

**DRAFT**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Alta Vista School Council (AVSC)**  
**Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 7-9 pm**

**1. Welcome and Introduction (Melissa Extross, Chair)**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda has been approved.

**3. Approval of last meeting minutes**

Last meeting's minutes have been approved.

**4. Chair's Report (Melissa Extross)**

- **Gifts of Giving, possible alternatives**

While Mark agreed to coordinate the event in December, he didn't have the timeline in place to organize it and the event was not advertised. All money goes to supporting sister schools. The previous coordinators (Natalie and Elizabeth) gave some great support for the event.

It's great for the community, and we will need to think about alternatives for the future if we aren't able to do the event.

Discussion:

Is there a desire to do Gifts of Giving now? During Eid or Easter to tie it into a Holiday? If there is interest, is anyone interested in leading this event? How do we fill in the gaps of fundraising?

Shawn's sister would be interested in leading the Gifts of Giving event.

- **Family Dance**

This used to run pre-covid. It is a fun fundraiser where we will be selling tickets to attend. Kids will enjoy this event and it is great for family connections with the school. We are looking for anyone interested in running it.

Discussion:

Kathy: There is support to run and recommends adding the sale of snacks and drinks.

Melissa: It can be an end-of-season event. Something nice to close the year, and where no movie night at that time of the year (Family Movie Nights end in April).



Melissa: We will look into this more for the next meeting. We might organize it for the second week of June (Thursday June 13).

- **Spring Fair Committee**

We need to start forming a committee. The event includes indoor and outdoor games, nail painting, pedalheads, plant sale, scouts, yard games, sponge toss, BBQ food, cake walks and much more. It is a really fun day and one of our biggest fundraisers. The event is scheduled on Saturday May 25. A great event for the family. Merry Dairy and other food was there. Class baskets were a great portion of the organizing. Families could donate items for the Class Basket and we hold a Silent Auction. Kathy will be stepping back from the Silent Auction (she will be involved for support), Shelly might be able to coordinate.

Tasks:

Games: Francis has volunteered to do games again this year. Aaron as well

Silent Auction: Kathy has a detailed list of all the items of the auction to support, including email addresses

Kate Raven is willing to support as well. Shelly as well

Heather Cherry and Mara Bouse can also help.

Lynne is able to work on website and Facebook communications

## **5. Administrative Report (Dennis Paré, Principal)**

- **Construction Updates**

Not much to share. A lot of materials have come in at the end of December. They fixed the roof of the main office. The contractor gave a date to move back to the office, maybe during March Break. It might be in September, but they are hopeful for returning in March. It's a hardship for their office team in the classroom offices.

Discussion:

Melissa: Will the Door C be closed off for construction during the Spring Fair?

Dennis: Door C would not be accessible but it can be worked around for the event if necessary though not recommended.

Jillian: Last year the second floor wasn't available. Can it be used this year for Spring Fair?

Dennis: Going upstairs for the activities would be okay on the second floor but it needs supervision

Stephanie: If we use classrooms, give teachers advanced notice so they can have time to reset their classrooms.

## **6. Teacher's Report (Stephanie Hindle, Teacher Representative)**

- **Update on School Activities**



Kindergarten: Students have been learning about anatomy and the human body, and the kids have a vest with different organs on it to show the location of the organ in the body. Loose parts exploration, developing language around what they're doing. They were working on snowflakes for the seasonal theme.

Primary:

Grade 1C are learning about vermicomposting and it is going well.

Junior:

Grades 3-6, were trying out the curling equipment and learning how it works.

Next Junior Sports team is Basketball.

Intermediate:

- Leadership
- Athletic council
- Orchestra/ Band: practices are 4 mornings/week before school
- WEB Team "We All Belong"
- Student Council (Ms. Harp): students continue to meet every Tuesday

**Upcoming Events/Activities/Needs**

- Next sports team coming up is Basketball. We have coaches for both girls and boys teams and they will start tryouts next week.
- Upcoming presentation, GET REAL, Intermediate January 29, and February 2.
- Skating: This winter we will start skating on the Outdoor Rink in February. Flooding has already started on the rink.

**School Wide upcoming Events**

- Music Night on Feb 22, 2024

Discussion:

Jillian: Find your passion, forgot to follow up about whether parents would be able to volunteer.

**7. Treasurer's Update (Kathleen Wrye, Treasurer)**

• **Financial update**

- Account has just over \$44,000
- Mabels Labels money keeps coming in
- Plantables and Purdy's cheques came in
- Pizza and Subway - numbers will come in better in February, maybe \$10k for pizza



- We have spent about \$9,300 this year to date
- We have allocated about \$27,000 of our budget, have almost \$21,000 left that could be allocated
- We are asking teachers to bring in their requests for February.
- A Spring Purdy's fundraiser will be held, thank you to Lori for running it again.

- **Vote on funding requests**

No items to vote on tonight

## **8. Committee/Event reports and updates**

- Family Movie Night (Melissa for Dean)  
Movie: Lyle, Lyle Crocodile on January 19
- PRO Grant (Abrar) - unable to attend and no update provided in advance of the meeting
  - Questions from school community about having a presentation like Paul Davis, who came to the school many years ago, to discuss internet and social media safety—possible use for PRO Grant funds (unlikely to be able to use PRO Grant due to strict terms of what events the money can support)
  - Advised that workshop on Social Media was run in the school in late 2023 but will look into other resources for this

## **9. Discussion items and New business**

- **67s Fundraiser (Francis and Aaron)**  
We agree to buy 100 tickets ahead of time. Tickets retail at \$30 but would be given to us at \$20/each. We could sell at whatever price we want. We can choose one or two games but it might be confusing to split the tickets between two games so the recommendation is to just do the one game. Spoke to another parent and they did it at their school, it was easy to do, and was fun.  
Dates mentioned, Family Day February 19th, Sunday March 3rd a 2pm game  
If this goes well, it could be an annual fundraiser  
Council is not required to pay for the tickets up front (\$2000).  
Mode of Payment: other schools have used SchoolCash Online. This would actually be the better option for us as well or we could discuss the possibility of doing e-transfer.  
They can open up a TicketMaster account (at no cost)
- **Two members will be removed from the School Council.**  
They can be re-instated with a vote from the school council. Melissa will notify these members through email.
- **Reminder:**
  - Family Movie Night is on January 19, 2024 (Movie is Lyle, Lyle Crocodile)
  - PD Day on January 26, 2024



- Parents Kinder Info Night on February 1, 2024 (reminder that Kinder registration is open year round)
- PD Day on February 16, 2024
- Family Day is on February 19, 2024

**10. Next meeting:** February 21, 2024 (in person)