

FRIENDS OF A.L. HORTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SOCIETY ELECTIONS
MINUTES – September 25, 2023

Hybrid – In person and online via Google Meet:

<https://meet.google.com/adp-xviw-bus>

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Attendance: H. Dinwoodie, O. Maslov, K. Busenius, A. Rice, K. Jacques, N. Keel, K. Daurie, P. Stark, T. Bergley

- 1.0 Call to Order – 7:30 PM – by today’s co-chair Principal Busenius & 2022-23 Vice President K. Daurie
- 2.0 Review of Agenda - **Bylaws also attached for those in attendance and are posted online.*
- 3.0 ** Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting May 29, 2023 – N. Keel moved. K. Daurie seconded. CARRIED.*
- 4.0 Treasurer’s Report - read in part but also TABLED due to 2022-23 books still with D. Gara, past President
 - 4.1 Financial: Current account balances (May 31/23): General - \$20,107.29; Casino - \$19,990.05, and Fundraising (School) - \$19,495.10;
 - 4.2 Western Financial Group Infrastructure Grant of \$5,000 received – deposited into school fundraising account
 - 4.3 No further activity.
- 5.0 Standing Business / New Business
 - 5.1 Playground updates – Principal Busenius – *New metal analysis over summer 2023 shows many playground structures due for removal in summer 2024 (attachment to be forwarded to President & Vice President). Mrs. Busenius outlined how a plastic swing belt and a metal foundation anchor on the K-2 playground were/are currently being replaced this September. The school is getting a quote on the plastic swing belt from Blue Imp playgrounds and will advise the society on the cost. (Notes that the goal continues to be: \$125 000 fundraised in total to apply for the maximum matching grant. Previous playgrounds in EIPS cost \$250 000 each. A.L. Horton has 3 playgrounds. Society is working to replace the K-2 playground at this time.)*
 - 5.2 Fundraising ongoing and upcoming – *Principal Busenius offered to assist the society with communications to families until the fundraising society fills all roles and the communications email list can be passed on to the society’s key person.*
 - 5.2.1 Legion Breakfast/Steak Fry (scheduled through year) (to be assigned by grade)
 - 5.2.1.1 November 24 – Steak Fry – *Grade 5-6 parents/caregivers in focus for volunteers*
 - 5.2.1.2 January 14, 2024 – Breakfast – *Grade 3-4 parents in focus as volunteers*
 - 5.2.1.3 March 29, 2024 – Steak Fry (Good Friday of Spring Break) - *K-2 parents in focus*
 - 5.2.1.4 May 12, 2024 – Mother’s Day Breakfast – *all parents K-6 in focus (perhaps male caregivers can bring children to breakfast with moms...?)*
 - 5.2.2 Discussion of 2023-24 fundraisers and potential assignment of oversight leaders
 - 5.2.2.1 Online silent auction (Nov/Dec) - *No interest at this time. A 50-50 tickets sale online prior to Christmas (2-week-long) was suggested instead. No oversight leader yet.*
 - 5.2.2.2 Little Caesar’s Pizza fall fundraiser (Sept/Oct) - *N. Keel overseeing. All communications were prepared by Nancy and were copied by the school, counted, and sent out. Nancy working on a system for volunteer sign up so the Directors are not doing the leading and all volunteering.*
 - 5.2.2.3 Bear Tracks fall fundraiser (Nov/Dec) - *Principal Busenius shared that 21 pallets are still on site in storage from a year ago. K. Daurie moves to spend up to \$3800 for 3 pallet (60 on each). Sell for \$30. H. Dinwoodie might lead this. Ask Kindergarten parents to help as volunteers in focus.*



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- 5.2.2.4 Legion volunteer workers oversight – throughout the year – *TABLED for next meeting when more Director positions are filled.*
- 5.2.2.5 Track & Field Canteen (June) - *TABLED for later in the year but was very popular in 2023.*
- 5.2.2.6 Other ideas – Growing Smiles (flowers), Spring dance event, Purdy’s chocolates at Easter, Hot dog sales at Coop – *Group consensus that larger fundraising events are preferred to smaller profit events at this time, due to \$65 000 needing to be raised prior to the matching government grant application being completed by this group. Prairie Perogies suggested as another idea, with likely a \$2400 profit.*

5.3 Volunteer opportunities, board member attraction, connection, retention. - *Ongoing. Those in attendance and school administration will continue to speak with parents/caregivers about volunteering on the Board to lead and volunteering to help with fundraisers.*

5.4 Elect council positions

- 5.4.1 **President:** *unfilled – attempt to fill position at October 2023 meeting*
 - 5.4.1.1 Notify Corporate Registries, in writing, of all new and returning Executive/Directors/Officers
- 5.4.2 **Treasurer:** *N. Keel will continue on again this year.*
 - 5.4.2.1 Notify AGLC, in writing (form on AGLC website), of all new and returning Executive/Directors/Officers
 - 5.4.2.2 Set appointment with bank to change signing authorities (as needed)
- 5.4.3 **Vice-President:** *E. Robert will take on this role.*
 - 5.4.3.1 Arrange updating of website with new names and contact information
- 5.4.4 **Secretary:** *K. Jacques will take on this role. (Addendum – due to other responsibilities, had to resign on October 14, 2023). - unfilled – attempt to fill position at October 2023 meeting*
 - 5.4.4.1 Provide summary of meeting to all members and interested parties
- 5.4.5 **Directors at Large:** K. Daurie & T. Bergley will take on these voting roles.

6.0 Next Meeting of the Friends of AL Horton Elementary School Society: **October 24, 2023** (*changed meetings to be second last Tuesday of each month. Note: Vegreville Jr/Sr is last Tuesday of each month.*)

7.0 Adjournment

