

Edmonton Northeast Christian School Council Minutes – February 13, 2024

Chair: Binoy P Vice Chair: Jenn B Secretary: Raegan S

Members present: Rebecca V, Grace P, Kim S, Mudia O, Jessica K, Katie W, Laura M, Jen S, Rod S, Lisa H, Kara F, Ben F, Tasha T, Chan L, Michelle B, Angel S, Scott S, Lisa B, Glenn V, Rebecca V, Ashley R, Charlene B, Andom M, Denise G, Fiyori M, Wonhye S, Shanna S, Terri S, Graeme F, Joy T, Laura N, Chris L, Graeme D, Meseret B, Lisa S, Berti A, Jennifer A, Jianchen S, Jordan K, Candice K, Leah MV, Darcy V, Michelle LH, Run D, Lilian F, Tope F, Danielle T, Biruk G, Terence V, Carita H, Julie S, Lisa VG, Liz R, Melody V, Cassie H, Fola O, Lanre A, Michael W, Erin H, Stefan S, Brandie D, Bruce S, Jennifer VN, Chelsea V, Tomas A, Kevin R, Rhonda W, Jenn D, Brent A, Mike G, Glen B, Todd L, Andy O, Leesa O, Claude B, Emilinda B, Henrique C, Sarah M, Sanson M, Amanda M,

School Administration: Karla LW

Society Liaison: Ryan H

Society Executive Director: Maureen VN

EPSB Assistant Superintendent of Schools: Ron T

Teacher Observers: Holly S, Jessica VD, Heather M, Andrea C, Megan L, Heather K

Other Observers: Penny M, Laura F, Dean F, Marisha L

Unknown: 1

1. Call to Order and Open in Prayer

- o Call to Order by the chair at 7:07pm
- o Opening prayer by secretary

2. Acknowledge Members Present

- o Clarity was provided by the chair regarding the school council sign-in sheet. Attendees were requested to sign as had been done in past meetings. The school council executive was required to collect sign-in information directly (see FOIP s. 33-34).
- o Discussion ensued regarding the sign-in process.
- o The sign-in sheet initiated by the principal was noted as being retained by the principal.

3. Approval of Agenda

- o The agenda was reviewed verbally by the chair as suggested by ASCA.
- o Discussion ensued regarding eligibility to vote.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes - January 15, 2024

- o Four suggested additions to the January 15, 2024 minutes from a member were put to a vote as provided.
- o Voting options for including the additions were as follows:
 - A: inclusion as is
 - B: return suggestion to author to adjust wording for context
 - C: exclusion
- o Suggested addition: "A parent requested the chair remain unbiased in leading the meeting."
Vote - A: 13 (amend as received), B: 0, C: 0
- o Suggested addition: "The principal voiced concern of naming a teacher in a scenario."
Vote - A: 11 (amend as received), B: 1, C: 0

- o Suggested addition: “A parent brought concerns of sexual health curriculum through the admin debrief - Welcome back to teachers.”
Vote - A: 9 (amend as received), B: 0, C: 0
- o Suggested addition: “A parent offered different view on why choices/responsibilities is necessary.”
Vote - A: 8 (amend as received), B: 1, C: 0
- o One additional suggested addition to the January 15, 2024 minutes from a member was put to a vote as provided.
 - o “There was a motion that was made by one parent to not proceed with the survey.”
Voting Results - A: 11 (amend as received), B: 0, C: 2
- o Motion to approve amended minutes made by Jen S, seconded by Ashley R, Vote: Motion carried.

5. Admin Debrief

- o Chair noted that the report was shared in advance of the meeting on SchoolZone.
- o A question was raised about the school’s participation in March Madness (reading program)
- o The principal shared that since the school did not have a librarian, March Madness would not occur.
- o Discussion ensued regarding the use of the current school council email address.

6. Bullying Protocol (*deferred from January 15 meeting*)

- o Chair noted agenda item purpose as getting clarification board policy “[Safe, Caring and Respectful Learning Environments](#)”.
- o Discussion ensued.

7. Parent Engagement Survey Update

- o Chair noted that the parent engagement survey was suspended rendering moot the outstanding motion from the January 15, 2024 meeting about not proceeding with the survey.

8. Bylaws

- o Chair shared that ASCA has a 90-minute workshop available to elaborate on the purpose of school council. Bylaws would address questions regarding the agenda, conducting meetings, communication, how things are run and voted on, etc. If the members vote to go ahead with this session, the executive would consider putting together a committee to draft bylaws made up of members who completed the Purpose workshop. Information on cost to be provided.
- o Discussion ensued.

9. Childcare

- o The vice chair mentioned that providing childcare during meetings was raised with the executive. Feedback was requested on the possibility of making childcare available.
- o Discussion ensued.
- o Decision was deferred until the next meeting.

In the interests of time, the chair asked for a motion to defer agenda item 10: ‘School Council Funds & Spending Items’ to the next meeting. Motion: Grace P, seconded by Todd L. Vote: Majority voted to proceed with item 10.

10. School Council Funds & Spending Items

- o The chair noted the motion from the January 15, 2024 meeting regarding the principal's request from the school council fund to purchase two spin bikes @ \$599 per bike for grades 3 and 5.
- o Discussion ensued.
- o Confirmation of balance to be queried by the council executive to the Society and to see if the funds approved for spending in June 2023 had been used.
- o Motion to spend \$1,200 by Todd L, seconded by Glen B.
- o Further discussion ensued.
- o Motion to amend the motion to spend up to \$1,300 by Charlene B, seconded by Ashley R. Vote: Motion carried.
- o Further discussion ensued.

Chair asked for a motion to adjourn meeting, deferring agenda items #11 and #12. Motion made by Leesa O, seconded by Grace P. Vote: Motion carried.

11. Any Other Business - deferred

12. Communication of Next Meeting – deferred, date to be provided on Schoolzone

13. Closing in Prayer by principal @ 9:09pm