

A. L. Horton School, 5037 48 Avenue, Vegreville, AB

April School Council Meeting Minutes

Agenda – May28, 2024

6:30-7:15 PM, Library, A. L. Horton School

Attendees: A.Rice, K.Busenius, R.Footz, H.Dinwoodie,Kelly D, S. Wiebe, K. Bortnick, T. Horon, E.Robert

Bonnie D, T. Bergley, J. Baker

1. Call to order by: Keri Busenius at 6:32 pm

2. Review of the Agenda & Parent Chair Designate for tonight.

3. Approval of the Minutes, as presented

a. April 2024 approved by Hannah and seconded by Bonnie.

4. Old Business

a. Officer Elections (Chair, Vice-Chair)

b. Meeting Schedule

Last Wednesday of each month. Next meeting is our AGM September 25

c. Years summary of activities likely due in June/ sept (Hannah and Bonnie to sign)

5. Trustee's Report: Randy Footz

The Board of Trustees met on May 2, 2025, and approved the use of reserves and allocations for 2024-25.

The Board's key priorities for the 2024-25 Budget include:

- Classroom Complexity
- Reading Enrichment and Development Pilot Program
- Curriculum and Resource Development
 - o Division 2 Science
 - o French Immersion Language Arts
- Mental Health Strategic Plan
- Equity within urban and rural schools
- Staff Retention – more permanent Educational Assistants
- Artificial Intelligence – New position to develop and implement a strategic plan to address A I.

A budget of \$207,224,204 was approved by the board. This is an increase of \$1.5 million over the 2023-24 budget.

The sod turning for the new Sherwood Heights – Ecole Campbelltown replacement school is tentatively scheduled for September12, 2024.

Thank you, Keri, for your devotion to the students of our community and may you have joy and success in your new posting at Win Ferguson in Ft. Saskatchewan.

Welcome back, Murray Howell.

5. Principals Report- Keri Busenius

1. Welcome to new principal, Murray Howell.

2. Class configurations for 2024/25:

Kindergarten	15/17	Mrs. Bortnick Ms. Giebelhaus
Grade 1	27/26	Mrs. Kozak/Mrs. Bortnick Mrs. Horon
Grade 2	23/24	Mrs. Barlott Mrs. Reid
Grade 3	22/22	Mrs. Palamarek Mrs. Semeniuk
LINKS 1 (Connections)		Mrs. Hammond
LINKS 2 (GOALS)		Ms. Morgana
PALS		Ms. Rice
Grade 4	23/23	Mrs. Kuhn Mrs. Miller
Grade 5	20/21	Miss Billingsley Mrs. Hayduk
Grade 6	27/27	Mr. Barkwell Mr. Maskal

Ukrainian Language & Culture	Kinder - 6 Grade 1/2 - 31 Grade 3/4 - 32 Grade 5/6 - 32	Pan Maskal Pani Fedorouk & Mrs. Horon
Counsellor		Ms. Giebelhaus
Family School Liaison Worker		TBA
MHCB Coach		Mrs. Folk
KinderCare/Out of School Care		Mrs. Powley
Assistant Principal		Ms. Rice
Principal		Mr. Howell

3. Event Celebrations:

- Jump Rope \$2000 and pie in the face.
- Frisbee Rob presentation
- Kindergarten Open House
- Cultural Evening with 250 in attendance
- Blanket Exercise - grade five

4. Teacher sharing –

Mrs. Horon one of our grade one teachers shared that most of her class is on or above grade reading level. Upcoming her class is excited to participate in track and field day. They have also moved on to reviewing.

Mrs. Bortnick is one of our kindergarten teachers and she shared how well their Mother’s Day tea went this year. The kids were all buzzing with excitement. They are also celebrating all the independence in reading and writing they have all progressed in this school year. There has been a lot of rewarding growth this year. They are also excited to be participating in track and field day and their big wrap up field trip to the Hutterite colony.

5. STAR and GOA Assessments winding up
6. Moving On & Moving on Up ceremonies
7. Many field trips upcoming (including grade 3 swim lessons) and fee reminders sent.
8. Meet the Staff on August 28 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM.
9. PATs for Math and LA cancelled - only Science and Social in grade six.
10. School supply lists - will be posted online with info coming home soon.
11. Spring safety drills continue.
12. Long service employees honored this month.
13. Year End events:

MAY/JUNE

Speech competition grades 4-6

- Kindergarten to fire station/RCMP
- Volunteer tea.
- Grade 1 to dental clinic
- Fun in the Sun (track) day
- Grade 2 to the zoo
- Variety of grades going bowling
- Grade 5 patroller picnic
- Kindergarten to the colony
- Grade 4, Grade 1, & the LINKS classes to the Wilderness Centre
- Alberta Theatre Company's Cinderella
- Kinder Moving on Up ceremony
- Grade 6 Moving On ceremony.
- LINKS and Grade 1-6 swims
- National Indigenous Peoples Day activities

6. New Business

a) none

7. Annual General Meeting and Election in September 2024

8. Adjourned @ 7:14 pm