

# Thorncliffe School Council Meeting

## Minutes

**Date:** March 5, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 pm

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 6:03pm.

### Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Felicia L., Sandra W., Amanda B., Calleigh H. Nadine D., Mr. Larsen., Ms. Omanthi, Diane I., Valeriya, Xiao C., Tracy E., Martina, Lucy, Amber

### Land Acknowledgement

Presented by Calleigh H.

### Grade 4/5 Classes Presentation on Student Learning

Presented by: Mr. Larson, Ms. Omanthi

- Language Arts
  - Focus: How to write an engaging story from beginning to end using the “story diamond” and other lessons
- Math
  - Focus: Making math fun, approachable, and hands-on through games, review, sharing new strategies, and problems of the week
  - Presented a video showcasing “‘Salute’ - the multiplication game!” was presented
  - More games will be showcased at the Grade 4/5 learning assembly (March 20)
- Grade 4
  - Social Studies focus: Alberta
  - Science focus: Earth systems (topics include water, air, land, organics)
  - Pro of new curriculum is that it is very open so you can build the lessons to interests
  - Challenge of the new curriculum is to figure out pacing
- Grade 5
  - Social Studies focus: Canada
  - Science focus: Earth systems (e.g. weather)
- Field trips
  - Presenters thanked the school council for supporting past and upcoming field trips
  
- Discussed when the new curriculum started/starts

- Math – Div 2 curriculum has been in place since last year
- Science – this is the first year of the new Div 2 curriculum
- Social – is currently unchanged.
  - New curriculum is being piloted with Div 1 in some schools and then will be widely implemented next year
  - Expect Div 2 new curriculum to be piloted next year and implemented the following

## Review and Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2025 Meeting

- **Motion:** Amanda
- **Second:** Sandra
- **Decision:** Accepted by consensus

## Review Agenda

No additions or changes

## Administrative Report

Presented by: Calleigh Harder/Nadine Duque

- Discussed upcoming events:
  - Kindergarten conferences will happen before the rest of the classes
  - All conferences will be online
  - Email will be going out late Friday to register

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## SCHOOL UPDATES



- March 3-7<sup>th</sup> - Alien In-Line Residence
  - March 8<sup>th</sup> – International Women's Day
  - March 13<sup>th</sup> – Switcheroo!
  - March 14<sup>th</sup> – Holi
  - March 14<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Conferences
  - March 20<sup>th</sup> – Grade 4/5 Assembly (Omanthi and Larson) 10:00am
  - March 20<sup>th</sup> – Fun Lunch: Tim Horton's
  - March 20<sup>th</sup> – Spring Equinox
  - March 20-21 – School Conferences
  - March 21-March 30<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break: No School for Students
  - March 31<sup>st</sup> – Eid al Fitr
  - March 31-April 1<sup>st</sup> – Quest Theatre In Class Workshops
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- Discussed that plans are in place to maintain safety and sanitation during CUPE strike

# Treasurer's Report

Presented by: Sandra W./Xiao C.

- Current balance = \$2623.08
- After holdbacks = \$1859.75

## Old Business

- **Fun Lunch:** Presented by Amanda M./Michelle W.
  - Gift cards - Tabled
- **Social Media:**
  - Felicia has contacted Jill for log in credentials
- **Open Council Positions Updates:** Presented by Sandra/Felicia
  - Secretary position is still available.
  - Reach out to [thorncliffesc@gmail.com](mailto:thorncliffesc@gmail.com) with any questions or to express interest
- **Another Logo Fundraiser:** Presented by Felicia
  - Some interest
  - There are minimum orders so will need the volume
  - Will include statement that financial donations are accepted
  - **Decision:** will run and advertise more
- **Growing Smiles:** Presented by Felicia
  - Sending out link this week
  - Order deadline May 12
  - Delivery around May 27
  - More plant options will be available this year

## New Business

- **Ebus Advocacy Request:** Presented by Sandra
  - ASCA can bring forth advocacy requests that are important to Minister of Education
  - Previous advocacy included JSA and cellphone policy
  - Current advocacy is Electric School Buses pilot project
    - See [www.forourkids.ca/electric\\_school\\_bus](http://www.forourkids.ca/electric_school_bus) for more information
    - Request of council(s) include:
      - Put up infographics and posters in the Community Board
      - Support by vote at April
      - Sign up as co-sponsors
  - Administration shared that the walk zone will be reduced next year therefore there will likely be more buses on the road in the future
  - **Motion:** School Council motions to co-sponsor the eBus advocacy request and support as requested
  - **Decision:** Accepted by consensus
- **Alberta School Councils' Association "Spring Symposium":** Presented by Sandra

- Date: April 26, 2025
- Cost: \$95.54 + GST
  - is eligible to be spent from ASCE Grant
  - Fee covers the council therefore number of participants is not limited
- All parents are eligible to attend
- Sessions: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference>
- Possible attendees: Sandra, Felicia
- **Motion:** Motion to spend \$95.54 + GST from the ASCE Grant: Sandra
- **Second:** Lucy
- **Decision:** Accepted by consensus
- **Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant:** Presented by Sandra
  - ASCE Grant can be used for learning opportunities for council (except those listed as fundraising associations):
  - Learning Opportunities: [ASCA Learning Opportunities Brochure 2024-2025.pdf - Google Drive](#)
  - All parents are eligible to register
  - Email [thorncliffesc@gmail.com](mailto:thorncliffesc@gmail.com) to express interest
  - Tabled until next meeting
- **Governance:** Presented by Sandra
  - **Action:** Executive to review via email and send feedback to Sandra by March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - All parents are welcome to review and provide feedback
  - Will be officially adopted at AGM
- **Engagement:** Presented by Felicia
  - Looking for parent volunteers throughout the year
  - Email [thorncliffesc@gmail.com](mailto:thorncliffesc@gmail.com) with questions or to express interest
- **Questions/Whitespace**
  - Bake sale is postponed. May run when Alien Inline Family Night is rescheduled or maybe with the musical. To be decided.
  - Alien Inline Family Night – event fee will be removed from invoice

## Next Meeting

- Date: April 10, 2025
- Time: 6:00 pm

## Close

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Amanda Bierkos*