

**Approved Meeting Minutes For
Valhalla Community School
School Council AGM
September 22, 2021
6:30PM Via Zoom
Meeting ID: 475 290 4212
Chair: Teresa Boucher (780) 814-4827
Vice Chair: Vacant**

Approved on September 29th, 2022

In attendance: T. Boucher; P. Braseth; H. Lee; M. Gilbert; K. Strand; F. Wright

Call meeting to order @ 6:30 PM

❖ Principals Report – Harmon Lee

- Staff and students are quickly becoming acquainted and comfortable with new administrator.
- August 24, 2021, J. Heikel broke his wrist. Returned to work Monday, September 20, 2021.
- Thursday, September 16, 2021, Government announced adding back some Covid protocols including grades 3-9 masking in all common areas. Grades K-9 revising stricter sanitizing.
- We have already had 2 successful hot lunches at the school. 1st being breakfast for lunch on September 10, 2021. 2nd being hot dog day on September 17th, 2021.
- The school has had their first school Spirit Day. It was pirate day and it seemed everyone enjoyed.
- Coming up on September 23rd, 2021, will be the Terry Fox Run.
- On September 30th, 2021, the school will be closed in observation of the first Truth and Reconciliation Day.
- October 1st, 2021 will be Picture Day and also will be the start day for our first fundraiser with the Winter Clothing Drive.
- October 4th, 2021 will be our first early dismissal day of the year.

❖ Chairs Report – Teresa Boucher

- Last years recap
 - Chair – Teresa Boucher
 - Vice Chair – Stacie Wright

Treasurer – Penny Braseth

Secretary – First half of the year Kristine Strand and then Mellissa Gilbert

- School council purchased the zoom subscription when we went into lockdown.
- Paid Alberta School Council Fees
- Looked for volunteers to Shadow current Chair & Vice Chair for take over. Created a movie to post to Facebook with no success. Will be looking again this year.
- Changed council consent forms for parents to fill out. Mellissa Gilbert has transcribed into a data base for easier accessibility.
- Asked by a parent about Black History. Council looked into further options, but no other parents showed interest in going forward.
- Assisted parents & students find the best ways to navigate the new protocols with Covid. Researched alternative methods and reached out to other charter schools about effective online learning methods. Council put advice forward to the principal advising minimum requirements. The board decided to form a committee and was taken away from council.
- Purchased a new laptop for council to run QuickBooks.
- Sensory path was supposed to be installed this past summer; however the wax was not done in the hallways so we are hopeful that over the winter break it will get done.
- Discussed all resolutions to be put forward to ASCA AGM and voted on whether to vote yes or no to each resolution.
- P. Braseth attended the ASCA AGM and spoke on our behalf. There are many people opposed to charter schools, but even though we were not successful with the 2 motions put forward it was very close, and we believe with more information we can keep charter schools' part of the Public School system.
- Sanitization Committee was disbanded due to lack of interest. Parents and Council were unhappy with the way resources were being allocated.
- We were able to facilitate free hot lunches to all students and staff every Friday we attended school.
- Also provided healthy snacks and lunches to any students in need.
- Had a Zoom coffee meeting to discuss how parents and students were coping with Covid. Received a lot of great feedback.
- All council financials were input into QuickBooks from 2014 to current.
- Purchased new cameras for busses. So far only one has been installed. Looking into purchasing more sound system equipment.
- Purchased 5 new chrome books for the school. 10 were purchased in total with 5 being purchased under Outdoor Ed Grants. 6 of the 10 have had issues and P. Braseth is currently dealing with best buy about this issue.
- Released \$3500 in June to purchase more chrome books with the previous issues we got a deal with best buy and were able to purchase 15 new computers with 2-year warranties

- It was decided to lump together Secretary and Teachers appreciation days. So, we purchased a new coffee pot & coffee supplies for the teacher's lounge. Set up mailboxes in the hallway and had the kids make each staff member a card.
 - Discussed installing a firepit (crusher cone) out in the yard. Coordinated with the fire department and they advised where it needs to be placed and how it is to be installed for it to meet code.
 - Purchased a new color printer for the school.
 - ASCA has undergone a bunch of restructuring. So, we were unable to take advantage of the free courses they offer. We hope to have someone take one this year.
 - We purchased ziplock bags to transport homework during Covid lockdown.
 - There were ongoing concerns regarding communication between the council, the school & parents. Council decided to start a new email and group email lists to send mass emails to facilitate better communication.
 - Year end gift to staff was a new water cooler to replace the broken one in the staff room.
 - With Steve & Cindy Mumert retiring it was decided to purchase them 2 camping chairs and had their names and the school logo printed on the back.
 - Started working on bulletin board letters for the teachers. Leveled readers for the younger grades & name tags for desks.
 - Council paid \$100 to ASCA session recordings for staff, council & parents.
- Election of Council for current year
- Chair – P. Braseth nominates Teresa Boucher and she accepted
 - Vice Chair – remains vacant
 - Treasurer – T. Boucher nominates Penny Braseth and she accepted
 - Secretary – P. Braseth nominates Mellissa Gilbert and she accepted
- Committees we are looking to fill
- Healthy Snack – Until a volunteer can be found F. Wright will keep an eye
 - Hot Lunch
 - Fundraiser

❖ **Adjournment @ 6:52 PM**