

Alta Vista Public School (AVPS)
Minutes • School Council
Wednesday, June 22, 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)

The Kindergarten information night was a success.

4. Administrative Report (Dennis Paré, Principal)

The entire second floor of the school, including the library, will be closed for the duration of the 2022-2023 school year. The library can't be relocated.

Interviews are complete for up to six positions, and offers should go out next week.

The school administration consulted School Council about requesting school fees in September 2022. School Council was in favour. The \$20/student fee is voluntary, and it directly benefits students. It was suggested that the request be put into its own email.

Sports, clubs and band are expected to resume in 2022-2023 as long as there is a willing teacher to lead the activity and the public health situation allows such activities.

5. Teacher's Report (Stephanie Hindle, Teacher's Representative)

Thanks were offered to School Council for providing financial support for programming. The Luv 2 Groove dance workshops, for example, went really well.

Some field trips, on foot and by city or school bus, have taken place.

The enthusiastic staff ran a successful track-and-field day June 17 as well as a Carnival Day on June 24. The Kinders enjoyed a Water Day on June 24. The Intermediates celebrated the end of school with a Rainbow Day on June 27.

There has been lots of movement within the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) regarding new initiatives for reading instruction.

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

School Council spent \$13,500 out of the \$17,650 that was either granted or is a standing item. Revenue is \$8,250. School Council has \$33,000 to spend in 2022-2023.

School Council approved \$1,100 for the Saidat Show for October 2022.

7. New Business

Shelly Firth and Kathy Wrye are working with parents/guardians of Gr. 7 students to decorate for the school-leaving ceremony June 28.

The plan for School Council meetings next year is for the first meeting/AGM on Sept. 21 to be in the gymnasium. The December 2022 and June 2023 meetings will also be in person. The rest of the year's meetings will be virtual.

Kathy Wrye and Shelly Firth volunteered to lead the welcome-back BBQ on Sept. 29. Mais Kiryakos will organize spirit wear to be available to sell at the BBQ.

Mais will enquire if Scholastic will return to in-person book fairs. In they are, the book fair will be Nov. 23-25 (with set-up Nov. 22).

A lead is needed for Gifts of Giving, which would take place Dec. 16 (set-up Dec. 15). Funds raised through Gifts of Giving are used for outreach.

Mais will also lead Snow Out/Blow Out on Oct. 1, with drop-off Sept. 29 (same time as the welcome-back BBQ). She will lead Deals on Wheels for April 1 (drop-off March 31).

The tentative date for Flavours of the World is April 27; the school's Multicultural Liaison Officer leads this event with support from School Council.

Spring Fair is scheduled for May 27.

Caryn Taylor agreed to lead the pizza-lunch program for next school year; Laurie Mackenzie will ask Ana Flaman if she will lead the Subway-lunch program.

If a lead is available, Family Movie Nights will take place the fourth Friday of October, November, January, February, April and May. Volunteers are welcome to lead this valuable community-building event, which doubles as a fundraiser for clubs/activities.

8. Next Meeting

The next School Council meeting and the Annual General Meeting will take place Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7 pm. All AVPS parents/guardians are welcome to attend.