

Ronald Harvey School

School Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Ronald Harvey Library

1. Call Meeting to Order at 7:04 by Kelsey
2. Approval of the March 20, 2023 School Council Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Motion to Approve: Erin F
 - b. Seconded by: Erin C
 - i. **APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED**
3. Additions to today's School Council Meeting Agenda:
 - a. Facebook Message Chain/ Communication
 - b. Rec Academy Registration
4. Approval of today's (April 24, 2023) School Council Meeting Agenda:
 - a. Motion to Approve: Camela
 - b. Seconded by: Erin F
 - i. **APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED**
5. Reports:
 - a. School Board Trustee Report - Sheyanne Levall-Crouse ([Board Agendas/Minutes](#))
 - i. Trustee & Senior Administration Meetings
 - St. Albert Chamber of Commerce – April 15, 2023 – Admin and the Board attend the luncheon with Premiere Smith
 - Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – The board and senior admin met again with Marie Renaud. We focused on our need for a Highschool in the North East, funding/weighted moving average, transportation, Cross Ministerial Support, and Municipal Reserves and Land allocations.
 - ii. PSBAA (Public School Board Association of Alberta)
 - Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) will be launching our elections campaign in support of Public School Education in Alberta. Information will be added and updated the upcoming weeks to the election. The link is here:
<https://public-schools.ab.ca/2023-election-readiness/>
 - iii. St. Albert Public Kinder numbers for 2023-2024
 - As of February 24, 2023, there are 571 Kindergarten students registered. Up from 506 students on Feb 24, 2022.
 - iv. Upcoming Board Meetings and Dates
 - April 18, 2023 – Advocacy Committee – Admin and the board will be meeting with election candidates Angela Wood (UCP) and Karen Shaw (NDP) at separate times during the meeting. April 21, 2023 – New Blood Performance will be held at Paul Kane. April 25, 2023 – Wisdom &

Guidance gathering at Division Office, 5:00 PM. All are welcomed. May 2, 2023 – The board will be presenting our three-year capital Plan to St. Albert Council. May 10, 2023 – Division Public Board Meeting May 15, 2023 – Joint City/School Boards Annual meeting

v. April 12, 2023 - PUBLIC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The board presented a Certificate of Recognition to Constable Geoffrey McKay, RCMP - St. Albert Detachment, in recognition of his extraordinary service in fulfilling the division's commitment to excellence.
- The board received as information a report on the division's Mental Health Program.
- The board received as information an update on the implementation of the new curriculum.
- The board received as information the announcement to relocate one modular classroom from Sir Alexander Mackenzie Elementary School to Lois E. Hole Elementary School.
- The board received as information the status report for policies/regulations/procedures currently in development.
- The board received as information the quarterly financial report for the six months ended February 28, 2023.
- The board received as information the final draft of Administration Regulations F-620-AR, Emergency Medical Treatment of Students.
- The board received as information the final draft of Administration Regulation D-630-AR, Staff Expenses.
- The board received as information the preparation of the final draft of Administration Regulations F-610-AR, Administration of Medication to a Child/Student.
- The board approved the student transportation fees for the 2023-2024 school year as contained on Appendix I.
- The board approved the minutes of the March 8, 2023 public board meeting.
- The board approved the minutes from the special meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 15, 2023.
- The board approved the additional Summer School fees for 2022-2023.
- The board provided direction to circulate the draft Board Policy C-710, Vendor Risk Management and the accompanying regulations
- The board adopted Board Policy D-170, Employee Recognition and the accompanying regulations.
- See Appendix A for a summary from the 2023 Stakeholder Workshop

b. Principal Report - Susan Anderson

- i. Reminder to post minutes through Kylie to website
- ii. Congratulations and Thank you on the successful dance. Although we were not in attendance due to a scheduling conflict, we received pictures and great feedback throughout and it looked like a great success.

- iii. New School Initiative:
 - Choice theory: all behavior is internally motivated
 - Nine staff members will partake in a 3 day training session on Choice theory and reality therapy in May. This training will certify the participating staff members as “Glasser Certified - Level 1”.
 - The book that accompanies this training/ theory is called “Classroom of Choice”
 - iv. Starting staffing process for next year
 - v. Removal of the 1400 minute clause and now have to teach 1505 minutes next year which means each teacher has to teach more time next year (150 minutes) and will have less time to prepare, as that time was previously allocated to “prep time”
 - The 1400 minute clause was specific to St. Albert public.
 - c. Assistant School Principal Report -Kelly Hauptman
 - i. Great Dance
 - ii. RH TV is up and running and is working great! Thank you for assisting with the purchase of the new equipment
 - iii. Teaching 6S for the remainder of the school year
 - d. School Council President’s Report - Meghan Rennick (absent)
 - i. nil
 - e. Council of School Councils Update - Meghan Rennick (absent)
 - i. nil
 - f. Alberta School Council Association - Erin Nawrot
 - i. Will arrange another workshop for late May or early June.
6. Newsletter:
 - a. Having rotating volunteers take it on each month will lessen the workload
 - b. Erin C volunteers to publish Newsletter for May 1
7. Website:
 - a. Send Kylie approved minutes to upload to the website
8. Email/ Google Drive:
 - a. The email is being well used by parents asking questions about events.
9. Action Log Updates:
 - a. nil
10. New Business, if any:
 - a. Facebook chain
 - i. Send more paper copies home.
 - ii. Reinvigorate the monthly Newsletter, include important dates from school calendar
 - b. Rec Program
 - i. Staggered registration days, different links per each grade.
 - ii. email was sent to all RH families who have kids eligible next year.

11. Meeting Adjournment at 7:34 pm
 - a. Motion made to Adjourn: Erin F
 - b. Seconded: Katie

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7:00 in the School Library

APPENDIX A

2023
Stakeholder
Workshop

What we heard? A conversation about racism.

On February 16, 2023, St. Albert Public Schools held its annual stakeholder engagement workshop. About 150 students, parents, staff and community members gathered to have a conversation about racism in our schools and community. Toni Harrison, a board member of African and African Descendent Friendship Club of St. Albert set the context for our conversation.

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Student Voice

Students were not surprised that survey data showed that 46% of students said they had witnessed or experienced racism at school. Many students were surprised that the result was not higher.



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Anti-Racism Plan

St. Albert Public Schools needs to work collaboratively with partners to develop an anti-racism plan, including an anti-racism policy and a common language.



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Need for Learning

Students, staff, parents and community members all identified the need for additional learning about unconscious bias, microaggressions and systemic racism.



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Anti-Racism Plan

An anti-racism plan needs to include strategies that will empower students. We need to consider building student equity advocates through division and school coordinated actions.



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Need for ongoing conversation

Students, staff, parents and community members all identified the need for ongoing conversations about racism at the school and division levels.



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Anti-Racism Plan

An anti-racism plan needs to provide professional learning opportunities for leaders, teachers and support staff. To be effective, everyone needs the understanding and tools.



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Responding to racism

We need "tools" to effectively deal with racism when it happens. Students emphasized the need for restorative practices and "closing the loop" when racism is reported.



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Anti-Racism Plan

A division anti-racism plan must be intentional about parent and community engagement. Anti-racism work requires collective and unified efforts.



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Diverse Perspectives

Staff need to be more intentional about bringing in diverse perspectives through guest speakers, diverse resources, projects/activities that show diversity.



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Anti-Racism Plan

There is urgency to this work. We need to be **BOLD** in our next steps.



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