



Ecole Airdrie Middle School Council Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions - Melanie Gaze

Approval of Minutes - Melanie Gaze

- A motion was made to approve last months meeting minutes, was seconded, and passed.

School trustee Report - Melyssa Bowen

- Re-elected board chair and vice board chair
- She is on:
 - Alberta school board committee
 - School council committee
 - Audit committee
 - Transportation committee
 - Appeals committee
 - Indigenous advisory committee
- Evaluation of Q3, net surplus of 1.3 billion, includes 7.6 million in the transportation fund. 1-3% is required by government for reserve to be used for shortfalls - this will not negatively impact the school year for finances if this amount goes over budget. Transportation has a 2.1 billion deficit, they are 5years into a 10 year contract, and will review the contract this year. We are competing with other school boards, so we need to be competitive to keep our bussing contract.
- 12 new modulars have been approved, 9 being placed in Airdrie. Fall will be the next request with Chestermere and Cochrane being the focus.
- QUESTION: Is there a priority for a new high school in Airdrie? Yes, it is the top of the list. Advocacy is the key to prioritize Rocky View, as we are lumped in with Edmonton and Calgary. Tell your MLA we need new schools, hold them accountable,

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put pressure on them. Melyssa is trying to get a tracker put on the Rocky View website. Airdrie has 5 school sites ready to go for schools to be built.

- Ward Boundary Review consultation: If a new ward was created, Ward 2 and 4 would lose out on representation. Cochrane is underrepresented. They will decide later in October and it will be in effect for the fall municipal election. As a side note, Airdrie is large enough for its own school division.

Principal Report - Erhayat Ozcan & Veronica Doyle (Principal & Vice Principal)

Classroom Reconfiguration:

- We currently have classes of 37 and 38 students. We interviewed and lost 2 teachers. We have reached out to 2 former (retired) coworkers to ask if they would come. One can come for 1 month to help. We are hoping to have some more applicants (people apply for more than 1 posting and we have lost out on some of them)

New Staff:

- Grade 6 French Immersion
- Administration Assistant
- Scott Blackwood - physical education while Mr. Barber is on leave
- Byron Dalliston to replace Ms Wong (on maternity leave)

School education Plan Update:

- Last year's 3 goals were Numeracy, Building Future Ready students, and PBIS, we will be adding Literacy this year. Mr Ozcan will type it up, Melanie will read and sign it.

Gr 8 French Quebec Trip:

- 28 students have signed up, hoping to get 30.

Terry Fox Run:

- It was a great day. \$415 has been raised so far. Some students ran 2 laps with Ms Green. They had freezies and then a tug-of-war competition.

Truth & Reconciliation Day:

- We had 2 assemblies as we are too large to all fit in the gym together. Each class brought an artifact to represent their learning from the last 2 weeks. There was a call to action from each class. We will put photos of the calls to action in the wooden frames at the front of the school.

Council Business - Melanie Gaze

Financial Update:

- We gave a higher balance than we actually had last month, as we needed to pay for band clinicians. The correct total is \$1310.15.

Halloween Howler

- Goal to raise \$10 000 this year
- Will be held Oct 31, 2024 1-3:15pm
- Food: Texas doughnuts from Hunterhorn Bakery (as they are bigger than the ones from Glenmorgan Bakery, and they are a closer location) Will try 300 this year. Popsicles increase to 200 from 160 we purchased last year. Juice boxes or water? The students requested a drink. Water bottles were decided on. Snack Shack will also be open.
- Staff will supervise with parents support. A sign-up genius will be created and sent out.
- There will be a costume contest that staff: Dale & Tiffany will look after.
- Looks like we will be able to use the DJ and he is only charging us \$300 versus \$640.
- We will be decorating for Halloween on October 23, 2024, and taking down November 4, 2024, in the morning. We will send out a sign-up.
- Fundraising envelopes are due next Wednesday (October 25, 2024). We discussed if we should be using school cash online or just cash and cheques....for this year we will continue with cash and cheques.
- Volunteers: to do sign-up genius: Bonnie
 - : Collect donations for door prizes (gift cards): Heather and Bonnie

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Paul Davis Presentation:

- Happening November 15, 2024, 2 different presentations. 1 for students during the day and 1 for parents in the evening. He speaks on online safety, and knows social media really well. He is very engaging and it will be a really good event. The cost is \$1800 plus tax minus the \$500 school engagement government grant money. We will approve a commitment to fund this amount after the Halloween Howler.

Questions:

No further questions.

Next Meeting

- Next Meeting: November 5, 2024 @ 6:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:44pm