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Meeting Minutes  
Alta Vista School Council Meeting  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 7-9 pm

1. Welcome and Introduction (Melissa Extross, Chair)

2. Approval of Agenda

**Agenda was approved**

3. Approval of last meeting's minutes

**February meeting minutes were approved**

4. Chair's Report (Melissa Extross)

- Featherston School Council PRO Grant offer

**The event focuses on mental health and well being. Will consist of a 3 session speaker series. Has proposed a generous offer, Featherston is inviting us in the event that they are planning. Melissa will get back and info the school,**

- Spring Fair Committee - still open to any and all new volunteers

**Meetings are ongoing and preparation ahead of schedule**

- Flavours of the World Potluck (April 18th) - cancellation?

**Kathy volunteered to lead this event and is open take any help**

5. Administrative Report (Dennis Paré, Principal)

- School Updates

**Construction project continuing , and hope to get back into the office on 8 April. Additionally, with the work being presented for the removal of the retaining wall at the front of the school, there's discussion about the addition of a ramp at the front door. No word on the current timeline for the demolition of the retaining wall but will not happen before the end of the school year. No word on how the accessible parking lot will be impacted or if it will be moving.**

6. Teacher's Report (Teacher's Representative)

- Update on School Activities

Kindergarten:

- **Kindergarten put on an amazing performance at their very first kindergarten concert that took place in February.**

Primary:

- **EF1A has been inviting the primaries and kindergartens to mini assemblies. This provides our young learners the chance to learn appropriate assembly skills and EF1A to get the chance to practise presentation skills in a second language.**

- EF1A worked together to build a box community as a culminating project after our unit on The Local Community. They also visited the Fire Hall to meet some community helpers and learn about their role and the tools they use.
- Volunteers from the University of Ottawa, Emma and Sam came to teach EF2A and EF2B about simple machines.

Junior:

- EF4A and B students have been having a blast learning about coding with their fantastic student teacher Ms. Glionna!
- Junior Boys and Girls Basketball tournaments will be hosted at Alta Vista P.S. on March 26th and 27th. Coaches: Mme. Rutland and Mme. Papoulis.

Intermediate:

- Student-led Black History Month Assembly (R8A) was excellent! Thank you to Mr. Schwartz for helping the students make this happen.
- ALL intermediate and Junior students were able to get out skating this year. Over 20 students got to skate for the very first time.

7. Treasurer's Update (Kathy Wrye, Treasurer)

- **Current Council Account Balance: \$34,708.78**
- **Total net funds raised so far: \$5,215**
  - Does not include latest Purdy campaign
- **Total funds spent so far: \$15,838**
  - Total amount allocated to requests and standing items is \$31,935 (term 1 and 2)
  - Remaining funds to be allocated: \$15,460

**Voting Items: All Approved**

- **\$1,500 for Flavours of the World Potluck Dinner**
- **\$1,000 grant for Arch St**
- **\$115 for a wagon for the kinder team**
- **\$535 for a MASC Spoken Word workshop for the intermediates**

8. Committee/Event reports and updates

- Spring Fair Committee (Melissa)

**Committee met the evening before the Council meeting. All Coordinator roles have been filled but we are still looking at volunteers and support people. Spring Fair is exactly two months away and we are in better shape than this time last year so very happy about that. We are starting to source donations for the silent auctions, seek vendors for food and activities and prep the schedule of events. If anyone is interested in helping out in any capacity, please let us know, we would love to have you!**

9. Discussion items and New business

- Electric School Bus Campaign Discussion

- The School Council is supportive in idea but not in the approach. Melissa will talk to Sarah to inform her of the council's decision to not send the letter that was presented. Council is in support of the venture but are not willing to send the proposed letter and do not have the capacity to commit time to research the subject in order to rewrite the letter in full. Council is in agreement that should the group want to send a letter on that group's behalf, we would be willing to discuss writing a letter of support at that time.**
- Colibri Fundraising opportunity  
(<https://www.colibricanada.com/pages/fundraising>)  
**Melissa presented this fundraising opportunity to gauge interest in the products. We are currently saturated for events for this school year so this would be proposed for next school year. Melissa to contact the company to see about possibility to run this in September. Additionally, Shawn identified other fundraising opportunities and will research and come back to council with those options.**
  - April meeting - in person or virtual? **Virtual**
  - Reminder:
    - School is closed:
      - March 29, 2024
      - April 1, 2024
      - April 8, 2024

10. Next meeting: April 17, 2024 (Location TBD) **Virtual**