



Albert Lacombe School Council Meeting  
January 28 2025  
7:00pm  
Albert Lacombe School/hybrid/online

### Attendance

Allan Menduk, Principal

Lindsey Pratt, Vice Principal, parent

Melissa Gibb, Teacher

Dominique Poshtar, Music Teacher

Dean MacNeill, (Society Enriching Education at Albert Lacombe School) SEEALS President, parent

Jaime Gordon, School Council Vice-Chair, parent

Natalie Monette, School Council Chair, parent

1. Call to order; 7:00 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)  
Jaime Gordon motioned to approve the agenda with following additions:
  - Council of Councils meeting summary featuring discussion on Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) \$500 grant discussion
  - School Fee Review 2024/25 and proposedSeconded by Dean MacNeill
6. Review and Acceptance of minutes from the last meeting held on November 26 2024  
Lindsey Pratt motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dean MacNeill
7. Business arising from previous minutes –
  - i. 8.1 School/Teacher priority list:
    1. Renewal of subscription IXL: Update - Albert Lacombe School will be covering this expense from "tech fees" (from last meeting: December 4 purchased by Albert Lacombe approximately \$4,800, requested \$4800 from SEEALS to cover, motioned by Dean MacNeill, Natalie Monette seconded the motion)
    2. Renewal of subscription Brain Pop: Update amount approximately \$3,555 and SEEALS to still cover (from last meeting: due in January approximately \$3,900, motioned by Dean MacNeill, Natalie Monette seconded the motion)

## 8. New Business:

- a. School Fee Review, Allan went over existing and proposed for 2025/26: motioned/endorsed by Jaime Gordon, second Dean MacNeill
  - i. Also discussed:
    1. Ski Trip, on waitlist for Rabbit Hill, nothing scheduled, options are being reviewed
    2. Swimming class 2/3, City of St Albert/Fountain Park is changing their school/lesson format to more of a drop in/no lesson format which does not fit curriculum
    3. Powerschool Cyber Security Incident:
      - a. Grads check your credit scores
      - b. See GSACRD website for information and important updates including a new letter to parents

## 9. Reports

### 9.1 Principals Report: Allan Menduk

- Albert Lacombe Catholic Elementary School Open House coming up Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 between 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
  - School Council and SEEALS are welcome to host a table at the event
- Faculty Update:
  - Grade 6A Teacher update – Mr. Fleming Leaving at the end of the Month
  - Grade 6A Teacher update – Welcome Mr. McIsaac
  - Educational Assistant: Megan Johnson will return to AL date tbd
- 2025/26 and 2026/27 Division Calendars are approved and available on the GSACRD site
- Parent Teacher Interviews are
- February 3 and 5 along with Scholastic Book Fair
- Registration is available for Returning (Current) Students
- Labour Action: Education Assistants/Support Staff and Teachers - collective agreements expired, prepare for negotiations
- Encouraging the use of the Crosswalk
- Christmas Concert, new venue: Sturgeon Valley Baptist Church better for space/sound, may need bigger space sill with enrollment on the increase at AL
- Attendance Matters
- Greater St. Albert Catholic School Advent Project – Catholic Social Services Sign of Hope “Care-A-Van” initiative within the Welcome Home program, AL raised \$1,015!
- Exploring Alternative Transportation for Field Trip: St. Albert Transit – Mrs. Gibb recently piloted on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

### 9.2 School Trustee Report – no report, no trustee present, Greg Schell is trustee to AL this year

### 9.3 Teacher's Representative –

- Mrs. Melissa Gibb, Grade 1/2B
  1. Exploring Alternative Transportation for Field Trip with St. Albert Transit who helped plan and execute – Mrs. Gibb recently piloted on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, community focus
  2. Grade 1/2B was implemented this year due to large classes sizes at the beginning of the year, Mrs. Gibb is enjoying teaching the smaller class size and is certain there are positives with the change (more one on one time etc)
- Dominique Poshtar, Music Teacher

- Dominique is at AL 2 days per week, she planned and executed the Christmas Concert themed “Twas the Night before Christmas”
- Sturgeon Valley Baptist Church Venue helped provide a great experience and good price

9.4 Council of Councils’ meeting held December 4 2024 –  
update with School Council Vice Chair Jaime Gordon

- School Councils of all school within GSACRD meet to collaborate
- Superintendent reviewed Advent project, Care-A-Van, with opportunity for ride along for each school
- 2025/26 and 2026/27 proposed Division Calendars were reviewed and approved (including discussion on fall break, early dismissal etc)
- Bertha Kennedy has recent experience with fundraising for a playground
- Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) \$500 grant discussion
  - A few suggestions on where to spend
  - Could poll parents for feedback
  - Focus can be - Parent focused/child friendly

9.6 Compassionate Friends - Lindsey Pratt

- \$nothing required since last meeting
- Scope? Should we include a student/family that was at AL from Kindergarten to Grade 6 that is no longer at the school

9.7 Vote in School Council Executive for 2024-2025

- No vote in this meeting, still looking for school council secretary and SEEALS VP

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

- Fundraising underway, hot lunch is in motion, art cards did well
- Read a thon upcoming, 2<sup>nd</sup> annual, date set May 5 – 9 2025
- Spring Market sale upcoming, exploring May 31 2025
- Still exploring/ look into tap for donations and dance concession
- For SEEALS budgeting: Krystal Ralph (SEEALS treasurer) motioned seconded by Natalie Monette the following:
  - \$1,084 for liability insurance
  - Note to remove \$4,800 IXL subscription approved at last meeting as the school is covering the cost under “tech fees”

10. Next meetings;

February 25  
April 8  
May 13 (last one of the year)

11. Adjourn 9:06 pm