

AL Horton School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday May 29, 2023

Attendees: T.Horon, K.Busenius, H.Dinwoodie, S.Golka, B.Kozicki, G.Leclair, K.Allan, C.Geibelhaus, Bonnie D, N. Keel, D.Gara

1. **Call to order:** 6:31 pm by Ken Allan
2. **Review of the agenda**
3. **Approval of the minutes, as presented**
 - a) April 2023: Ken Allan and seconded by Denise Gara
4. **Trustee Report:** By Randy Footz

Mr.Footz was absent at this meeting and there was no report to be given. We look forward to hearing from Randy at our September meeting.

5. Principal Report: Keri Busenius

1. Welcome to Miss Leclair and Ms. Kozicki representing staff with celebrations this evening.

Ms. Kozicki shared that her grade five class excelled in informational writing. Their research skills have really sharpened up and they are able to transfer that to their writing. They have also been working hard on numeracy preparations for next year's curriculum.

Miss.Leclair has really enjoyed putting together a running club where they have been doing sprinting, long distance running and up to several length laps of the gym.

2. Update on staffing:
 - a. Welcome to Mrs. Horon and Mrs. Kawyuk from Andrew School joining the staff next year.
 - b. Mrs. Hammond coming from Northlands School Division will also be on staff in LINKS.
 - c. Local teacher subs are needed.
3. Budget info:

- a. Big school purchases this spring include a LINKS program regulation swing, a SMART TV for the grade 5 classroom, and 80 new Chromebooks to keep our 1:1 ratio for Grades 1-6.
 - b. The division is replacing all staff desktop computers this summer to ensure ability to update.
 - c. New gym equipment has been purchased and older equipment will be moved to classroom recess bins.
 - d. Scholastic book fair earned reward monies are paying for replacement books for the bookroom and library.
 - e. New additions for the school library for the new curriculum and indigenous stories are being purchased with the school budget.
 - f. Hot lunch profits from the year will supplement the Chromebook purchases as needed.
4. Operations updates:
- a. The CALS hot lunch program grant ends at the end of June. Next fall, hot lunches will include Wednesday hot dog days and Friday hot lunches twice a week as fundraisers for technology, field trips, and classroom reward items.
 - b. A window at the back of the school was smashed by vandals over a weekend early in the spring and has been replaced.
 - c. The summer out of school care program will be staffed again in July and August. Students from A.L. Horton and St. Martin's will be attending each day from 7:15 - 5:15 PM.
 - i. More early childhood care workers and educational assistants with course work are needed for this program and for KinderCare during the school year.
 - d. Field trip fees have been slow to come in this spring.
 - i. 20% of students have lunch and bussing fees waived by the division.
 - ii. We do not waive field trip fees but ask families to pay as each field trip arises.
 - iii. Fees, including field trips, can be paid in smaller increments or installments during the year.
 - e. Questions arising about student conduct and discipline this spring when working with parents and students.
 - i. See the [EIPS Personal Communications Devices](#) Administrative Procedure
 - ii. See the [EIPS Student Code of Conduct](#)

- iii. See the [EIPS Welcoming, Caring, Safe, and Respectful Learning Environments](#) Administrative Procedure
 - f. The Mental Health Capacity Building team will be using the gym again this summer for programming with small groups of students from the community.
 - g. The 2023-2024 School Education Plan (SEP) is due in early June.
 - i. Goal 1 - Professional learning and a schoolwide focus on restorative practices, differentiated **numeracy** learning activities, small group **math** instruction, and carefully aligned assessment practices will yield increased student engagement and achievement in **mathematics** based on STAR and report card data.
 - ii. Goal 2 - Professional learning and a schoolwide focus on restorative practices, engaging **literacy** tasks, small group **writing** instruction, and carefully aligned assessment practices will yield increased student engagement and achievement in **writing** as measured by the writing tasks measured each term using the EIPS writing continuum.
 - iii. Goal 3 - An intentional focus on **diversity** of ethnicity, language, race, ability, identity, ancestry, and interests will increase student awareness, understanding, and appreciation of our similarities and differences as measured by student surveys and a school-wide diversity writing and drawing task in fall 2023 and spring 2024.
5. Upcoming events:
- a. Volunteer Lunch on June 6
 - b. Field Fun day and parent concession on June 8
 - c. Moving On (Gr 6) and Moving On Up (Kinder A and B) ceremony on June 16 at 1 PM
 - d. Swimming for Gr 1-2, Gr 3-4, and Gr 5-6 on the last day of school June 27
6. Thank you to this year's School Council and Friends of A.L. Horton Elementary Fundraising Society volunteers.

6. Outstanding business:

- a) School Council Engagement Grant: We are fortunate enough to have approval to spend the remainder of our grant in the 2023/2024 school year. We plan to make good use of it in the fall. We will discuss scheduling a speaker at our September meeting.

7. Next Meeting: Monday September 25th 2023 at 6:30 p.m

8. Meeting Adjourned: By: Ken Allan at 6:55p.m