



Sister Alphonse Academy School

Council Meeting Agenda

Virtual Google Meet: 6:30 pm

Oct. 14, 2020

Attendance: Christine Samson(Principal), Lisa Kleparchuk(Vice-Principal), Joe Becigneul(Trustee), Karla Bergstrom (Chair), Christine Hoskins(Vice-Chair), Keri Wilson-Hackett(Secretary), Meghan Wagner, Tom Untergasser, Jessica Langer, Jillian Bourgeois, Kim Shmyr, Kirsten Miller, Nicole Kluthe, Kim Gansange, Brooke Ducharme, Kristi Rouse, Sandra Kosik, Brandi Gar, Lindsay Martyna , Jenna Hill

1. Welcome - Chair (Karla Bergstrom)
2. Acknowledgement - Principal (Christine Samson)

GSACRD acknowledges that we are meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the Homeland of the Metis Nation. We acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

3. Prayer - Vice Principal (Lisa Kleparchuk)

Loving heavenly Father we come to you today asking for your blessing and help as we gather together today and throughout the school year. We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would help us to conduct our work with a spirit of collaboration and enthusiasm. Help us to work together, listen and help one another so that we can support our students and staff at SAA. We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

4. Introductions
5. Review of Agenda- Kristi Rouse approved the agenda

6. Review and Approval of September Minutes (5 minutes) - Approved by Christine Hoskins

7. TRUSTEE REPORT: October 2020

The regularly scheduled Board meeting was held September 28 th and was live streamed.

DIVISION GOOD NEWS:

St. Kateri, the new K-5 School in Morinville hosted their official opening on October 8 th . Due to COVID, the

official ceremonies were streamed for the families and into each of the classrooms. Dignitaries present

included MLA Dale Nally, Mayor Turner and a couple Councilors from Morinville, Mayor Hnatiw from Sturgeon

County, The architect, builder, interior design personnel. The school was blessed by Bishop Terrio of St. Paul,

Elder Edna Arcand offered a blessing in Cree and Dallas Arcand, Three-time World Champion Hoop Dancer,

performed.

Berth Kennedy and Sister Alphonse Academy received funding from the city of St. Albert's Environmental

Initiatives Grant Program. BK received \$4,000 towards an outdoor learning space. Sister Alphonse received \$2,000 to design an outdoor learning garden space.

Legal School did a project for Hope Mission, collecting pajamas, underwear and long underwear for the less

fortunate.

The COVID school reentry plan is reviewed regularly and revised as needed.

PRESENTATION DELEGATION:

There were no presentations.

ACTION ITEMS: Reviewed and Approved

- i) Board Policies: Reviewed Policy 1; Division Mission Statement

Policy 2: Role of the Board

Policy 12: Role of the Superintendent

Changes/updates to the policies made were to reflect the new Education Act and Superintendent Leadership Quality Standards.

ii) Board Policy 22 Added: Under the Education Act, each School Division has until December 31 to

write a Board Policy determining the number of Trustees and Ward Distribution (if applicable).

Given GSACRD's Rural-Urban configuration, we have allocated three wards with 7 Trustees total.

4 Trustees from St. Albert Ward and parts of Sturgeon County

2 Trustees from Morinville Ward and parts of Sturgeon County-west

1 Trustee from the Legal Ward includes Bon Accord and parts of Sturgeon County.

iii) Alberta School Board Association Award.

Nominations: Town of Morinville (Friends of Education Award).

iv) Revision to and approval of 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule adding in a Committee of the Whole

Meeting in November.

v) The Board approved the appointments for school council liaisons for the 2020-2021 school year will

hopefully be completed at the next meeting once all the meeting dates have been sent in.

vi) Discussion around different options for executing Public Board Meetings on-line during these times of

COVID-19. Rudy Zacharias, Manager of Communications and Community Engagement will bring back cost

estimates on options at the next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

i) PUF (Program Unit Funding)

- Funding for 2020-2021 cut across the province. Impact to GSACRD was a decrease from \$2.4

Million to \$700,000 this academic year. The government also changed the coding of children and reduced the per-child funding from \$25,000 to \$10,000. Funding also ceases

after pre-kindergarten and is no longer carried into kindergarten, even for coded children.

- These cuts have turned our program upside down and has caused a wait list for pre-k.

ii) St. Albert Catholic High School renaming.

- The Board reviewed the public feedback on the two name proposals that were put forth.

They were:

École St. Albert Catholic High School

École Secondaire Catholique St. Albert Catholic High School

From the Community Consultation, a third potential name emerged,

École Secondaire St. Albert Catholic High School

The renaming has been deferred to the October meeting. Cost estimates will be brought back for the Board to consider.

BOARD INITIATIVES:

Trustees held their annual retreat October 2 nd . The retreat had been cancelled in the Spring due to COVID.

This year was reduced to one day and main topics were,

- Board Advocacy Plan (prioritized).
- Three Year Education Plan was reviewed through 2022-2023.

Annual General Meetings for both the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association and the Alberta School

Boards Association of Alberta, will be held virtually in November.

Trustees will also be involved in audit meetings to close out the 2019-2020 fiscal year end in November.

OTHER ITEMS:

The Greater St. Albert Catholic Education Foundation held their AGM on September 24. Two Scholarships

were awarded as well as the applications for Funded School Projects were opened for application. Applications

close mid-November. The Foundation will be holding a 50/50 on-line draw as their last two in person fund

raisers were cancelled due to COVID. The 50/50 draw should launch October 26 with a plan draw date of

December 7. Minimum prize will be \$4,000 with the pot potentially climbing to \$10,000 – just in time for

Christmas.

Committee of the Whole Meeting was held on Monday, October 5, 2020.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2020, 3:30 pm and will be

streamed live.

8. Administration Report - School Update

- Enrollment as of September 30, 2020: 217 (lost one student to a transfer and three to homeschooling that were part of one family). Possibly gaining a few more students in the near future.
- Health and Safety updates provided weekly. Highlight the weekly superintendent's report , meet with staff weekly to check in regarding safety updates
- P/T Interview virtual/phone call format: November 3 and 5 respectively. Report Card November 27th (elementary).
- Our District Chaplain is in residence at SAA this week!
- Lisa has been working with students, parents and teachers in providing IPP and accommodations for students this year. Grade group meetings have been occurring.
- Virtual Scholastic book fair is coming up! October 19 - Nov. 1, 2020.
- Grade 4 Bible Celebration - Oct. 22 , Fr. Ignacy/Bernie Hryciw
- Catholic Education Sunday is coming up: November 8, 2020
- Elementary teachers were using the Illuminate program for grading. They have been recently moved over to the new PowerTeacher Pro where this will enable log in and real time grades.
- New Grading scale indicating skill development has been implemented for Options in Junior High. Scale is from 1 - 4.
- Staff working on Faith and Learning Goals for this year. Discuss last year's results and focus for this year.
- Wish List from teachers - More iPads and Chromebooks please (more pressure on technology due to Covid restrictions. One class, one cohort uses technology at a time.)
- PATs canceled for this school year at a district level for grade 6 and 9.

9. Reports

- Chair Report

-Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) - AGM on October 17, 2020 - Karla Bergstrom to attend

- School Calendar Meeting Dates

Nov. 18, Jan 13, Feb 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9

- Committee Reports

- Partners in Prayer - Nicole gathering intentions on Friday - October 16, pray in the school on Friday in a small group
- Halloween - virtual pumpkin carving contest(teachers)
- Compassionate Friends - no update
- Staff Appreciation - no update
- Fundraising - *Please join Friends of SAA for a brief meeting following adjournment

-responses to survey results(see link below)

-account set up at Campbell Park Bottle Depot, Mabel's Labels

-FlipGive is operational (\$5.00 bonus for the first purchase)

-Zippered Bags for \$10.00 - Christine Samson will send the info to parents through a bulletin

-Application for Charity Status, project application ongoing

[2020/21 Friends of SAA Survey Results](#)

10. Other Items/Reports:

11. Next Month Agenda Items

Review of School Achievement Results and Accountability, Satisfaction SurveyFaith/Learning Goals

Results/ School Improvement Plan

Adjournment - 8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, Nov. 18 @6:30 pm.

