

## Austin O'Brien School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 21, 2023

Chair: Yashica A.

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Location: AOB Staff Room

Recorder: Alicia W.

**Present:** Yashica, Michaela, Alicia

**AOB Staff:** Susan Coates (Principal), Paul Horpyniuk (Grade 10 Coordinator), Denis Fontaine (Grade 11 Coordinator)

**Parents:** Sign in sheet completed for those in attendance

| Item:                                                   | Discussion:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| 1. Welcome/<br>Attendance                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Meeting began @ 6:00 p.m.</li><li>- Attendance taken and introductions completed</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2. Prayer/Treaty 6<br>Acknowledgement                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dr. Coates</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3. Approval of Agenda                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The agenda was amended and then approved as presented.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4. Approval of Minutes                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The minutes of September 26, 2023 meeting approved as presented.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 5. Old Business                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- None</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6. New Business                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- None</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7. Admin Update by<br>Principal/updates<br>by AOB Staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Paul Horpyniuk discussed the Holodomor Memorial scheduled for September 29, 2023 and the Remembrance Day Assembly to be held in November, 2023 as well as the working exam schedule for January, 2024</li><li>- Dr. Coates discussed the acquisition of a "huddle camera" for the gym to allow for sporting events, awards assemblies and other events are more accessible to those who cannot attend in person – ½ of ECSD High Schools have this camera and cost is approximately \$6000 per year</li><li>- Dr. Coates advised the AOB Open House will be held March 14, 2024 and the SAC will have a table with signage at the event with tshirts available for SAC Executive Members in attendance</li><li>- Graduation will be different this year and the liturgy and convocation will be held at the Convention Centre to give more space and it is temperature controlled/AC</li><li>- Dr. Coates provided a copy of the school budget with a break down of expenses and revenue</li></ul> |

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|                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$159,000 carried forward from last year, borrowed \$250,000 from savings while awaiting expected funds (e.g., funding for a MH therapist, special literacy teacher with WIN)</li> <li>- The school did not want a service gap while awaiting funds, wants to ensure student needs are met</li> <li>- Alberta Education Assurance Measures Summary from Spring, 2023 was provided to SAC, reviewed by Dr. Coates and discussed with SAC, Dr. Coates noted high school completion was impacted by COVID pandemic and a higher proportion of students require more than 3 years to obtain graduation requirements.</li> <li>- Athletics update from Denis Fontaine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sr. football team qualified for Provincial Finals in Red Deer</li> <li>- jr. football team lost in Div 2 semi-finals</li> <li>- 3 of the 4 volleyball teams are in the playoffs</li> <li>- swim team has Nov 30/Dec 1 City Finals</li> <li>- men's golf team in top 15 in the City</li> <li>- cross country team in Provincials</li> <li>- curling team started at the beginning of November</li> <li>- cheer team moved up one division</li> <li>- basketball is ongoing</li> <li>- unified sports – "Bocci Bonanza"</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 8. Treasurer's Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michaela advises: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Account - \$1,890.42 (with deposit of pizza cheque)</li> <li>2. Casino Account - \$58,615.29 (noting 4 cheques have yet to be posted)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9. Next Meeting       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- January 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m. - ONLINE</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10. Adjournment       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |