

Albert Lacombe School Council Meeting
January 11, 2022
Online due to COVID - 19

Attendance

Allan Menduk, Lindsey Pratt, MJ Fenton, Natalie Monette, Colleen LaForge-Griebel, Cheryl Butler, Marie O'Neill

1. Call to Order: 7:01
2. Introductions
3. Prayer: Shared by Allan Menduk
4. Acknowledgement of Territories: Natalie Monette
5. Approval of Agenda
Natalie Monette moved to approve the agenda with additions. Second Colleen LaForge-Griebel
6. Review and Acceptance of minutes from last meeting. **Natalie Monette motions to approve minutes with corrections, MJ Fenton second. Carried.**
7. Business arising from previous minutes
 - 7.1. School/Teacher Priority List for 2021-22, Brain Pop request to review
 - Program fees are \$3277.50 Canadian
 - Expires Jan 17
 - Can move between learning platforms (in-person and online)
 - SEEALS - Concerns about sustaining income during online learning times.
 - School will look into covering the cost and SEEALS can repay all or part of the program in the spring.
8. Reports
 - 8.1. Principal's Report (Allan Menduk)
 - Safe and Caring
 - January re-entry
 - Hot lunch program
 - Shared communication with parents and guardians

- Return to school plan : Returning to school after 5 days of quarantine is being reviewed by senior provincial school planners
- Tracking covid: Classroom and school notifications will not be sent out. Can track school cases on the GSACRD website: COVID case count tracker
- Keeping Faculty and Students safe
 - Masks and rapid tests will be arriving soon. Information to follow.
 - Hand sanitisers restocked, 3 ply disposable masks, disinfecting wipes, gloves, Staff have received N95 masks, SIGIS is also supplied with PPE, faculty accessing rapid tests, private company for staff to receive PCR tests

- Last week - School planning during first week of January
- Reporting absences: office investigates every absence. It is greatly appreciated when parents and guardians notify our school when their child is away from school. If your child is away for non-illness reasons – appointments, vacation, mental health day, voluntarily keeping them home as they were close to a positive COVID-19 case and not symptomatic, etc., please specify as such. We require as much accurate information in the coming weeks related to student attendance. The metrics for transitioning a class from in-person to online learning for up to 10 days has a single K-9 class **reporting 20% absenteeism due to illness for 3 consecutive days, even if the illnesses are not confirmed COVID-19 cases.**

- Student Learning Opportunities
 - Grade 6 Leadership team raised \$150 for Stollery Children’s hospital with their homemade Fidget sale
 - Grade 1: Art investigation : Common Shapes in Indigenous Art
 - Bear on the Shelf!
 - AL Christmas countdown: the week before christmas
 - Bear’s Den Friday Dec 17 - built Christmas trees. Project was well received across grade levels
 - Santa and Elf visit AL - provide candy cane treat and did photos with Kindergarten
 - Christmas concert and showcase presented online

 - Multi sensory room - designed to create an intellectual stimulation or to provide a place to relax.
 - Designed to promote intellectual activity and to encourage relaxation.
 - A Multi Sensory Environment is a dedicated space or room where sensory stimulation can:
 - Be controlled (intensified or reduced),

- Presented in isolation or combination,
- For active or passive interaction,
- Matched to fit the perceived motivation, interests, leisure, relaxation, therapeutic and/or educational needs of the user.

Some of the Sensory effects include:

- Lighting effects
- Sensory activities
- Tactile experiences
- Cause and effect
- Soft items
- Sound effects
- Selected rhythmical music

These rooms are sometimes called/referred to as “Snoezelen” rooms/environments which contain exclusive trademarked products

- Preparation for LifeLong Learning, World of Word and Citizenship
 - Miss Leis’ Counseling Corner
 - Botvin Life Skill Training. Const. Tran
 - Supporting mental health
- Parent Engagement
 - Parent Engagement surveys
 - Angie and Natalie decorated tree
 - Thank you to Hot lunch volunteers
 - Thank you to SEEALS for Christmas and Halloween Inflatables!
 - Community Journey forward Launching consultation process on Jan 17
 - Open house: Jan 27
- Faith Formation
 - Advent Liturgy - Dec 10
- Continuous Improvement
 - Pilot program for Nature Kindergarten 2022-23
 - Community Pre-Kindergarten approved
 - Nov 26 - PD day the faculty took part in many opportunities for professional learning and school planning activities.
 - Parent Portal - high enrollment, one password for many services
 - Capital planning update

8.2. School Trustee Report (Joe Becigneul) -

Thank you to Trustee Becigneul for forwarding his Board Report

8.3. Teacher's Representative (Lindsey Pratt)

- Welcome to Albert Lacombe! - Leadership Initiative
 - Welcome Poem and hand decorated bag
 - Pencil tag - "You're just "write" for this school"
- Winter Olympics at Albert Lacombe
 - Multi week program
 - Whole School will participate
 - Activities, PE, Art, History, Culture
 - Bear Den : Division 1 and 2 activities

SEEALS Page on AL Website - updates needed

- Do we want a page on school website
- What information do we want included?
- Contact info?
- Fundraisers

8.4. Compassionate Friends (Lindsey Pratt)

Nothing to report at this time

8.5. Society Enriching Education at Albert Lacombe School Report; Cheryl Butler

- Fundraisers: Booster juice: \$184. Will run again in February
- Christmas Purdys \$1100. Will do another fundraiser at Easter
- Healthy Hunger: Thank you to the school for taking over for volunteers
- Will get back to school ASSAP about Brain pop
- Art Cards: IS school interested in participating? What time of year?
 - Will discuss with teachers this Friday during staff meeting. Time restraints are an issue as school has lost a week already.

- Volunteers: At this point there is no timeline for when volunteers will be allowed back into the school
- Classroom Enhancements: Receipt deadline for teachers is Jan 14. Lindsey will send out another reminder

9. New Business - No new business

10. Next meeting – February 8

11. Adjourn 8:45 pm