

Kinosayo School Council Agenda
Monday September 16, 2024 @7pm
(Annual General Meeting)

School Council link:

<https://meet.google.com/nvk-zygr-sxj>

Agenda:

1. Welcome/Announcements
 - a. We do not have a trustee present today
 - b. we will do our elections for chair, co-chair and secretary
 - c. This is our first meeting and also our AGM
2. Previous Chair's Report
 - a. Review [2023/24 final report](#)
3. School Council nominations/Elections
 - a. As per the [bylaws](#)
 - b. School councils are structured groups of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. They provide a means for members of the school community to consult with and provide advice to the principal, the school board and the minister of education.
 - c. School Council Chair
 - i. Elise Graham
 - Self nominated, elected (unanimous vote)
 - d. School Council Co-Chair
 - i. TBD
 - e. School Council Secretary
 - i. Karen Fernhout
 - Self nominated, voted in
4. Trustee for Kinosayo
 - a. Trustee Allen will be our trustee this year. Not present for this meeting
5. Principal message/Activity
 - a. 4 categories of information sharing
 - i. Information that's already been decided
 - ii. Information where input is requested
 - iii. A decision made together
 - iv. A decision given over to a group to decide

With school council, we primarily see the first two forms of information sharing.

- b. School start-up update:

- i. Probably the best start up we've had since Brian has been at Kinosayo. No major construction projects, staff had already set a focus for the year in the spring, it's been very collaborative.
Mrs. Gysen - from a teacher perspective it's been great.
- ii. Budget/Classroom size wise - feel free to lobby your MLA's and your trustees regarding these issues. No surprise that budget is tight..
 - In Kindergarten we have: AM/Full Day: 29 + 11, PM/Full Day: 15 + 11
 - Our division does allocate a gesture of funding, but it's impossible to make up for the money that is no longer available through the provincial government
 - Funding model: still comes as a "rolling average". For a student, in their first year, you get 20% funding, 2nd year 30%, 3rd year 50%. For a growing school division, like St. Albert Public, each new student is only funded at 20%.
 - Kinosayo: current enrollment: 346 Gr K-6, 318.5 FTE students (Last year, enrollment was approx. 325)
 - For the first time, we have turned students away that are out of our catchment. Currently, the smallest class size is 27. If we accepted new students from outside of our catchment, we would just have larger class sizes, we did not have the means or the numbers to create another full classroom.
 - Budget: the division has been using reserves to fund the division growth, but those reserves are obviously dwindling. Now this year, we are really feeling the tight budget - there's less money to supplement and compensate for the rolling average. And the government continues to decrease funding. We are the least per-pupil funded province in Canada
 - Question: With the enrollment increase, have we hired any new staff?
 - a. No. 2 employees are away on maternity, we had enough part time staff that we could top-up their FTE to make up for the maternity leaves.
 - b. We have 25 more kids, but the same amount of home rooms.
- c. Year long focus on inquiry
 - i. There will be year long professional development for all staff on inquiry learning and teaching. There was an "implementation dip" last year, where the staff experienced a natural "lull" in the inquiry-based teaching and learning, so they are now in partnership with a specialist named Trevor Mackenzie. The school has access to some resources that he creates as well as access to 3 sessions with Mackenzie throughout the year. The

staff have been broken up into the following groups: gr 1-3, gr 4-6, K+Music, Art, Phys Ed and GOALS. The PD days throughout the year will be focused on inquiry teaching and learning. All PD money is being channeled into this to gain a cohesive vision on Inquiry Learning.

- Question: Could we have a parent session? Answer: Mackenzie can not. But yes, we could probably host a session for parents run by Lisa & Brian.
- Suggestion: Perhaps we can use our Council budget to create a parent resource library, with some resources specifically focusing on inquiry learning
- Updates on this Professional Development will be shared regularly in the S'More. Suggestion: include Mackenzie's social media/website etc. for parents to access and follow as they wish

d. Questions

-none at this time

6. Other business

a. New Schedule

i. Recess

- Trying something new: last year we had a 30 minute recess & a 15 minute recess. This year we are trying 2 X 20 min recesses *and* a new 10 minute transition time built into lunch. 30 minutes for kids to eat inside, but with a 10 minute transition time where, if students are done eating at the 20 minute mark, they can go outside. This is working beautifully so far, particularly for div. 2 students. Will continue to monitor and adjust as needed.

ii. No more half days

- No more early dismissal days, just full PD days. This Friday will be the first staff meeting/PD day. This structure will be lovely and far more productive for the staff.

Brian question: What else do we want to hear more about this year?

Participants: Budget. Funding. Enrollment.

Participant question: Is KNN still a thing?

Answer: Yes. Hasn't started yet. They are doing one big announcement thing a week. The rest is being filtered. Announcements will still be on YouTube. The rest will not be available on YouTube.

Meeting adjourned: 7:54 PM