

**Alta Vista Public School (AVPS)
Minutes • School Council
Wednesday, May 18, 2022**

NB: The meeting took place via Google Meets due to COVID-19 protocols

1. Welcome and Introductions (Melissa Extross, Chair)

2. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes (Melissa Extross, Chair)

The agenda was approved. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

3. Chair's Report (Melissa Extross, Chair)

June 3 is a PA Day. Staff may be given the option to work from home. Plans for the Staff Appreciation Lunch will move ahead under the leadership of Shelly Firth.

EF7A is running a food drive from May 16 to June 17 for the Heron Emergency Food Centre. This project combines data management and preparing announcements.

4. Administrative Report (Dennis Paré, Principal)

Looking ahead to the 2022-2023 school year, the number of students and teachers will increase from this year. Hiring is a multi-step process that should be done by mid June. Jeannine Bradley retired in April, and Sonia McLay has been filling in as the Office Administrator. This position will also need to be filled for 2022-2023.

Christol Barrett-Kilongozi will be going to Hilson Avenue P.S. as their new Vice-Principal in September 2022. Congratulations, Christol!

Construction should conclude in June. The entire second floor will then be under construction next year, including the library, to which partial access is being requested.

The school-leaving ceremony for Gr. 8 students is June 28.

As COVID restrictions ease, Kindergarten students are experiencing more "normal" situations. The Kinder program receives extra lunchtime monitors.

5. Teacher's Report (Christol Barrett-Kilongozi, Teacher's Representative)

May is Marathon Month, with 50-100 students participating from 8:40-9 a.m.

Gr. 3-6 students participated in three Luv 2 Groove workshops. Feedback was positive. Gr. 4-8 students are practising track and field events during Phys. Ed. classes.

Jump Rope for Heart for Grs. 1-3 will take place at the end of May.

Kindergarten students are learning about lifecycles and spring as well as watching grass seed grow in the Kinder yard. Some classes have been exploring land acknowledgments.

Gr. 4 students hosted a Literature Circles Fair.

Intermediate students built garden beds, in which Gr. 3 students will plant seeds, and participated in a University of Ottawa Maker Mobile workshop.

Class participation in Black History Month Missions increased. Marvellous Math Moments were popular in March and April, and Asian and Pacific Islander Month Missions in May are also enjoying increased participation.

6. Treasurer's Report (Kathy Wrye, Treasurer)

The citrus fundraiser and Mabel's Labels brought in \$755 – thank you, Caryn Taylor and Lynne Scholten respectively!

One invoice has been received for Scientists in School.

School Council approved the following spending requests.

Materials for Carnival Day	\$200
Materials for Kinder Info Night	\$200

A standing item of \$300 for the Gr. 8 school-leaving ceremony is available.

7. New Business

School Council agreed to run a fundraiser in June that will simply ask for donations.

Spring Fair will not go ahead. The Welcome Back BBQ may happen in September 2022.

Plantables.ca has raised \$200 for School Council – thank you, Mais Kiryakos!

Spirit Wear orders should arrive by mid June.

8. Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting will take place virtually Wednesday, June 22, at 7 pm. All parents/guardians of AVPS community are welcome to attend.