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Alta Vista Public School
Minutes • School Council Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020

1. Welcome and Introduction (Nancy Dean, Chair)

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

The agenda was approved. The minutes were approved.

3. Administrative Report (Dennis Paré)

Repairs are almost complete, and the music room is now in use.

Staffing is ongoing. Principal Paré is still looking for an Educational Assistant; this is challenging because it is mid-year and a .5 appointment. The staffing process for next year will begin in April.

Black History Month has been a priority with daily challenges and prizes for students to encourage participation.

Current sanctions in the job action limit what Principal Paré and Vice-Principal Dosanjh are able to accomplish with respect to leadership. That being said, morale is good. Phase 6 started Feb. 26 and is meant to put pressure on the administration.

Grad photos may be postponed due to bad weather expected Feb. 27. (Subsequently rescheduled to March 10.)

AVPS has two School Learning Plans (SLP): Math and Well-Being. These are being reviewed by Principal Paré and are based on the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board's (OCDSB) improvement plan. Once labour relations have been resolved, he will meet with teachers to further implement the plan. He explained that the SLP for Math is a theory of action. The goal is for students to have a positive attitude toward math.

No extracurricular activities or field trips will go ahead until labour relations have been resolved. However, the Gr. 3 Swim to Survive program will go ahead.

4. Chair's Report (Nancy Dean)

A thank-you was received from Arch Street Public School for the \$1,000 donation they received from School Council in June 2019. The funds were used for a makerspace.

School Council voted unanimously to direct Co-Chairs Nancy Dean and Janice Chamberlain to send a letter to OCDSB Superintendent Dorothy Baker and Brett Reynolds, OCDSB Associate Director of Education, to advocate for stability within the administrative team at AVPS.

Nominations for the OCDSB Community Recognition Awards will be accepted until March 27.

The Health and Safety Subcommittee met with Principal Paré; Superintendent Dorothy Baker; Mike Carson, OCDSB Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent of Facilities; and Dan Bradley, OCDSB Manager of Facilities. Members of the subcommittee requested that parents be given the same notice as staff and that parents and volunteers be given the same information and access to training as staff. At the meeting, the subcommittee requested an independent third-party assessment of the school building; the assessment conducted by the OCDSB is expected to be delivered in June. The subcommittee expressed concerns regarding chemicals that may have been released during the steam-pipe leak(s). They continue to await answers surrounding the steam-pipe leak. The subcommittee requested \$350 from School Council to cover the cost of research and fees for access to information and testing.

The Safe Schools and School District School Code of Conduct Policy Review is taking place. Parent/guardian consultations are scheduled for March 2, 4 and 23. Vice-Principal Dosanjh to follow up with why no parents seem to have heard about this consultation.

5. Treasurer's Report (Kathy Wrye)

Approximately \$10,000 net funds have been raised.

AVPS auditor strongly suggested School Council funds be kept in a separate safe. Principal Paré to provide space for a safe.

The following items were presented for approval and passed.

- \$250 to purchase a safe for the use of School Council
- \$1,500 for Flavours of the World
- \$350 for the Health and Safety Subcommittee
- \$54 for subsidies for the Monday Subway Lunch program

School Council also voted to extend allocations from Term 1.

Principal Paré requested School Council's consideration of a fund to help AVPS parents/guardians at his discretion. Kathy Wrye to confirm if student subsidies may be used to satisfy this request.

6. Coordinator Reports

Caryn Taylor reported that orders for Subway and pizza are almost the same as the fall term. Lynne Scholten and Laurie Mackenzie to develop a customer satisfaction survey.

Mais Kiryakos requested guidance as to when the next order for Spirit Wear may be announced. She will circulate her preferred date to School Council.

The Feb. 28 Family Movie Night is postponed. (Subsequently cancelled.)

The Spring Fair Planning Committee is requesting volunteer canvassers for the Silent Auction. Kathy Wrye will supply a short list of businesses.

School Council continues to look for a volunteer depositor.

The Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants have been discontinued.

Nancy Dean will distribute the link for the Parent Involvement Committee's (PIC) new work plan. For more information regarding PIC, please visit:
https://ocdsb.ca/about_us/enrolment_data/parent_involvement/parent_involvement_committee__p_i_c_

7. Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting will take place Wednesday, March 25, at 7 p.m. in the school library (second floor). (Subsequently cancelled.)