

Albert Lacombe School Council Meeting

April 5, 2022

In person and online

Attendance

In person: Allan Menduk, Lindsey Pratt, Natalie Monette, Kirsten Shead, Joe Becigneul
Online: Cheryl Butler, Nadine Hnatiw, MJ Fenton

1. Call to Order: Natalie Monette at 705
2. Introductions in person and online completed
3. Prayer: Shared by Allan Menduk
4. Acknowledgement of Territories: Natalie Monette
The Albert Lacombe School Council acknowledges that it is meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Metis Nation. Kinanaskomitin Manito (Thank you Creator)
5. Approval of Agenda
Kirsten Shead motions to approve the agenda with no additions. Second Nadine Hnatiw
6. Review and Acceptance of minutes from last meeting.
Kirsten Shead Motions to Approve minutes from March 8 meeting. Second Natalie Monette
7. Business arising from previous minutes
7.1 School Council Survey follow up regarding Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) grant from the Government of Alberta to be used in the 2021/22 school year (Allan Menduk/Natalie Monette)
 - Allan presented the results from the engagement survey. Mental Health and Wellness and Children and Social Media tied for first response with 83.3%.
 - The remaining areas had between 5.6 % to 50 %
 - Presentation lengths of 1 hour was the highest with 45 minutes being second
 - The remainder of the presentation lengths were between 11% and 33 %
 - Optimally looking at a 1 hour presentation was most popular
 - The delivery mode for the presentation was most requested as a Hybrid
 - Virtual was 22 % and in person had about 5%

- Hybrid option will be the preference
- Up to school council to make decision but preferably the top two items for about 60 minutes delivered in a hybrid version or model
- Natalie will action this before the end of the school year

7.2 Discussion regarding feedback from parents and guardians from the Community Journey Forward Survey (Allan Menduk/Lindsey Pratt)

- Our community journey forward survey results were shared March 24, 2022
- Students were hoping to have some sort of dance this year, mainly the grade 5/6 students
- Natalie to look into taking this away and looking into putting on either a dance or BBQ
- Sport academy families don't have as many options beyond the sports academy time due to the way this is set up
- Exploration into a recreation academy, there is a parent that has been exploring this and has done some research into it
- Division survey may also affect what happens in the school as well
- As they look at programming for next year they may have to build things in so we can move towards these changes that the community would like to see
- Students feedback will also be collected in small groups within the office
 - Questions such as:
 - What do you enjoy most about Albert Lacombe
 - What areas do you feel we need to make improvements with
 - If you were the principal what would you spend the money on
 - What would be one things we would do to our school to make all students want to come here
 - Is there something you would like to learn about or try at school

8. New Business

8.1 School Handbook (Allan Menduk)

- Available on the website as well
- Will have to make assessments based on the pandemic, or emergency response plan section
- Bulking up promoting volunteering within the school to build meaningful connections
- Add SEEALS
- Clarifying parking information for parents to ensure no one is getting issued tickets
- Overview and update to emergency protocols
- Bus information and bus pass (why do we have the bus pass)
- A child section and an adult section – currently what is in there is more adult, but could we add something more for the kids about the playground expectations, BEARS meaning, some little games or puzzles game or an art contest, or a BEAR coloring page
- Add social media pages to the agenda as well, possibly on the front page
- Suggestion to add a page with the faculty picture and names for students and parents to refer to

- Update the organization of the agenda as well so that it flows a little bit better
- Principals report (Allan Menduk)
 - COVID updates
 - Starting to bring more things back into Albert Lacombe
 - Slowly introducing things back slowly as they are things that have not been done for a couple years
 - Yearbooks are on sale now, deadline is June 15th for ordering
 - Still are asking families to continue with the daily screening checklist
 - Month of March, 18 teacher positions were not able to be filled and 38 support positions due to lack of subs
 - Although we are opening things up there is still a requirement for isolation
 - Daycare subsidies is something that they are watching closely, and have been in contact with Sigis staff. They are able to open more rooms if required
 - Bus reminders – all items have to fit in backpacks
 - Bike Safety in next weeks Bear Bones
 - Student activities
 - April 6 – Jersey Day – Humbolt memorial
 - April 7 – Green Shirt – Logan Beulee and organ donations
 - Grade two and threes temperature, and bridge building
 - Bear cup wrapped up
 - 100 days smarter for Kindergarten
 - St Patrick’s day had leprechauns that trashed the school and left green pee in the toilets
 - Numeracy week and food bank collection
 - Vehicle was full of donations, but the need is very high
 - Students were able to try snowshoeing
 - Encourage volunteering in schools
 - With grade three swimming there are many parents getting involved
 - School council
 - Engagement survey
 - Continuous Improvement
 - Next steps is student engagement
 - March 18 PD day
 - Literacy initiative
 - QR code for engagement survey
 - Eater liturgy April 19 in person and parents welcome in person
 - Chaplain visits prior to spring break
- School Trustee Report (Joe Becigneul)
 - Schools had minute of silence for Ukraine
 - Shrove Tuesday across the division
 - Ash Wednesday services
 - St Gabriel Education Centre (online school) expanding for grade 7 to 9 and French Immersion for grade 10 (province wide)

- Ecole Secondaire St Albert Catholic High School is launching a Wellness hub which allows students flexible programming where students can pursue their passions with full support from teachers and staff
 - Neil M Ros visited by CTV news around Ukraine moment of silence
 - VJM had an open house with great attendance with Pi Day fundraiser
 - Morinville High School girls curling team went onto provincials.
 - Richard S Fowler celebrated Black History month
 - Ecole Marie Poburan raising money for the Sturgeon NICU unit
 - JJ Nearing celebrated a 2 day build a kindness tree event
 - Next board meeting April 25th
- Teacher's Representative (Lindsey Pratt)
 - Students lunch monitors will be reinstated after two years without them
 - This is a grade 6 volunteer activity to start Monday next week, 2 students in each classroom.
 - Snowshoeing before spring break, and confirmed today that students will have fit set ninja mobile obstacle course May 11, full day whole school event
 - First assembly this week, felt amazing to have everyone together
 - Did review of playground expectations, where are they allowed to go, how do we play safely
 - Talked about that Kindergarten will be joining them on the playground now
 - Vending machine rules and expectations
 - Review with students and bear paws and gummie bears
 - Were able to sort new students and kindergarten students into their bear dens
 - Save on Food store manager and Lindsey met and the partnership will be reinstated, with a September start. Fresh fruit could be started up right away, Lindsey meeting with Shawn on Thursday to work out some specifics. Lindsey to connect with Colleen in regard to pick up of fresh fruit. Discounts for school events and what not will be worked out for September as long as the receipts
 - Literacy initiative within division
 - Dr George Georgio has been helping out with LA piece
 - Implemented a few different assessments this year grade 1 to 6
 - Assessing on the fluency, reading comprehension and decoding
 - Gathered data and met with Albert Lacombe
 - He was blown away with our school results with Albert Lacombe literacy, scored in top 5 % of schools within Alberta
 - Staff reviewed the areas of strengths
 - Decoding is a large strength for albert Lacombe students
 - Also achieving above or beyond with fluency within their age
 - Also did well in reading comprehension but there is area for growth as well
- Compassionate Friends (Lindsey Pratt)
 - Nothing new to report
- Society Enriching Education at Albert Lacombe School Report; Cheryl Butler

- After expenses we have about \$2000 remaining
- Ongoing fundraisers will be Healthy Hunger, but we are in dire need for volunteers, not enough people to support
- Hoping to have up and running again on the 20th
- Purdy's and Booster juice have closed
- Booster Juice will come again in May
- Art cards will be hopefully here by May 24th
- Anticipated fundraisers – Salisbury gift cards (20 % of any sold) will be completed before May long weekend (could this be done with a close prior Mother's Day – May 8th), and a value village donation drive fundraiser once snow settles
- Large call out for volunteers required for value village and healthy hunger and any other requirements until end of year
- Require a volunteer coordinator for Healthy Hunger
- Do we need to contribute money to the In school charity (field trips) – Lindsey will follow up with Jocelyn and will get back to us. Motion to transfer \$500 to this cause approved by Natalie Monette, second by MJ Fenton
- Social media pushes for Healthy Hunger – would just need a contact (MJ Fenton can be the contact)

10, Next meeting

May 10 - Boston Pizza Southside 7 pm in team room, there will not be a hybrid meeting option at this meeting

11. Adjourn at 833