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Meeting Minutes
Alta Vista School Council (AVSC)
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 7pm

1. Welcome and Introduction (Melissa Extross, Chair)

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda has been approved.

3. Approval of last meeting's minutes

Last meeting's minutes have been approved.

4. Chair's Report (Melissa Extross)

- **Goodbye to Mark**

Thank you for your time this school year!

5. Administrative Report (Dennis Paré, Principal)

- **School Updates**

The school will be removing 6 of the 12 portables (outdoor classrooms), keeping the ones that are closer to Randall Ave because there is more visibility for supervision during recess.
Accessibility: AVPS is still not an accessible school. A student had a broken leg and they had to discuss how to support the student without an elevator in the building.

- **Staffing Updates**

Hiring new teachers now. We will have 4 kindergarten classes for September.

OCDSB is engaged in elementary review. This will affect potential change for next year.

Look for information coming at the district and participate in consultations.

May 22 and 29, 6:30-8pm

Sawmill creek on May 29th

Early and Middle French

This is an important process that will affect children's education starting September 2025.

<https://engage.ocdsb.ca/elementary-program-review>

Question:

Parent: many students are biking to school and many bikes are just parked along the fence. Is there a possibility of putting another bike rack?

Dennis: He and Orlando talked about this and he went to look for another bike rack under the building. They will look to accommodate this for the students so biking is safe for students and the bikes are not just on the fence.

6. Teacher's Report (Kathleen Connelly, Teacher's Representative)

• Kindergarten:

Students loved Jungle Sport. They enjoyed the field trip to the farm, interested in what is produced at a farm.

Photos of the students at the farm and during Jungle Sport.

• Primary:

Grade 1 Math

2A and 2B wishing Ms. Emma and Ms. Eunice (student teachers from Ottawa U) farewell after their time teaching the students.

Children's festival was fun, thank you to the parent volunteers!

Primary Upcoming events:

Dance workshops in June for Gr 1, 2, 3

Trip to Brewer Park on June 24

• Junior:

Jungle Sport

Jump rope for the heart: May 17, led by Mme. Rutland

Junior Co-Ed Tripleball tournament (volleyball)

2 teams will compete in the upcoming co-ed tripleball

• Intermediate

Thank you for the Sporting event tent! AV Blue!

Girls and Boys Soccer Tournament end of May

May 14-18: Planned Parenthood Sexual Health Presentations

May 9: Internationals Soccer Workshops for all Gr 7 and 8s

May 28 and 30: Gr 8 Inuit Presentations

June 5: Regional Track Meet

June 5: Volleyball Game at Lansdowne for Gr 8s, just walked down so no charge

• School Wide Updates/events

Track and Field:

Intermediate and Field day is coming up on May 23rd or May 27th (weather dependent)

Junior Track and Field day is June 4th or 5th (weather dependent)

May Marathon Month, ongoing

They put music on, kids run and they mark their arms

- **Upcoming**

Music Night - May 23

Rhythmic Gymnastics performances to all students

Talent Show June 13 (during class time)

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

- **Financial update**

Current Council Account balance: \$36,876.42

Total net funds raised so far (doesn't include Spring Purdy's, but does include Deals on Wheels): \$5,838

- **Voting items**

1. Junior Track and Field Transportation: \$ 645 June 14 approved
2. Intermediate : \$345 for June 5th approved
3. State of our tables not good, discuss purchasing 5 tables from Canadian Tire.
 - a. Relook pricing with the board, tables bought in 2018 are already falling apart
 - b. \$850 approved

8. Committee/Event reports and updates

- **Spring Fair Committee (Melissa)**

Looking for volunteers. Callouts for wagons, tables, coolers, sun shades. Please reach out to council inbox and we will label and have them returned

- **Movie Night update (Melissa for Dean)**

The last Family Movie Night of the school year was on April 26 and it went well. We raised \$300 from that night.

- **Deals on Wheels update (Ahmed)**

First time leading, and it was fun. Many people came, looking for bikes, Raised about \$140.

Three flags going into 2024-2025:

- **Book Fair co-lead for 2024-2025 school year needed**

A co-lead is needed to work with Karyn Myrah the Librarian for Book Fair (Set up, Thursday Set up, Thursday evening sale sale and take down)

- **Gifts of Giving Coordinators for 2024-2025 school year needed**

- **Assistant Treasurer/ Spirit Wear Lead needed**

Mais will no longer be our cheque writer next year.

Spirit Wear lead needed as well

9. Discussion items and New business

- **Contingency planning for events**

Caryn: Family dance: timing? Younger kids earlier and older kids later.

Abrar: Bike Safety

City of Ottawa offers a workshop on Bike SafetySafety, probably for a fee. Kathleen and Beth said they would support it. We are sure what the cost is.

It could be offered to Grades 4-5-6 (Juniors) and possibly done annually.

Another option is having this workshop outside the school grounds on the weekend and parents would pay themselves.

- **June meeting** - in person with end of year social to follow

- **Reminder:**

- Kinder Information Night on May 22nd : students coming in to view the classrooms
- Spring Fair on May 25th
- Family Dance on June 13th

10. Next meeting: June 19, 2024 (In Person)