

Albert Lacombe School Council Meeting
January 18, 2023
Hybrid: Albert Lacombe School and via Zoom

Attendance

Allan Menduk, Natalie Monette, Angie Carlson, Kirsten Shead, Serena Shaw, Leah Kres

1. Call to Order: 7:06
2. Introductions and welcome
3. Prayer: Shared by Allan Menduk
4. Acknowledgement of Territories Natalie Monette
5. Approval of Agenda
Angie Carlson motions to approve the agenda. Second Natalie Monette
6. Review and Acceptance of minutes from last meeting
Angie Carlson motions to approve the minutes. Second Natalie Monette
7. Business arising from previous minutes:

School teacher and priority list – IXL was renewed and brain pop will be renewed. Angie has the checks required and will get these signed. Playground bins will be sorted out in the spring, so nothing to action until then. This is already approved so can be bought and submitted come spring.

School Fees – big changes we have this year are due to cost escalation. Bigger jump for the tech fee as the tech pieces are increasing. Seesaw used to be free, and now it is \$200 per class. It was not renewed this year. Many fees are remaining the same, purchase of the recorder. Currently parent paid. TBD – these are board determined fees and anticipated those will be the same. Cross country and track and field due to bussing costs. Optional after school activity has not been in use. Activity fees bumped up about 5% due to escalation costs largely for transportation. These are the max fees and not necessarily what will be charged. Ski trip is coming in lower than the current max fees. Lunch supervision has increased, there are some contract talks due to labor costs.

Angie Carlson motions to approve the agenda. Second Kirsten Shead

8. Reports

8.1 Principals report (Allan Menduk)

General Information

- Finalizing spring concert date for early May
- Yearbooks are still available from last year

- Kindergarten Expo being held Jan 19th
- Albert Lacombe open house Thursday Feb 23rd
 - SEEALS may have a table at the open house if they wish
- Registrations open next week for all programs.
- Flood over the holidays, burst pipe in the kinder room. Flooding of kinder, SIGIS, the gym, and out the front door. Went under the slab causing it to heave. Mr. Rigo and the facilities department worked to get this cleaned up. Air quality testing will be completed to ensure no mold.

Safe and Welcoming schools

- Inclement weather – Air quality
 - Administrative procedures will be reviewed, however in the interim students will remain inside if there is air quality of 8 and higher
- Famous Fridays – showcase the wonderful things within school and outside of school
- Accessible Parking reminder
- On Leash Dog Area reminder
- No Idling reminder

Student Learning Opportunities

- Cogito program coming to Albert Lacombe. Program for anyone that can benefit from the traditional approach to schooling. Largely teacher directed instruction. Staff will be trained by Edmonton public, but staffing has not yet been decided.
- Christmas concert was a huge success with 450 attendees. Having it at the Parish allowed families to come to the church, and it could accommodate the attendees.
- Christmas Dinner had many volunteers and donations from the community
- Lunch hour options have been a huge success
- Public library sessions February to April available, form can be filled out on City of St Albert website
- John Reid Memorial Tournament this week for Div. 2 students

Student Assessment

- Parent Teacher interviews coming up. Will have in person and virtual times.

Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work and Citizenship

- City of St. Albert Student Consultation
 - Students provided excellent contributions
 - Graphic artist captured the suggestions and created a sign for Albert Lacombe that will be posted in the school
 - Students carried themselves well during this consultation

Continuous Improvement and Truth and Reconciliation

- A large map that traces the history of the Indigenous was at Albert Lacombe school last week.

- o Camera crew on site at Albert Lacombe to take pictures of the great things happening within the school
- o Division survey went out and one third of families have completed

Faith

- Advent and liturgy preparations
- Grinch fundraiser raised \$1078, which was above the goal of \$1000

8.2 School Trustee Report (Serena Shaw)

- November meeting Albert Lacombe had a clean audit.
- Father Jan will be closing the end of June. There is currently no funding for additional build of a new school. Must apply to the government to tear down, and there is currently no word if there will be a new school in the area.
- Other discussions were to downsize Albert Lacombe structurally or closing down the back wing of Holy Family and using it for non-school related activities. These are both currently tabled.
- Catholic Cogito program coming to Albert Lacombe, and this will hopefully help fill the building. To be full we need one class per grade level

8.3 Teacher's Representative 4S Mrs. Caitlin Swaren and 4/5 K Mrs. Leah Kres (Leah Kres)

- Classes had a chance to explore the Indigenous map last week.
- Div. 2 students attending tournament this week
- Novel studies starting for grades 4 to 6
- Mini stick club and art option club are going great, these came from what parents and students wanted in previous surveys

8.4 Compassionate Friends

- Nothing to report

8.5 Society Enriching Education at Albert Lacombe School Report (Angie Carlson)

- Funds update
 - o Just under \$7500 in the bank
 - o Issued IXL and Christmas Art
 - o DJ is booked for next Halloween (October 27, 2023)
 - o Reminder to teachers that SEEALS will pay for field trips if the expense is an issue
 - o Increased budget for school patrol appreciation
 - **Motion to increase by \$250 by Angie Carlson. Second Natalie Monette**
 - **Motion to increase bank fee by \$10 by Angie Carlson. Second Kirsten Shead**

9. No new business

0. Next meeting –

- Wednesday, February 15, 2023
- Tuesday, March 21, 2023
- Wednesday April 19, 2023

- Wednesday, May 17, 2023,

0. Meeting adjourned at: 8:13