

Minutes
Alta Vista School Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2026 7-9 pm

1. Welcome and Introduction (Melissa Extross, Chair)

- 11 in attendance

2. Approval of Agenda

- approved

3. Approval of last meeting's minutes

- Approved

4. Chair's Report (Melissa Extross)

- Update re: donations to AVSC
 - As of the June meeting, all donations via the GOC matching program were reconciled except for 1 donation (in the week after the meeting, the final donation was identified and routed to the school for disbursement to School Council)
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- Canada Helps Portal Update ("School Council Donations")
 - Available immediately, For next year: when we go onto the donation website for the AVPS school page, school council is now an option to directly direct funds to
- Update re: meeting with OCDSB Supervisor on May 21, 2026
 - This is an open forum where he lets everyone else talk
 - Bill 101 was a topic of conversation with student attendance
 - AVPS is doing better than the general board of having 30% or more of missed days of school
 - Communication from the schools (but not AVPS) to parents was an issue
 - Communication from school councils is a problem because there are so many steps and issues to getting communication out to families
 - Access to translation services was difficult for all councils and schools
 - Declining attendance was flagged and the school board didn't have a big answer
 - Possible boundary review coming next year
- Schedule of event dates for 2026-2027
 - May Council Meeting
 - May 19, 2027
 - Spring Fair
 - Discussion about what date is best: May 29, 2027 was consensus as the best date for next year's spring fair
- Coordinators needed:
 - Welcome BBQ Coordination Team
 - Volunteers needed desperately ASAP
 - Mara Bouse, Jen Cox and Jen Kuss to help with this (but many more welcome)
 - Movie Night Coordinator
 - Shawn Leitch has volunteered

- Chilli Night Coordinator
 - Still needed
- 67s Game Coordinator
 - Still needed

5. Administrative Report (Alina Orlea, Principal)

- An outgoing staff list is going out on Friday
- Only R1/2 is advertised for next year, but there is a temporary replacement
- Email with class assignments will likely come out the Thursday/Friday before the start of the school year
- No requests for changing classes are entertained
- Currently AVPS is fully staffed for next year
- Report cards are coming home on paper on Wednesday
- New play yard plan is ready, and the plan is to start the construction Monday June 29, 2026

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

- Update on School Activities
- Kinders
 - Kinders are busy and the ABC countdown is very popular
- Primary
 - Grade 3s did a bike rodeo and went to the currency museum
 - Grade 1s got to go on a fire truck, they learned tangrams
- Junior
 - Grade 5 trip to MacKenzie King Estates
 - Grade 6 went to Montreal
 - Outdoor fun and learning day
 - Regionals are next week
- Intermediate
 - Grade 8s hosted the math fair
 - Athletes competed at the Board-wide Track and Field
 - Hosted incoming Grade 7 kids from other schools
 - Grade 8 leaving ceremony is June 24th

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

- Financial update
- Review and discussion on Funding Requests
 - Three items: all approved
 - An additional \$540 for "student subsidies and family support" because there were more students who needed help for field trip
 - An additional \$235 to cover another class for a science in school event
 - An additional \$155 for the Fun Olympics

8. Committee/Event reports and updates

- Grounds Committee Update (Jen)
 - The Grounds Committee has applied for one grant and is applying for two more grants over the summer to help pay for the Kinderyard Renewal Project
- Leaving Ceremony Committee Update (Steph)

- Spring Fair (Melissa)
 - As previously mentioned, Spring Fair was a success.
 - Well received with areas for improvement identified and in the plan for next year
- Felix & Norton fundraiser (Anna/Heather)
 - Will look to do it earlier in the school year and a little differently because pick up was chaotic.
- Family Dance (Jen)
 - The Family Dance happened on June 11th and was an all around success

9. Discussion items and New business

- Reminder:
 - Last day of school is June 26, 2026

10. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 (In person)