

# Forest Green School: School Council Meeting

April 9, 2024 @ 1:30 PM, in-person

## Attendees

Leah Andrews (Principal), Miranda Niebergall (Assistant Principal), Nicole Beliveau (Library Tech and Secretary), Paul McCann ( Schoolboard Trustee), Cindy Owles, Danielle Clark, Liz D'Arcy, Sarah Kaufmann, Roxanne Tremblay.

## Minutes

**1.0 Call to Order:** by Liz at 2:07pm

**2.0 Approval of the Agenda**

- Motioned by Sarah K.
- Seconded by Liz. D.

**2.1 Adoption of Mar 2023 minutes**

- Moved by Danielle C.
- Seconded by Sarah K.

**2.2 Welcome and Introductions**

**3.0 Teacher Report**

- Mrs. Coops kindergarten class invites the school council as guest to join the class in a presentation highlighting Indigenous ways of knowing. Students shared a welcome song in Northern Cree, and joined the tradition of smudge at the outdoor nature classroom, built in 2023.

**4.0 Chair's Report**

- COSC meeting is this evening. (April 9). No parent council members will be attending this meeting.
- ASCA resolution topics of discussion for conference:
  - Integrate Climate change and biodiversity needs to be incorporated and scaled up in the K-12 curriculum across Canada.
  - Funding for assessments for students with learning disabilities, mental health services needs to be re-addressed to reflect a need.
  - School Boards require funding to retrofit buildings with H-VAC and air cooling system updates to ensure air quality is enhanced and to address health and safety concerns.
  - To build equity in school playground funding. There is no dedicated infrastructure funding allocated to old schools. IE: Schools located on municipal land have no access to government grant funding to support the maintenance, and establishment of school playgrounds.
  - Create policy around replacing school playgrounds. Ex. Identifying life cycles of parks.
  - To preserve safe and inclusive spaces, and personal information for 2SBLBTQ2S+ students in Alberta. To ensure curriculum, libraries, and school discussion offer age appropriate and enriching conversation.
  - Resource support for French Immersion teachers in regard to the new Alberta curriculum. Advocacy for French resources to be developed at the same pace as English.
  - Advocacy for annually reporting of class sizes, to class size reduction, and establishing a system for government collection of data in regard to class sizes.
  - ASCA would like to change the wording on documentation associated with summer school
  - Textbook rental fees, at highschool level, should be replaced by a deposit fee.

- Provincial recognition for school completion for students of special need. Post secondary institutions also need to acknowledge the talents and abilities of special needs students.
- Parental right to quality of service in home education. Advocating for funds to have home schooled children assessed by a certified educator.
- Amend the current school council regulation to be amended to include that school council be provided with a profile and orientation in the process of hiring new school staff, including Principals.
- That ASCA encouraged the Minister of Education to extend funding province wide to include equitable nutrition in alberta.
- ASCA encourages the minister of education to collaborate with school boards, teachers and parents to parent teacher interviews and testing policies.
- Revision to the approval of capital funding projects be clear and transparent and available to the public.

**5.0 Fundraising report**

- New positions were elected
  - Liz: chair
  - Roxanne :Vice- Chair
  - Danielle: Secretary
  - Sarah: Treasurer

**6.0 Principal's Report**

- Scholastic Book Fair was a success with \$2600 in profit
- Mrs. Hewards grade 1's have started their "Grand-buddies" program, students walk to Whispering Waters to enjoy senior buddies!
- Prescott School offers a family connection night entitled Powwow Practice on April 12 and May 10 from 6-8pm.
- I wish... Danielle Clark suggests Cree and Stoney visuals to label objects throughout the school.


**7.0 Board Report**


- Thursday April 11 is the education planning event to take place at the Stony Plain Pavilion.
- The treaty atlas, an enormous interactive map, with teaching resources is available to borrow within the division.
- Fees and allowances for 24/25, increases in fees were approved, but busing remained the same.
- International travel programs are finally being put back into place since the covid restrictions were in place.
- SPCA will be demolished by June. The land will be surrendered to the town of Stony Plain
- Nominations for Edwin Parr award and Friends of Educations were extended to a Graminia first year teacher and to the Rotary Club for supporting our nutrition program.

**8.0 Adjournment: 4:10pm**

Next meeting is May 14 @ 6:30 PM the Learning Commons

Approval of Meeting Minute:

  
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 Chairperson  
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 School Principal  
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