

Council Minutes
Alexander Ferguson Elementary School Council
Thursday Sept 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Learning Centre Commons

In attendance: Christine J., Natasha V., Lindsey P., Helene Sharpe, Matthew Littel, Jenn D., Clive L., Karla G., Peter R., Online: Cassy H, Sree R., Paola G., Nisreen A., Rosa R., and Mahdi. A

1) Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Christine

2) Agenda and Minutes:

- a) Approval of Agenda: Natasha, 2nd Lindsey
- b) Approval June 13, 2024 minutes: Natasha, 2nd Lindsey

3) Introductions made

4) Land Acknowledgment

5) Reports

- a) Teacher Report: Mr. Rehak. The Little Engine That Could. Having students say and believe "I can" over "I can't".
- b) School Report: Helen Sharpe, Principal, and Matthew Littel, Assistant Principal: children are being encouraged to use available supplies such as chalk, hula hoops, and skipping ropes for outdoor play. AFES is making a special effort to introduce students to all of the teachers, so they know each other during outdoor recess.

Staffing updates:

New Music Teacher: Mrs. Wackett

New Homeroom teacher: Ms. Willow

We currently have 234 children at AFES (was projected to be 256), this means 30 less hours of work per week for CBE support staff in the building.

Helen and Matthew requested \$35,000 for the 2024/25 school year to enhance the curriculum. Dream List: ceiling fans in the gym, picnic tables outside, key fob to mudroom doors, basketball nets for outside, change surface of playground from rocks to something else, new laminator, 3D printer

- c) Volunteer Reports: Chair- discussed starting an AFES Instagram account that would be managed by Ashley and Christine. It would be a private account that would serve to update parents about school events, fun lunches, etc. No student names or pictures would be used.

Christine: motion to create and develop AFES Social Media account (either Instagram or Facebook). 2nd: Nastaha. All in favor. Motion passed.

Council and Board have decided to do a Winter clothing drive this year. Date and time TBD.

Holiday Lunch Coordinator: Satoko. Budget TBD at next meeting.

Christine: motion to have a gym picnic this year (on a picnic blanket) at the holiday lunch instead of tables. 2nd: Lindsey. All in favor. Motion passed.

Fun Lunch Coordinator: Satoko

Killarney Community Liaison: Halloween Party is on Oct 27. For members only. Visit www.KGCA.ca for more information.

- d) Vacant Positions:

Vice Chair

Teacher Potluck Coordinator: Karla G. has volunteered for this role.

- 6) **Open Dialogue/ New Business:** First few days of school have been going well for students and no further feedback from students, teachers or staff at this time.

- 7) **Next AFES council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2024 in the School Learning Commons or Online**

- 8) Meeting adjourned at 2012h