

Meeting Minutes - September 18th, 2024(Approved)
Annie Gale School Council Meeting

Attendees:

Megha, Anisha, Jassy, Melanie, Harinderjit, Daniel Barisow, Rumina, Karen, Kadir, Hngiar, Kell, Laurel, Tammy, Gordon, Kal, Yeshi, Crystal, Morgan

1. Chair's opening remarks and introductions

Rumina opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees at 6:09 PM

2. Review of minutes from the last meeting

Rumina passed the motion for the last meeting minute.

Crystal seconded, all in favor.

3. Principal's Report

Tammy welcomed the attendees and advised that it was the best start, a good process in place, and a smooth start with new staff members and others returning. Daniel is the new assistant principal.

Startup:

- **11 new staff members including AP; 2 of 11 are from last year**
- **Great feedback from staff and students—smiles were everywhere!**
- **New SRO Rui Medeiros – wants to bring in a speaker for digital safety**
- **Staggered entry and Grade 6/7 BBQ**
- **One extra homeroom this year (8-7)**
- **Student population approximately 600, we had 567 students last year**

Flood over summer

- **The gym floor was redone and the equipment room floor**
- **Damage to furniture, equipment, and floors**

➤ **New phone policy province-wide**

➤ **Athletics running now: cross country, soccer, basketball**

➤ **Rolling out COURAGE model and “Grizzly Den”**

➤ **Grade-level assemblies last week**

➤ **The first fire drill was a success**

- **Terry Fox Run today**
- **Picture Day tomorrow**

- **Meet the Teacher Night on September 26**

A few minor changes to school rules

- **Puffy vests and outdoor jackets/coats**
- **Side bags, purses, backpacks, and fanny packs remain in the locker**
- **No perfume, cologne, or body spray in school**

Updates for next month:

- **October 10 potential Guest Speaker in Humanities 9 (racism and backward poetry)**

4. Treasurer's Report

- **Kal provided the treasury report As of July 31 for \$908.56**

5. Old/New Business

- **Fill the vacant secretary position.**

**We will discuss this at the next meeting because we did not inform all parents.
We will communicate with everyone during our weekly correspondence.**

- **Signing Authority**

**Rumina passed a motion to Laurel as signing authority
Crystal seconded and all in favor**

- **Paul Davis/CBE gift cards**

- **Laurel: We received some gift cards from CBE, they may be used for supplies or pizza. We'll discuss that at our upcoming meeting. We must return them if we don't use them within the same year.**

- **Daniel: The parent and student internet usage speaker can visit and assist the school. It's cost-free.**

- **Fun Lunch dates/ Fundraising**

Some of the fun lunch dates are:

- **October - 17**
- **November – 21**
- **December – 12 – pizza (if possible, Halal)**

- **School Council table for “Meet the Teacher” night/volunteers**

Rumina: Crystal will be at the table for approximately thirty minutes, if everyone can make it in time to introduce themselves, the council, etc.

- COSC meeting dates (Oct. 23, 2024 and April 23, 2025)
- Babysitting gift cards

Laurel: If there are gift cards available, we will use them to maximize parent attendance instead of paying cash for school-related expenses such as attendance at meetings or other events.

- Kelly's community clean up

Kelly: Tammy received a few calls: students should participate in labor-intensive projects, get their hands dirty, and attend all classes—not just leadership ones. It may be related to our model of COURAGE. Making sure all home rooms are in alignment is important. (what if one class wants to do something and the others not). may be discussed.

- Bylaws

- Discussed briefly the bylaws regarding online voting during elections. Rumina will look this for more information and will share it at the next council meeting.

- Tammy also mentioned an inquiry if pajamas are everyday wear. It was discussed that sleeping wear should not be worn at school, but it was a personal belief, and not sure if CBE supports the idea.

- No picture was taken last year and posted on social media due to limited phone usage at school last year.

6. Next meeting date and time

- A few suggestions about the dates to make more parents available in the meeting. A communication will be sent out regarding the next meeting date/time.

7. Motion to Adjourn – at 7:06 PM