

Albert Lacombe School Council Meeting

January 13, 2021

Online due to COVID-19

Attendance:

Natalie Monette, Colleen LaForge-Griebel, Gregg Schell, Alan Menduk, Lindsay Pratt, Duane Hayes, Marie O'Neill, Angie Carlson, MJ Fenton, Lindsay Pratt, Elissa Albers

1. Call to order: 7:05 pm
2. Introductions
3. Prayer: Shared by Alan Menduk
4. Acknowledgement of territories: Natalie Monette
5. Approval of Agenda:
 - 5.1 **Motion to approve agenda with addition 7.2 Covid update by Natalie Monette, second Angie Carlson**
6. Review and acceptance of meeting minutes from last meeting
 - 6.2 **Motion to approve by Natalie Monette, second Angie Carlson**
7. Business arising from Previous minutes:
 - 7.1: Teacher Priority list:
 - BrainPop - Renewed - Jan 2021
 - RAZ Kids - \$104 USD per class x 8 classes - **Proceed**
 - Headsprout - \$210 USD - **Purchased**
 - IXL math/la subscription (Canadian based, outcome based) - **Purchased**
 - StrADDEgy (\$30/ classroom) - **Purchased**
 - (Options) Crib boards, uno cards, scrabble/bananagrams, cards, dice - **Purchased**
 - Teachers are in the process of spending their \$100.00 from SEEALS with final receipt submissions in December.

7.2: School outbreak status update AHS inspection Nov 20

The practices that were affirmed were:

- Our cohort practice for our students.
- Staggered lunches and recess breaks.
- Entry/exits of students into/out of the building
- Having multiple locations for staff breaks
- Availability of PPE for students and faculty
- Cleaning and sanitation practices within the school.
- Occupancy limits in areas that are potentially congested (e.g. bathrooms).
- How we are managing the use of division-owned technology for our students.
- Every student has their own materials, manipulatives, etc...

The good news:

- Our library and classroom books only need to be quarantined for 3 days and not two weeks.
- We were able to decorate for Christmas and maintain cloth tablecloths in our classrooms.

Recommendations:

- For students in grades 4-6, Alberta Health Services has recommended that students have at least two masks for students to wear during the course of the school day. For parents and guardians who have children in K-3 who send their child/ren with masks, we would also encourage them to do the same.
- Cloth chairs in the faculty room should be removed - our new ones are scheduled to arrive on Dec. 3
- For any faculty using the fitness center, if you are using the bikes or treadmills to ensure any used equipment is more than 6 feet between users.

8. Reports:

8.1 Principals report: [January 13 - School Council Meeting](#)

- Safe and Caring Schools:
- Covid update
- Student belongings and supplies - Label all items, keep toys at home
- Student learning opportunities
 - Week before Christmas: Many activities around the school to make this week special.
 - Bear on the shelf
 - Christmas Jokes
 - Name that Christmas Carol
 - Sharing of Christmas Stories
 - Advent liturgy/daily devotionals
 - Christmas Bear Den: Gift for family
 - PJ day and gift exchange
 - Library update - Library open, 3 day quarantine on handled items, Mrs. Caruthers assists with handling books
 - Online learning - First week of January.
 - Mission impossible - Creatively created Covid safe obstacle course!! Thank you Mr. Hayes
 - Additional Education support - ALS has 2 additional Educational assistants! This doubles the in-class Educational support that our school currently has.
- Participation for Life-long learning, World of Work and Citizenship
 - Kindergarten Expo tomorrow, January 14
 - Kindergarten virtual open house - January 28 at 6:00 pm
 - VJM presentation to Grade 6 - Jan 26
 - VJM virtual coffee house Q & A session Jan 27
 - VJM Open house TBA
- Faith Formation
 - The gift of music - Celebrating our faith theme
 - Advent service project:
 - Corporal works of mercy - placemats for the 'Imprisoned'
 - A call to action- Kinette Food Hampers -
 - Advent Liturgy
 - Epiphany
 - Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - 3M were the winners!
 - Shrove Tuesday -
 - Have to think outside the box...no pancakes this year due to covid. May consider packaged cookies or donuts...will continue with educating children on the significance of the annual ritual.

8.2 Trustee report: Greg Schell

- Innovative ways schools celebrated Advent
- ALS Winter clothing campaign
- 2020 stuff a stocking campaign - Catholic Social Services
- NMR - donations of mittens/ socks for hope mission
- Bertha Kennedy: Toonies for teens
- Mandatory at home for grade 7-12 at end of 2020
- Following AHS recommendations
- GSACRD education foundation 50-50 \$14,000+ jackpot.
- Virtual open houses for kindergarten and french immersion
Single track french immersion is unique to GSACRD
- ASCA - award nominations. School councils should look into nominating their member names up for nomination. Awards granted at spring AGM
- Assistant Deputy superintendent moving to Kamloops. Will be looking for a replacement. She will be greatly missed.

8.3 Teacher's Representative: Lindsey Pratt

- Teachers are so happy to be back face-to-face learning, Kids reconnecting and learning
 - Teacher's are preparing students for our 2nd round of goal setting for our upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews.
 - Teacher's have Art Cards in hand - Extension granted to Friday, February 11
 - The next BEAR Den activity will be scheduled for the month of February.
 - Numeracy Week is in the works for being planned to take place during the month of March. Budget requested \$200 (pies, contest prizes, literacy connections).
 - Literacy Committee: "Be Who You Are" (Todd Parr book) strengths, goals, career week aiming for beginning of February. Looking to purchase a couple of copies. Battle of the Books - purchasing books for the event. Possibly held March-May.
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- School council motion to ask SEEALS for \$200 to numeracy week. **Motion, Natalie Monette, second Elissa Albers**
 - School council motion to ask SEEALS for \$60 for "Be who you are" books. **Motion Angie Carlson, second MJ Fenton**

8.4: Compassionate friends: Lindsay Pratt

- No new requests brought forth at this time.
- Gift card from School nutrition grant handed out to families at Christmas.
- Families referred to the Kinnettes for christmas hampers

8.5 SEEALS report - Marie O'Neill and Angie Carlson

- Fundraiser updates:
 - Purdys \$1047.90
 - FundScript \$425
 - Value Village \$403.54
 - Donation - Canada Helps \$120
- **Motion to add \$500 to spirit day fund - Angie Carlson, second MJ Fenton**
- **Motion to add \$100 to numeracy week budget : Motion Angie Carlson, second Natalie Monette**
- **Motion to add \$60 to Literacy committee: Motion Angie Carlson, second Natalie Monette**
- Grade 6 farewell: There may be expenses TBD
- Classroom Enhancement receipts: Jocelyn to give Angie the receipts
- Will there be money needed for shrove Tuesday? School nutrition programs can cover the expenses.

9: New business:

9.1 District calendar update:

- Parent/staff survey results: Next year's calendar will have more PD days and less Early dismissal days. Early dismissal days will remain on Fridays. Fall break will continue next year.
- Staggered entry was appreciated and will continue next year
- One PD (with a few exceptions) per month for staff meetings and will be 3rd week of month
- Division PD - ATA Institute Day after halloween,
 - January : Faith and Wellness day
 - Year end staff mass
- Early dismissal day in Jan to accommodate the planned staff meeting
- **Move for school council to endorse the proposed calendars as presented. Motion by Natalie, Second by MJ**

10: Next meeting - February 10, 2021

11. Meeting Adjournment: 8:34pm