

Edmonton Northeast Christian School Council Minutes – March 18, 2024

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

Members present: Glenn V, Rebecca V, Fola O, Laura M, Christy H, Lisa B, Charlene B, Danielle T, Angel S, Lisa S, Queenie Sorge, Jordan S, Kim S, Jeremy M, Leesa O, Andy O, Wonhye S, Jessica K, Amy D, Todd L, Graeme F, Julie D, Grace P, Glen B, Laura N, Lisa H, Shanna S, Denise G, Sharon M, Tasha T, Scott S, Leah MV, Chelsea V, Jennifer A, Jackie A, Graeme D, Bruce S, Heather K, Michelle L, Andrea C, Ashley R

School Administration: Karla LW, Sibin A

Society Board Liaison: Ryan H

Society Acting Executive Director: Keith P

- **Call to Order and Open in Prayer**
 - Call to Order by the chair at 7:05pm
 - Opening prayer by Angel S
- **Acknowledge Members Present**
 - Members acknowledged by the chair.
 - The chair noted that voting members were parents/guardians of children attending the school.
- **Approval of Agenda**
 - Motion to approve agenda made by Angel S, seconded by Leesa O. Vote: Motion carried.
- **Approval of Previous Minutes** - February 13, 2024
 - Motion to approve amended February 13, 2024 meeting minutes, available to view prior to the meeting, made by Grace P, seconded by Lisa B. Vote: Motion carried.
- **Admin Debrief**
 - As per the principal:
 - the video shared was prompted by a decline in parents having their children go on field trips and to encourage parents to be less fearful of play involving calculated risks.
 - Easter Assembly start time was changed to Thursday, March 21 @ 9am.
 - Jr. High Fun Day was cancelled due to poor weather.
- **Hot Lunch**
 - The secretary mentioned that parents were invited to provide feedback to the hot lunch team on the quality of the food vendors are providing.
- **Grant Money Update**
 - Discussion ensued.
 - The chair noted that the School Council Purpose workshop was different from the workshop on creating bylaws.
 - Motion to spend up to \$300 of the Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant on the Purpose workshop made by Amy D, seconded by Laura M. Vote: Motion carried.
 - The chair provided further examples of how the remaining grant money could be spent, including (as per ASCA):

- workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council members
 - information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school
 - parent resources and workshops on important topics such as, mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, healthy living, etc.
 - programs to support multicultural and Indigenous families including, English language learners and First Nations, Métis and Inuit learners
 - parent resources and tools in multiple languages
 - events to engage parents on important local issues
 - conference fees
 - Further discussion ensued.
 - The principal committed to finding out if the remaining ASCE grant funds could be paid this year toward a 2024-25 Math Night with the rest to be paid next year.
- **School Council Funds Update & Discussion**
 - The vice chair shared that all of the school council funds approved for spending in 2022-23 were spent, except for a little over \$300 for foods classes which will be spent. The Society ledger showed that as of February 29, 2024, the ECNS school council had \$5,091.97, excluding the ~\$300 for foods classes from 2022-23. These dollars came from the hot lunch program predominantly, but also from the carnival bake sale.
 - Suggestions were made on how to use the available school council funds:
 - childcare during school council meetings
 - home reading books
 - sponsor a pancake breakfast or other community-building event
 - hot dogs for every student
 - programmed robots to support the new computer curriculum
 - inline family rollerblade night
 - snow cone machine and freezies for SportNik Day
 - what teachers indicate they need
 - Additional discussion ensued.
 - The vice chair committed that the school council executive would cost out suggested options for spending school council funds and that a vote could be held in May or June about the spending of funds.
 - The vice principal shared that compensation for childcare through end-of-term pizza parties would depend on the number of students helping and suggested that the school council executive put out a Google form to have people indicate how many children would need care during meetings as well as the best days and times for council meetings. The chair agreed.
 - **Ideas to Build Morale/Community**
 - The principal suggested to provide treats and handcrafted nameplates for staff at their monthly business meeting.
 - **Any Other Business**
 - None raised.
 - **Communication of Next Meeting**
 - The vice chair shared that the ASCA School Council Purpose workshop on April 18 @ 7pm be held in place of the April school council meeting.

- Motion to use up to \$150 of ASCE Grant funds in order to provide childcare for the April 18 Purpose workshop, if possible, made by Todd L, seconded by Leesa O. Vote: Motion carried.
 - Motion to use up to \$150 of school council funds in order to provide childcare for the April 18 Purpose workshop, if ASCA Grant funds could not be used, made by Andy O, seconded by Jackie A. Vote: Motion carried.
 - Tentatively scheduled school council meetings: May 6, June 10
- **Closing in Prayer @ 8:00pm**