

Meeting Minutes – October 24th, 2024

Annie Gale School Council Meeting

Attendees: Rumina, Laurel, Hniya, Tonya, Tammy, Kal, Ahmed, Heba, Morgan

1. Chair's opening remarks and introductions

Rumina started the meeting, discussed briefly about the meeting agenda

2. Review of minutes from last meeting

Rumina raised the last meeting minutes.

Laurel agreed and Kal seconded

3. Principal's Report

- Soccer season over: boys and girls' teams both won the championship
- Wrestling is starting and we will have approximately 40 students participating
- Basketball tournament in November has been cancelled as we did not have enough schools ask to be involved. The basketball season is running smoothly though we are limiting the number of fans in the gym and using attendance and good behavior as incentives to attend.
- Fall break is coming up: it starts with a System Non-instructional Day on November 8 which will focus on Indigenous Learning for all CBE employees. The break for students is from November 8 to November 13. School is back in on Thursday, November 14.
- First circle session with Grade 6 classes—Principal and two teachers role played for students and asked them to problem solve responses to bullying of a student. We stressed the differences between nice kid, mean kid, and wise child. We encouraged them to be wise and when their wisdom working with others isn't effective, to ask for adult support.
- Visit from Wali Shah, poet, author and speaker. Students connected to him and enjoyed their time. We want to see how it plays out when it comes to increasing the amount of writing students are doing.
- Awards for PE students of the month were shared with the school last Friday during Grizzly Den time. PE teachers use the COURAGE model to reinforce

the characteristics of the model by noting those traits in students. The goal is not to focus on athletic ability but instead character traits.

- Currently looking at our data sets to create School Information Results Report, which will comment on last year's School Development Plan. The data includes PAT results from May and June as well as survey results from last year and our most recent survey. We just received our survey results yesterday, so we haven't had much time to look at the data yet. However, the anecdotal comments from students often relate to things we cannot change: TLC students want to wear regular clothes, students want to have a longer wellness break. They do, however, appreciate athletics, kind and fun teachers, kind and fun peers, option classes, homeroom class. Safety appears to be a concern, though we struggle with the accuracy of that concern. For instance, the Grade 6 students appear to be settled, happy and working well with each other. The data suggests that they don't feel safe—I plan on working with them on whether that is accurate. We are upset about the bear spray incident and believe that it negatively affected our data when it comes to school safety.
- Plan is to create a student well-being committee with input from interested students. A well-being symposium is already in the works and we hope to see that play out at school, as a small group of students will be invited to attend. We also plan to have some meetings of a Principal Advisory Council, to continue the dialogue that was started last year.
- There was a discussion of babysitting for school council meeting but not feasible at this time.

4. Treasurer's Report

Kal provided updates on the summary of income from fun lunches
There's \$908.56 in the account

5. Old Business

- Bylaws
 - Rumina - checked with other schools, have the same bylaws, offers online meeting and voting. Suggested to keep the bylaws but leave the voting out of online, not offering online voting.
 - Morgan- agreed, also have a generic form, will send a screenshot, suggested to amend the bylaws a bit to make the online voting strong. If the agenda is for fun lunches, it can be approved online as they are not major issues.
 - There was a discussion that 3 executives plus 2 more attendees, total of 5 attendees can vote and would be legit. There were also some suggestions

to invite parents in person when it comes to voting as its very hard to verify if the person who attended online is that person.

- However, there will be more discussion on this matter on the next council meeting to decide.

- **Fill vacant secretary position**

No one showed any interest yet, Yeshe will continue taking the minutes until we get the next person, Yeshe will continue for the rest of the year. remove this agenda from next message

- **Signing of Thankyou cards**

Laurel showed the thank you cards for attendees on the camera that would be used to thank volunteers.

- **Book Paul Davis/CBE gift cards**

- Rumina - let us use it Paul Davis, motion, \$500, visa gift card.
- Kal seconded
- Kal – will be working in the morning with grade 6s and evening session with parents
- Tammy – will be working with students, we may have to do 2 sessions.

6. New Business

- **Fun lunch:**

-Nov 21st , 2024 (A&W, McDonalds) - Kal will volunteer

-Dec 12th , 2024 (Lunch Lady, Pizza (Halal Cheese)) – Yeshe and Laurel will volunteer

-Jan, Feb dates not determined yet

7. Key Communicators report

Morgan will have some numbers and more updates on this matter for the next meeting

8. Next meeting date and time

Monday November 18 at 6 PM

9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion adjourned at 6:51 PM