

# Ronald Harvey School

## School Council Meeting – Via GOOGLE MEETS

### Agenda/ Minutes

April 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:05 pm by Meghan Rennick
2. Approval of the March 22, 2022 School Council Meeting Minutes:
  - a. Motion to Approve: Leigh
  - b. Seconded by: Dawn
    - i. **APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED**
3. Additions to the April 25, 2022 School Council Meeting Agenda:
  - a. None
4. Approval of the April 25, 2022 School Council Meeting Agenda:
  - a. Motion to Approve: Dawn
  - b. Seconded by: Camille
    - i. **APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED**
5. Reports:
  - a. School Board Trustee Report - Kim Armstrong ([Board Agendas/Minutes](#))
    - i. From the most recent board meeting:
      - The St. Albert Public School Board of Trustees approves the transition to the correct spelling of Keenooshayo Elementary School to Kinosayo Elementary School.
      - Approved school transportation fees for 22/23 school year. There is no change to the fee. We are in a situation where we are in a deficit in the transportation in the portfolio. There has been no change in the funding so something has to change. Therefore the transportation committee will make recommendations going forward.
      - We are in conversations to bring an electric bus pilot project to our division. The bus contractor and the electric bus manufacturer are interested in making a pilot project in the Alberta market.
      - The education budget came out. Funding for each division is based on bridge funding and is weighted on a moving average. Our board is at a disadvantage because it is continually growing. Transitional funding did come through.
        - a. St. Albert Public School Board reserves are ~14% right now. We have been responsible and purposely saving funds. The Alberta government will be limiting reserves to 3-4% reserves (which would be about \$100,000). The government would take the extra funds in reserve to achieve the 3-4%. SO the board is looking at how we can invest the reserves rather than having the Alberta government take the reserved funds.

- b. A lot of the funds are held by individual schools. There are some boards that have no reserves at all.
          - The board has made recommendations on Student fees and regulations. Have not received feedback on that.
          - The board approved a 3 year capital plan outlining the infrastructure needs and requirements for school buildings.
          - Learning disruptions grant was listed in the approved budget by the government - Funding has been set aside for mental health support and the new curriculum. More to be communicated about this.
          - Stakeholders workshop was held in person. It was a solid turnout and was a positive experience to be able to hold it in person again.
          - There are 2 public board meetings in May.
        - ii. Education Plan Presentations:
          - Administration made presentations to the board about how their school did last year.
        - iii. Upcoming events:
          - Long service awards (hopefully in person this year).
          - COSC Meeting May 26 at 6:30pm (Not certain if it's in person yet)
          - Lorne Akins was having a discussion about the Engagement grant - thought being that they could work together with another school
          - Catherine has asked to present to the school council next month regarding the new K-3 curriculum.
          - Sue to set a time for the presentation. The division is working with the K-3 teachers to bring them up to speed and apply it with our St. Albert lens for our people.
            - a. Suggestion made by Meg to invite all parents. It would be approximately 30 minutes.
          - The division will be taking the opportunity to pilot the 4-6 curriculum as an effort of continuity of the changes.
        - iv. NEW!!! Active Communities is building an outdoor covered rink - artificial ice behind the division office. It will be a "Community rec hub" facility.
- b. Principal Report (Susan Anderson)
  - i. Sue and Kelly presented the Ronald Harvey 2021-2024 Education Plan to the board. 10 minute presentation and 3 minute video.
    - [Here is a link where you can find the education plan \(April 11- Education Plan\)](#)
  - ii. We will invite Catherine to present the new K-3 curriculum
  - iii. In the midst of planning Ronald Harvey staffing for the 22/23 school year.
  - iv. Long service awards at the end of May. CONGRATULATIONS!!!
    - 5 years
      - a. Val Daykin
      - b. Monica Ellison
    - 10 years
      - a. Jenna Fiorillo
      - b. Kelly Hauptman

- c. Trish Swinson
  - 15 years
    - a. Kris Korven
  - 20 years
    - a. Sherri Clarke
    - b. Cheryl Dryer
    - c. Cindy Gerritsen
  - 25 years
    - a. Trent Walters
- v. PD Day - Comedian from Canadian Air Force who spoke about mental health
  - Staff thanks us for the lunch we provided (Boston Pizza)
- vi. Education week is next week. Activities are still being planned.
- vii. Asked our division to put out the tender for the before and after school program. It has been St. Albert Daycare for the past several years. The tender is out right now and will close on May 4.
  - Current registrations would be honoured
  - Possession date will be August 15
- viii. There has been notable success with the Grade 2 and 3's targeted reading and math groups. We are going to start with grade 1's and move out some of the 2's and 3's that are on a good trajectory.
- ix. Kindergarten registrations :
  - 45 registrations per year is normal. We are on track for normal. There is room in Ronald Harvey for future growth.
  - So far this year there are:
    - a. 23 registrations for am program
    - b. 14 registrations for full day program
    - c. Still waiting on a few registrations
  - 60 registrations (last year) is considered high
- x. We had a great experience with the school book "Wish Tree" By Katherine Applegate. The "One book - one school" project was organized by our school Librarian Zena Harris. The project had every student bring the Wish Tree book home and is read with the entire family. At the end there is going to be tree planting. All the books are to be brought back and they get gifted to another school. The only cost for this project was Zena's (Librarian) time.
- xi. Question regarding if schools in other areas of St. Albert that are full, is it alright to recommend them to our school?
  - It depends on the grade. It depends on the configurations of the classes. Some grades are full, some have room.
  - Example: The grade 4's - at some point they have to put together 2 classes but then they would pull literacy and numeracy into 3 groups. This is the problem because there is no money to make an additional class. There may be an opportunity for additional funds. Funds are released based on the number of students. Modified 2.5 classes
- xii. We will continue with Staggered Entry for the 22/23 school year. Meet the staff night will be on August 30, 2022

- c. Assistant School Principal Report (Kelly Hauptman)
    - i. Nil
  - d. School Council Chair Report (Meghan Rennick)
    - i. Successful Purdy's fundraiser for Easter.
    - ii. Is going to draft a letter to parents to appeal for volunteers. Will be proofed by Sue before distribution.
  - e. ASCA and COSC Member Update:
    - i. \$500 COSC grant (as credit) can only be used on workshops facilitated by the ACSA
      - o Louise - update on investigation into the courses available and present to the council to use the \$500 grant before it expires.
        - a. How to get involved in our school community
        - b. Lorne Akins - combining the grant money. It's a great idea, we are on board. Stretching the \$500 with what we can do for fundraising. Thinking for next year we can really make something happen
6. Newsletter:
  - a. Nil
7. Website:
  - a. Nil
8. Email/ Google Drive:
  - a. Nil
9. Action Log Updates:
  - a. Nil
10. New Business, if any:
  - a. Nil
11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm
  - a. Motion made to Adjourn: Dawn
  - b. Seconded: Christine

**NEXT MEETING Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00**