

Council Minutes

Alexander Ferguson Elementary School Council

Thursday Oct 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Location:

Learning Centre Commons

In attendance: Christine J., Natasha V., Helene Sharpe, Matthew Littel, Ashley B., Allesandro A., Satoko., Esther T., Ashwinee., Lauren B.,

- **1) Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Christine**
- **2) Agenda and Minutes:**
 - a) Approval of Agenda: Natasha, 2nd Ashley
 - b) Approval Sept. 2024 minutes: Natasha, 2nd Allesandro
- **3) Introductions made**
- **4) Land Acknowledgment**
- **5) Reports**
 - a) Teacher Report: Ms. Kaban and Ms. Underwood (3/4)
 - Kids are learning about a writing Routine using 1-5 steps - and "GUM IT"
 - Step one, Planning Page - plan our your ideas and what you want to write about. Step 2, Just Start Writing - Get those ideas out on paper. Step 3, Create a second Draft - Editing day - bring on the dictionary. Step 4, Revise and Edit - Grade 3's using the 3,2,1 strategy and 4's using 1-4 strategy. Step 5, Students have the option to share their work or keep it to themselves - sharing is encouraged.
 - Kids are using the Bullseye sheet to assess their own writing piece, as well as the Walking Story Criteria - questioning their words - "could I use a triple scoop word here?"

- b) School Report: Helen Sharpe, Principal, and Matthew Littel, Assistant Principal: Road Closure on 26 Street. Nov 15. Elder Kerry will be here on November 19.
- Enrollment - CBE enrolment is down across the board - we currently have less students at AFS than we had projected, but are still getting new students each week. Currently we have 238 Students.
- Practicum Social Work students, Jolene and Riley, will be at the school on Tuesdays.
- Shadow puppetry Jube-School evening performance - May 1, 5:30/7:30pm
- A few changes to the School Development Plan - Our goals and what we want to improve on each year - SDP heading in the direction to include Wholistic, Learning Excellence, Well Being, Inclusion, Truth and reconciliation.

c) Volunteer Reports: Winter clothing drive was a success.

Fun Lunch Coordinator: Satoko

Killarney Community Liaison: Halloween Party is on Oct 27. For members only. Visit

d) Vacant Positions: Vice Chair

- **6) Open Dialogue/ New Business:**
- **7) Next AFES council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2024 in the School Learning Commons or Online**
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm