

Ecole Airdrie Middle School Council Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions-Melanie Gaze

Approval of June Meeting Minutes-Brittany Harcus and Melanie Gaze

School Trustee Report- Melissa Bowen

-They held their first meeting of the year which addressed gaps in literacy and implementing a new initiative with a 2 year strategic plan

-Discussed the new cell phone policy which has had good feedback so far

-We had 12 new modules in our division approved and 12 other modules moved from Langdon. No plans on where they are being placed yet

-We received an additional 4 million for our school division with no decisions on how it will be spent

-We are on track to grow with estimated 750 growth with more solid #s at next meeting

-Orientation and bylaw meeting on Zoom Sept 23rd and joint school council on Oct 24th

Question: Why are we finding problems with hiring and retaining FI teachers?

- Challenging field
- Growing class sizes
- Part of the strategic plan is how to keep teachers happy
- HR is working on recruiting FI teachers

Principal Report- Erhayat Ozcan

-New Hires:

- Paul Cashato-GR 7/8 English teacher
- Oriana Belliveau- GR7/8 FI teacher

-Mr. Barber is on leave and Scott Blackwood is in his place, Mme Griffith is on maternity leave, Michelle Halliwell is on leave and Carmen Sanchez last day Friday.

-New position filled for English grade 7 teacher as all classes are full. Asking for kids and parents to voluntarily move to new class but will confirm no conflicts in classroom

-FI teachers have been extremely hard to find, no one applying

-School pictures Wednesday Sept 11th

-Meet the staff night Sept 18th from 5-6pm. Just show up, check out the school/classroom and talk to the teachers

-Cell phone policy going well and parents showing support

-We have social media through X and Facebook. Update every 2 weeks and Dale Doucette takes care of this. Anything urgent is emailed

-Literacy and numeracy blocks added with coaches to lead program. There will be stations, projects based on interest and a project based learning week to eventually be implemented

-We have 6 exploratory courses this year

-A new change is the home rooms in mornings are now 20 minutes

-We went from 479 kids to 512 with max at 536

Council Business- Melanie Gaze

-We have an estimated \$3692.00 left from last year

-BBQ went great with all the hot dogs, hamburgers, and other treats supplied by the school. A motion was set to fund \$336.00 towards juice boxes and some other supplies. Approved

-QR code was sent for input on event/fundraising ideas from parents

- 75% yes to events
- 18% no to events
- Most popular was minute to win it games family event
- 73% yes to sell items
- Most popular was Little Caesars coupons

-Ideas were given such as arcade cards, community market, bacon, ice melt...

September 10th, 2024

-Thoughts on having the Halloween Howler and how it works. Envelopes send home to try and fundraise for dance-a-thon at the event. Asking for a minimum cost but no kid is left out regardless. It would be Halloween day after lunch. Approved to go ahead with event by Brittany H Marcus and Melanie Gaze

-If we want to have more events and fundraisers we suggested maybe putting together committees and trying to get more parent involvement.

-Shauna and Heather volunteered as fundraising chair/co-leads-approved

-Elections held for vice chair and treasurer

- Brittany H Marcus volunteered and voted in as Treasurer
- Michael Radziwon volunteered and voted in as Vice Chair

Next Meeting

We will try for the first Tues. of the month for Oct. and Nov. to see if we can get more teacher participation. Remaining meetings for the year to be set at Nov. meeting.

-October 1st @6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:10pm