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# School Council Meeting Minutes

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## Abraham Erb Public School

January 22, 2020 - School Library 7:00pm

**Members Present:** Amy W., Becky L., Carolyn M., Danielle G., Hanan A., Jennifer K., Lee R., Leena S. (Minutes), Mitra P., Seun S., Sheila S., Shishir B., Tamara C., Vaidhehi K.

**Absent:** Alison P., Farzana D., Julie I., Lindsay K., Melinda H., Nasim P., Tracy M., Vera J. (Regrets)

**Guests (signed in only):** None

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**Agenda item: Welcome Presenter: Jennifer K.**

**Discussion:**

- Territorial and Land Acknowledgement delivered by SB.
- JK motioned to approve the November minutes. SS seconded. All in favour.
- JK reviewed November action items. All were closed. Notes from the action item discussion:
  - Pro Grant application submitted.
  - Parking rules posted to School Day by PK.
  - JK reached out to Mme Morrison on Eco Club. She suggested starting the investigation on funding opportunities. JK starting a spreadsheet to track opportunities. Please share any research/ideas that you come across. Eco Club activities are still running but there are no meetings with the students.
  - SS and SB went to first WRAPSC meeting.
  - Reminder from JK to provide feedback about ideas or topics for future meetings.
  - Subhish, Syed, Rina, Prashant no longer voting members.

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**Agenda item: Parent feedback on Winter Variety Show Presenter: Jennifer K.**

**Discussion:**

- Discussed feedback in groups and then shared.
- Everyone enjoyed seeing the students perform and all were appreciative of the work put in by staff and the efforts by parent volunteers.
- Generally, parents enjoyed the split of concerts into two - it was suggested two different days might have made logistics easier and the timing not seem as long.
- Feedback from parent volunteers was that it was sometimes difficult to tell audience members to sit down when the result would be that they couldn't see their child performing.
- Parent volunteers were helpful in providing instructions to audience members for seating, safety and general courtesy by keeping the aisle clear which was an improvement from last year. However, it was noticeable that it was sometimes difficult for parents to follow these instructions for safety and courtesy and that they needed to be repeated.
- Suggestion to record whole production; not possible because of privacy act and logistics around coordinating those who can't be recorded.



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**Agenda item: Treasurer's Report**

**Presenter: Carolyn M.**

**Discussion:**

- There were no changes or transactions.
- Funds available is \$11670.87
- JK suggested money committed (that we know we are not going to spend) be moved to funds available. This would help determine goals for fundraising at fun fair. Some say to be optimistic in that committed moneys will be used. Another comment about how money raised should be used for students in the school at that time and should not be asking for more when money available.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Add a section to February agenda to re-estimate spending.
- Parents to suggest alternate ways to spend money that would not require volunteers or teacher assistance.

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**Agenda item: WRAPSC update**

**Presenter: Sheila S.**

**Discussion:**

- Learned mental health support plus information on vaping and marajuana available for grade 7&8 and highschoools and not to elementary schools.
- Free music programs available for elementary 5&6 classrooms. SB will share details with PK.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Provide feedback on mental health support system in elementary school system via email to Sheila S.

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Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:21pm

## APPENDIX #1: Log of Open Action Items

*Noted: Closed items are only noted here if the item was in open status at the beginning of the meeting*

Action	Person Responsible	Deadline	Status	Meeting Raised
Investigate option to have Kindergarten performance on a different day and will follow up with JK on specific logistics.	PK	Dec. 2	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Send message on School Day with logistics and timings for winter variety show and requests for parents.	PK	Dec. 18	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Request for volunteers to help with winter variety show.	PK	Dec. 18	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Determine if spirit squad will be running the week of giving and which teacher was supporting and follow up with JK.	PK	Dec. 2	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Send email with clear parking and drop off/pick up instructions (with input from staff).	PK	Dec. 2	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Apply to the Board for PRO Grant.	JK	Dec. 18	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Send book fair volunteer sign up list to Council, highlighting spots that still need to be filled.	JL	Nov. 29	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Discuss Eco Club volunteer requirements with Mme Morrison to determine if Club possible this year.	JK	Dec. 18	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Connect with SS on WRAPSC about dates and add her to email list and follow up with SB on his request to attend.	JK	Dec. 18	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Follow up with Council for ideas for presentations or topics for future meetings.	JK	Dec. 18	CLOSED	Nov. 20
Ask for feedback from staff on the Winter Variety Show.	PK	Feb. 19	NEW	Jan. 22
Send a School Day note about the end date for pizza and pita.	PK	Feb. 19	NEW	Jan. 22

Add a section to February agenda to re-estimate spending.	JK	Feb. 19	NEW	Jan. 22
Suggest alternate ways to spend money that would not require volunteers or teacher assistance. abrahamerschoolcouncil@gmail.com	ALL	Feb. 19	NEW	Jan. 22
Provide feedback on mental health support system in elementary school system via email to Sheila S (sheila@sloot.ca).	ALL	Feb. 19	NEW	Jan. 22