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Alta Vista Public School
Minutes • School Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2019

1. Welcome and Introduction (Nancy Dean, Chair)

Principal Guido Ronci introduced incoming Principal Dennis Paré, who will begin at AVPS on Jan. 6, 2020.

2. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes (Nancy Dean)

The agenda was approved. The minutes were approved.

3. Administrative Report (Guido Ronci)

Repairs to the broken steam pipe are on schedule.

Alison Weber is stepping in as an Educational Assistant. Korosh Sharif will return from leave in the New Year.

The work-to-rule should not affect students. Rather, the goal is to put pressure on the OCDSB and administration. With regard to trips, the band trip to Toronto and the Gr. 6 camping trip to Camp Opemikon will go ahead. Trips that have not yet been approved may be affected by the work-to-rule.

Approximately 60% of the parent budget has been spent to date. There is \$24,000 in school-generated funds that will be carried over.

The drinking water is flushed daily, and the flushing is logged. Principal Ronci provided School Council member Jeff De Laat with the plans for the building (plumbing, electrical, etc.). It was suggested that the pipes be checked in the winter when the heat is on because lead leeches out when pipes are warmer.

Also regarding drinking water, taps in classrooms are for washing hands only, with the exception of the Kindergarten classrooms. It was suggested that signage be installed that specifically shows students not to drink the water rather than only having signage that shows students the water is safe for washing hands.

4. Teacher's Report (Richie Dosanjh)

Bordenball has three tiers of teams for boys and girls with 100 students participating. Volleyball is starting for boys and girls.

Staff are committed to orchestrating open-gym time for students.

The boys football team enjoyed a celebratory pizza party.

Kathleen Connelly expressed her thanks for the new AVPS pinnies.

Beth Rutland shared that referees report their enjoyment of reffing AVPS students.

5. Chair's Report (Nancy Dean)

A follow-up committee regarding repairs is being convened. Janice Chamberlain circulated a report that documents 45 unanswered/further questions for the OCDSB following the Nov. 27 special meeting.

A chair/committee lead is needed for Spring Fair, Flavours of the World and Eco Committee. An information night will be organized for January 2020. Members of School Council are encouraged to share these needs with the school community.

6. Treasurer's Report (Kathy Wrye)

The bank balance is \$64,000.

Tia Helm asked that we post a request for mittens and gloves of all sizes for AVPS students. Her inventory of these cold-weather essentials is empty.

7. Committee Update

Gifts of Giving raised \$1,200 for outreach and community-building activities.

The November movie night raised \$460 for the Nature Warriors club.

Principal Guido Ronci was thanked for his leadership and contribution to AVPS with a round of applause and gift from School Council. He commented on how wonderful the students are at AVPS and that it has been his pleasure to see them flourish under the expertise of the teachers.

8. Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting will take place Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. in the school library (second floor). All school parents/guardians are welcome to attend.