

Albert Lacombe School Council Meeting
November 23, 2021
Online due to COVID - 19

Attendance

Allan Menduk, Lindsey Pratt, Natalie Monette, Nadine Hnatiw, Cheryl Butler, Kirsten Shead, Joseph Becigneul

1. Call to Order: 7:02 pm
2. Introductions
3. Prayer: Allan Menduk
4. Acknowledgement of Territories: Natalie Monette
5. Approval of Agenda: Addition of 7.1 and 9.2. Natalie Monette moves to approve the agenda with additions. Second Kirsten Shead.
6. Review and Acceptance of minutes from last meeting. Kirsten Shead moves to approve the minutes. Second Natalie Monette.
7. Business arising from previous minutes
 - 7.1. Update concerning community journey forward
 - Letter to parents, draft survey, and student engagement pieces is ready to go
 - The division is conducting their own planning, so we are going to hold off for the moment, to not cause any confusion
 - Albert Lacombe is still working with communications manager regarding a marketing and promotions plan as previously discussed
 - Reviewed what sort of options we can offer at our school to pull families into the school for Joe
 - Joe gave huge kudos to Albert Lacombe for the initial work on this
 - Once preliminary division survey piece is complete the Albert Lacombe piece will go out
8. Reports
 - 8.1. Principal's Report (Allan Menduk)

General information:

 - 50/50 division online fundraiser, up to \$10,000 winnings Sales close December 3rd. Proceeds used to support school and classroom needs, and opportunities for school engagement
 - ARMIC MSH Voluntary Student Accident Plan
 - o Insurance organization to get liability insurance coverage
 - o have insurance for students should unexpected expenses arise
 - o completely voluntary

Safe and Caring

 - crossing guards up and running, grade 5 and 6 students
 - grade 5 students were unable to participate last year
 - grade 6 students included this year due to the missed changes last year
 - Remembrance Day

- Art work for backdrop
- bear dens
- post cards for peace
- national anthem in Cree on Remembrance Day
- bear dens built the community backdrop for the celebration
- COVID reminders and updates
 - Had 3 cases within the school before the break
 - Was no in school transmission
 - Thanks to parents, guardians, and staff to alerting the school before AHS identified
 - Vaccine approval for ages 5 to 11
 - There is no information about vaccine clinics in schools currently
- Odd socks day kicked off anti bullying week
 - Reinforced the diversity within the school, and the unique gifts that our school has
- Activities from anti bullying week, friendship chains, mending injured hearts
- Halloween with costumes and black and orange was a success
- Fidget sales raised over \$150 to support the Stollery Children's Hospital
 - Sales finishing up today due to kindergarten and missed sales
- Grade 1 and 2 pumpkin investigation – had 652 seeds! Lots of commitment by the students to capture that
- Grade 5/6 and 5 science and literacy – cloud formation with shaving cream on desks. Weekly gratitude journals began, three times per week

Report Cards

- December 6th, any missing assignments to be in by November 25th
- Parent portal 109 out of 165 accounts set up, will send reminder email November 29th
- Step by step visual will be sent out if parents were having issues signing up

Miss Leis counselling Corner

- Website in the works still
- Reach out if you feel children could benefit
- Volunteer vaccination requirements remain
 - Show QR code and will be documented for future volunteering
- Parent engagement surveys – November 28th, survey takes about 10 minutes
- Book of remembrance at front door, will end at end of November pictures will be returned
- Doug Kramer, division Chaplain visited November 4 and 5th to Albert Lacombe
- Remembrance Day liturgy led by grade 1/2 and 3 led
- Christmas Concert – virtual in nature
- Gift exchange – teachers will reach out about exchanges
- Thank you to Natalie and Angie for decorating the Christmas tree in the front entry.

- Progressive Kindergarten – only 7 families expressing interest, engaging with learning services to explore options to complete and fund. Also exploring options for future years to ensure its something our smaller school can offer consistently
- Ask the principle
 - o Sleds for recess – quick explanation in newsletter
 - o Remembrance Day before break instead of after
 - Must occur last operation day before

8.2. School Trustee Report (Joe Becigneul)

- Welcome to Joe
- Board report attached to meeting
- Six board policies have been reviewed and any changes have been updated
- Reminder to buy your 50/50 tickets

8.3. Teacher's Representative (Lindsey Pratt)

- Friday all faculty will be participating in the science of reading professional development for PD day
- will give the teachers strategies and skills to see where success in reading and where continued growth is required due to pandemic effects
- PowerSchool Parent Portal – 1st year so there are some learning curves
 - o Two ways to access portal
 - o Desktop and PowerSchool app
 - o Report cards will be available desktop only
 - o Parent portal guide will be sent in bear bones to assist with learning process
 - o Not as much detail on the app
- BrainPOP subscription (Jr and regular)
 - o Online resource that provides math, science, social, LA, music, art, health and more
 - o Student and teacher access
 - o Includes videos, activities, games, quizzes, lesson resources
 - o Expires in January
 - o Projected costs is \$3344, and we have access to 10 % off code through the district
 - o Teachers have agreed these are beneficial
 - o IXL was the other one that is super beneficial with Canadian content which is paid for by school budget
 - o Have been using this already for many years, and many teachers have this within their unit plans
 - o All classes use it and K to 6 classes use it due to Jr and regular version
 - o Take forward to SEEALS to see if it can be funded
 - o Subscription is for a full year

8.4. Compassionate Friends (Lindsay Pratt)

- No new community requests at this time
- There are many other resources that we have access to for help with Albert Lacombe families
 - o Knights of Columbus coats for kids
 - o Reached out to them and a coat was unavailable in the size required.
- Natalie to investigate whether we could purchase anything for the student requiring a coat

8.5. Society Enriching Education at Albert Lacombe School Report;

- Signing authority has been updated
- Spirit wear just wrapped up \$130 raised
- Prudery's deadline is this Saturday November 27th, pick up December 13th
- Healthy Hunger is still going strong, looking at some other vendors
 - o Amore, Chopped Leaf
- Classroom enhancements needed for January 14th
- Possibly looking at Booster juice to start and remain open
 - o 6.25 per ticket
 - o Nadine to send information to SEEALS team
- SEEALS to meet and discuss BrainPOP subscription

8.6. SEEALS Budget

- N/A

9. New Business –

9.1. School/Teacher Priority List

- Lindsey brought forward BrainPOP
- IXL covered through school budget, as well as a few others
- Items to be brought forward on a case by case basis

9.2. Christmas Bags for the Imprisoned

- Tied with corporal works or mercy, and serve as a model for how we should treat all others
- bag decorated with Christmas message
- inmates at Edmonton Remand Centre or residents of nursing homes, the sick, the homeless

10. Next meetings- January 11th, 2022, February 8th, 2022, March 8th, 2022, April 5th, 2022, May 10th, 2022

11. Adjourn @ 8:27 PM

MERRY CHRISTMAS!