

Alternative High School Parents Association Meeting Agenda

Held In person & Virtually - Feb 11 2025

In attendance: Nik T, Sara P, Laurie W-T, Beth J, Gary D, Heather B, Lee D
Online: Shelley B

Guests: Tracy D

Agenda

1. **Call to Order:** 7:35 Pm
2. **Introductions of Members & Guests**
3. **Approval of Agenda for Feb 11, 2025 Meeting**
Motion: Laurie W-T
Second: Gary D
4. **Approval of Oct 22, 2024 Minutes**
Motion: Sara P
Second: Laurie W-T
5. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**
 - a. **Banking** - Nik T is now approved to sign cheques. Still need to get access to login to the accounts. Will meet with the bank tomorrow to try and complete access approvals.
 - b. **Society Return** - Alberta Society Return Financial review (Review of the 2023-2024 financial report, including income, expenses, and assets) in progress Sara completed review, still waiting on Jodi's review. Though it was due January 31, 2025, there are no penalties associated with late submission. We will continue to get this completed and sent in shortly.
 - c. **CRA** - Confirmation that the CRA tax return has been submitted and in review with an estimated completion date of April.
 - d. **AGLC** - Previous year review is completed. Alti needed to reimburse the association for one invoice that was not approved. In this review, the auditor flags the foods costs for the foods program. We needed to submit the request to have the foods costs added to the allowable expenses for AGLC funds. This was approved by the AGLC as an addition to the programming allowabled. This approval will be carried forward in our allowable expenses schedule going

forward.

6. Reports

a. Casino Report

- Current balance is \$34479.93 with an outstanding invoice of \$6786.18. That will bring the available funds to \$27693.75

Question - When will we know when we get that AGLC payment?
We will know by the end of March 31.

b. General Financial Report

- The current balance of the account is \$1531.84 with no outstanding invoices or cheques.

7. New Business

a. Second semester wish list from Alternative -

Tracy had the following asks for the remainder of the year:

Technology Requests

10 x Chromebooks = \$4800 + Charging cart = \$1200

Total ask **\$6000**

Students at Altı use technology frequently to assist with learning. Chromebooks are essential to many students, and Tracy sees this as the priority in her “wish list” tonight.

Motion to approve \$6000 for purchase of technology for Altı. .

Motion by: Gary

Second: Beth

Objections; None

School programming request:

Indigenous Education - indigenous elders and ribbon-skirt making day. They will either be having a number of indigenous learners come speak to the student body or have the students go to a learning event at the Nation.

Ask **\$3600**

Foods: Semester 1 \$7000 and Semester 2 \$7000

The number of students in the second term is down slightly from the first. The first term expenses were just under \$7000. Due to the limited funds currently available in the account, Shelley has asked to reduce 2nd term to a current ask of \$5000 with the ability to return to a meeting in April or May if they need more

funding. Tracy agreed with this reduced ask for food approval to **\$12000** at this time.

Semester 2:

Field Trip March 20 Activities \$2440

Theatre Calgary May 28 Tickets \$1880

Motion to approve \$20,000 for the discussed programming expenses in the “wish list”

Motion: Sara P

Second: Laurie W-T

Objections: None

Tracy feels the priority Geniene asking parents for threads and fabric - need textiles for Arts class - bring it in

Question - Can funding be determined for the year ahead?

Shelley discussed the past process of looking at when the money comes in and being aware when spending the money over the school year that funds are available until the next casino. In the past, the association has deferred approving some “wish list” requests to ensure future programming expenses would still have some funding available. We will not know how much money will be deposited to the casino until possibly the end of March. Laurie mentioned that the next casino is scheduled from Q4 2026.

B. Committee for additional fundraising - Stephanie R has put her name toward to start a sub-committee to do additional fundraising. Tracy to connect with Stephanie on an outline.

Questions - Laurie needs updated list of officers on the form

What casinos do we want to list at? Elbow River Casino put on list. Second the Deerfoot Inn & Casino. Laurie to connect with Jim.

8. Adjournment: 8:28 pm

Next Parent Council Meeting Times: April 8 (6:00 PM) and May 13 (6:00 PM)