



**Albert Lacombe School Council Meeting  
February 29, 2024  
7:00pm  
Albert Lacombe School and online (Hybrid)**

Attendance

Leah Kres Teacher  
Allan Menduk, Principal  
Lindsey Pratt, Vice Principal, parent  
Serena Shaw Trustee  
Dean MacNeill, SEEALS President, parent  
Maurissa MacNeill, parent  
Natalie Monette School Council Chair, parent

1. Call to order; 7:07 pm
2. Introductions
3. Prayer, Allan Menduk
4. Acknowledgement of Territories, Allan Menduk
5. Approval of the Agenda (members may request an item be added to the agenda at this time)  
**Dean MacNeill motioned to approve the agenda. Second Maurissa MacNeill**
6. Review and Acceptance of minutes from the last meeting held on January 11, 2024  
**Lindsey Pratt motioned to approve the minutes. Second Dean MacNeill**
7. Business arising from previous minutes
  - School/Teacher priority list approved – no update
  - SEEALS funded climbing wall update – facility contract to check for asbestos and then next steps

## 8. Reports

### 8.1 Principals Report: Allan Menduk

- Alberta budget announced tonight February 29 2024, see how that affects operations
- Albert Lacombe Lenten Campaign to raise funds for Catholic Social Services (refugee and immigrant resettlement focus) off and running!
- Pink shirt day was Feb 28
- Numeracy week coming up March 11 – 14 2024
- Stem Bins
- Lunch Hour activities
- Baseball academy coming in the fall
- Annual ski trip a success
- Book Fair was a success Feb 5 – 7, students enjoy, trying to keep products that all students can buy (price points)
- Black History month February
- SAPL: Reading buddies
- PAT grade 6 information changes for 2024
- AL open house was in February- Dean and Maurissa MacNeill promoted SEEALS/School Council, big bear photo opportunity, mortgage broker to remove barrier of finding housing near by
- VJM open house and field trip March 7 for grade 6 students
- Faith – reconciliation March 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> option of a blessing (reconciliation or opt out)
- Students celebrated Albert Lacombe's birthday with cake
- SAPY events and SAP – Lent preparation
- Feedback – Digital consent forms on powerschool, digital divide want to avoid, great for some parents/guardians
- Golf Tournament upcoming GSACRD Foundation
- School messenger update

### 8.2 School Trustee Report Serena Shaw

- January meeting was 29<sup>th</sup> some highlights
  - Treehouse playschool
  - Open houses
  - New territory acknowledgment
  - Laura Bird award clarification
  - Division services centre update
  - School results review for each school
  - Inclusive education programming report
  - Fee waiver reports – parents can request, report is for each school, re: school and transportation fees
  - Budgeting: maintenance/repairs on buildings

- School Trustee report continued February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting some highlights
  - Policy review on policy making
  - Policy alternative programming review
  - Indigenous students art contest
  - Utilization report – a better position than a few years ago (as AL is very much aware)
  - Education Foundation GSACRD

### 8.3 Teacher's Representative – Leak Kres, teacher grade 5

- Counsellor is continuing to visit all classrooms to teach the Kimochis Social Emotional Learning program
- Lego club starts next week and continues throughout March
- There's been lots of intramurals
- Stem bin club Mondays
- Grade 2 is doing a penguin research project
- We just celebrated the 100th day of school this past Friday
- Kindergarten Cogito is currently working on two letter graphemes for example the 5 rules of r - er, ir, ur, wor (works), ear (early). We are reading and spelling CVC words. We have started addition up to 5. We just recently had our In-Class Field from Teachers Pet on Healthy Me where we learned how to keep ourselves healthy through nutrition, exercise, hand washing, and brushing our teeth. We also learned what kind of hazards there can be in our environment.
- In Gr. 5 we have been doing hands-on work with simple, series and parallel circuits. Kids have also learned how to draw circuit symbols and to interpret them, much like an electrician may have (very simplistic of course) when building circuits for a building.
- The students have been working in small groups to create a presentation to celebrate and remember all the ways that Black Canadians have contributed to Canada's history and culture. Students were randomly assigned a black Canadian to research with specific criteria to report on. The students have been doing a great job learning and presenting their learnings to their classmates. This project covers many of our language arts and social studies outcomes.
- In our class we have 3 jars that represent the 3 pillars of Lent - Praying: a glass container to collect student prayers; Almsgiving: a glass container to collect money (students bring in change, and may be earned from doing chores at home; Sacrifices: a glass jar to collect pebbles that students put in for kind deeds they do or kind and encouraging words (they put the pebbles in themselves). All done at any time throughout the day.
- Pink Shirt Day was a success, with many students and staff throughout the school wearing various shades of pink shirts to show support, respect and kindness for all.
- The Gr. 6s made origami pink shirts with an encouraging message written on it, and taped these pink shirts on to the lockers of the Div. 2 students as a special surprise. They were showing how they can be like Jesus by respecting others, thinking of others and giving them a lift with a positive message.

#### 8.4 Compassionate Friends - Lindsey Pratt

- We need to allocate funds for compassionate friends
- No requests

#### 8.5 Vote in School Council Executive for 2023-2024

- Nothing new, nobody volunteered

#### 8.6 Society Enriching Education at Albert Lacombe School Report – Dean MacNeill, SEEALS President

- Numeracy week support of \$100 requested and motioned by SEEALS/School Council, Dean MacNeill motioned, Natalie Monette seconded
- \$200 motioned for Compassionate Friends, Natalie Monette motioned, Dean MacNeill seconded
- BBQ/dance date set May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Dean going may set up read a thon fundraiser possibly week May 6 – 10

#### 9. New Business:

- Student Code of contact, reviewed annually, motion to approve; Natalie Monette, seconded Dean MacNeill
- School Fees, reviewed annually, motion to approve; Natalie Monette; seconded, Dean MacNeill
- School does have the \$500 ASCE grant to be allocated by School Council

#### 10. Next meeting;

April 4, May 23

#### 11. Adjourn 8:56 pm