, competencies. New report card is more reflective of the curriculum outcomes. December 6 report cards will be sent home and be live online.

Jr High Volleyball finals will be this week in the bronze medal game.

Basketball will be coming soon after volleyball is wrapped up.

Parent Teacher Conferences were well attended, many parents gave positive feedback for having it before report cards. Gives proactive feedback for students to bring up any marks or behaviors before report cards.

Winter Carnival: put on by staff for families in the evening, inside and outside: December 12 5:30-7:30 pm

Last week of December before break will have a variety of activity: caroling, deliver community candy canes, dress up days, etc.

### **9.0 School Board Trustee Report**

Andre shared board advocacy priorities. These are handed out to families, community members, government officials. Explains the school board priority. Met with the president of public school board association and executive director: topics was charter schools, and private schools. Alberta Public School board association has come out that they are in support of private and charter schools. It is a losing battle to fight against it, looks negative. We ask for fair value given to public schools in Alberta. (Equitable funding). Attempting to work with the government, instead of against.

Student Advisory Committee: met last month. Talked about personal devices, social media policy.

Students had great feedback- frustration with being forced to use a paper planner instead of a digital calendar. Students understand how devices can be disruptive, but miss listening to music when during independent work. Some banned sites, such as Pinterest, may provide helpful information. Confused as to why laptops are acceptable, but other devices are banned. Talked about network access and laptop cart access, network solutions, loading time, etc. Students felt open to share.

Board Meeting: Bill 20, draft bylaw: require candidates that run for trustee position need a criminal record check. Have not had to provide checks before run, but we have always had checks once in office. This is not standard practice across the province. Also would have to submit a deposit to run. If you won, you get your money back and if you lost you would not. (\$100).

Student attendance: last year saw 5% increase who had 90% or higher attendance.

Career Pathways Thought Exchange: launched to engage in conversation with parents via this application. Has come out that should be engaging with students at a young age what they want to be when they grow up. Want to encourage students to start thinking about it, start making a plan. Will close on November 27. Predominant trend now is responsibility, perservance, skills that are required to go to a job you don't love everyday, working with others, financial responsibility etc.

Division has requested 8 modular classrooms- Comp for 6 modular classrooms, 2 for Isabel Campbell.

### **10.0 Questions/ Other Business**

Motion from Andrea for advocacy around ASKA (parent voice for meetings with Minister of Education, to support school councils for the work of school councils. There would be an AGM- cannot bring forward repeat issues)- highlights from ASKA can be shared at meetings, \$500 grant for learning the work around school councils, could be a sub-committee. Example: student advocacy, new curriculum, etc. School councils bring them to ASKA, then it is voted on, then brought to government. But no guarantee that this is heard by the government. Andre shared his opinion that the chair and vice-chair should attend a meeting and see what it is about.

January Meeting- do some research and make an informed decision on a vote in January. Provide an ASKA update as part of the usual agenda.

Newsletter: times/dates had errors(original went out, instead of revised)- update will come

Facebook used to have next week at a glance, was really liked previously. Communication plan to come.

### **11.0 Next Meeting -**

January 13, 2025: No meeting in December  
**12.0 Adjournment at 7:51 pm**

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## 3.0 Review of the Agenda and Additions

- Resignation letter read from Tina Shaw, foundation chair- Vice Chair, Brandy, will take over responsibility. Brandy nominated Jaclyn Schultz as Vice-Chair, seconded by Andrea Wilman, all in favour.

## 4.0 Approval of Minutes from Sept 2024 to be embedded in future meetings so people can look back, if needed

Approved by Jacalyn, seconded by Tanya, all in favour

## 5.0 Approval and Additions –

## 6.0 Aspen Foundation executive

**Chair-** Tina Shaw

**Vice Chair** -Brandi Smith

**Secretary** -Ashley Vincent

**Treasurers** -Kathy Lamson/Jacalyn Schultz

## 7.0Treasurer Report

- Kathy is away and Jacalyn will provide an update during the Society meeting
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Update on past due items: AGLC raffle report has ben completed and filed

Insurance cheque has been reissued, mailed and deposited.

Funds have been transferred to stay in compliance. \$4200 funds borrowed back from general account to cover casino expenses, were not transferred back.

\$1060.90 proceeds from silent auction last year.

\$25000 rotary grant

Gift card fundraiser had a loss due to poor record keeping- loss of \$625-750.

Pub night was cancelled last year due to lack of attendance, cheque was issued, no proof was found. \$333.16 loss.

Thank you cards \$188.89 have been tried to piece together, but a loss was taken.

New stipulations put in place: need 2 signatures for cheques, no cheques given without a receipt, everything is put online to prevent any questions. Permission to spend money will be voted on to give stronger financial controls. Nearly lost foundation rights due to errors and lack of accountability and disorganization.

### **8.0 Fundraising Reports**

- Poinsettia- Nov/Dec - orders by the first week of December. Purchasing extra to be sold when they arrive. Poinsettia sale is up and running as of last week. Currently have sold over 50 plants. Goal is 152 units (\$1000). Currently at \$380. Last day is December 2 for orders, pick up is December 10. Sign up genius to come to help with orders.

### **9.0 Items for approval from School Council:**

Mrs. Pollon- IXL

Didn't come back with a price for her class, will be tabled.

### **Other Items**

How do we get other parents involved?

Can we try new things to be better in the future?

This year has been cleaning up, learning, etc. and then moving forward

Other parents may want to assist with fundraisers, but not attend Parent Council meetings

Kathy wants to try a Read-A-Thon attached to Literacy Week

Can be added to January's meeting to discuss

### **10.0 Next Meeting**

January 13, 2025

### **11.0 Meeting Adjourned**

At 8:18 pm

