



Sister Alphonse Academy

School Council Meeting Agenda

Virtual Google Meet: 6:30 pm

Attendance: **March 10, 2021**

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1. Welcome - Chair (1 minute)

Karla welcomed everyone to the meeting and commenced the meeting to start at 6:35 p.m.

2. Acknowledgement - Principal (1 minute)

GSACRD and **Sister Alphonse Academy** acknowledge that we are meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

Kinanâskomitin(KIN-a-hoompt-ee-no-tah)(Thank you Creator).

3. Prayer - Vice Principal

Thank You for Your unfailing love for me, Your blessings, and goodness. Thank You for Your faithfulness to guide me and see me through times of uncertainty, for lifting me up, and setting me on high. Thank You for Scripture that comforts and reminds me of Your promises, plan, and provision. Thank you for taking away my fears and worries, and reminding me that my help comes from You. Help me be a good steward and to sow wisely. Lord, bless all of those in attendance today and the conversations we have. May you provide us with grace and understanding to work together for the good of the children, staff and parents at Sister Alphonse Academy community.

In Christ's Name, Amen.

4. Introductions (defer until we can return to in person meetings)
5. Review of Agenda (1 minute)
6. Review and Approval of February Agenda (2 minutes)
7. [Trustee Report](#) - Mr. Joe Becigneul (10 minutes)

Mr. Becigneul went through the Trustee report and provided information from the school board.

8. Reports

- Chair Report - Karla Bergstrom (10 minutes)
- [Rules of Order Meetings](#)
- [SAA School Council Bylaws](#)

ASCA News

- Research report on Parent-Teacher relations during covid-19 and at-home learning available at:
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/education-in-alberta/education-and-covid-19/it-take-s-a-virus-research-report>
- ASCA cuts to funding – relocating office, fee structure for workshop services
- Annual Conference (virtual) and AGM April 23-25 – Registration Feb 15-Apr 16
 - \$60 pre-conference, \$95 conference, \$0 post conference
 - \$0 AGM for 1-voting parent, \$25 ASCA School members
 - Who is interested from our school community? Typically school councils send 1-2 representatives – expectation that attendees would report back to school council. Who do we request these funds from? School? GSACRD? Friends

9. Administration Report - Christine Samson, Lisa Kleparchuk

SAA Good News!

- We experience a very successful career symposium with our school. Parents were invited to share their careers with classes through Google meets. It was a terrific week of learning.
- We are experiencing a lot of registrations so far! A lot of our returning students are registering and our Kindergarten class numbers are looking great! Although it is only March, we have enough for a full time class right now and we almost half enough students to run another separate ½ day class.
- SAA participated in an “no contact” Ash Wednesday celebration in addition to the special CSS virtual liturgy with Fr. Ignacy and St. Albert Catholic Parish. Across

the division we are raising dollars and “Arising Up” through contributing to the CSS “Fill a Basket” campaign to benefit vulnerable youth. We are also collecting food bank items for St. Albert Parish. Items collecting will be provided to families in need at Sacred Heart Parish.

- We have received the results from our District Assurance Survey and we will be sharing our celebration and growth areas with staff. We will be sharing some of our areas of celebration and growth as we study and discuss the data with our staff. Thank you to all parents who participated in this mid year review.
- Thank you to all parents who attended the virtual online P/T Interviews.
- K - 6 Report cards - Wednesday, March 24, 2021. Junior High marks online.
- Upcoming events: Special Event Days to donate dollars to support vulnerable youth.
- April - Grade 5 - Pilot project with the RCMP (Similar to the DARE program)
- Grade Six celebration & Grade 9 Grad dates are coming up.
- AED - Automated External Defibrillator (possible wish list item for SAA)
- [SAA School Code of Conduct](#) - Review and Feedback

Feedback from School Council: We should have more positive language and including others, diversity. We may want to add our motto of to Serve, Achieve, and Aspire. What does it mean to be a Knight?

- Fees - 2021/2022 - No anticipated changes and fees will remain the same. No questions/objections from Council.
- [School Councils & Societies](#)
- [Societies Act](#)
- Role of Administration in SAA Friends: Not to be involved other than oversee and approve of fundraising initiatives that are associated with SAA. This is an independent at arms length society. Communications - Newsletter (SAA Friends)
- Information pertaining to Bags fundraiser:

1. A tax receipt is issued once the school receives the benefit. The person who has collected the cash for the fundraiser would need to hand in the cash into the society. This was a fundraising initiative that was intended to benefit the school. Then the society would issue a cheque to Sister Alphonse for the purpose intended (to purchase whatever the fundraiser was setup for). *A tax receipt for the **cost of those bags (supplies)** actually sold unless the parent gives the bags to the society or school to sell.*

2. Once Sister Alphonse receives the cheque this is a benefit to SAA.

From Insurance Provider: [Question re: Subcommittees:](#)

[The subcommittee has to be a part of the parent group, and the interconnection between the subcommittee and the parent group MUST be in writing. If both of these requirements are satisfied, then the D & O Coverage would extend to the subcommittee.](#)

When PGs/Societies organize activities, any announcements or notices sent out to parents must:

1. not be written on the school's letterhead;
2. specifically state that the activity is not being organized by the school or the School Board, and
3. have all costs or fees made payable to the PGs/Societies.

10. Committee Reports (5 minutes)

Partners in Prayer - Nicole Kluthe

If anyone is interested in participating in this please let Mrs. Samson or Mrs. Kleparchuk know and they will provide the information to you.

Compassionate Friends - Nicole Kluthe

Yearbook - Sandra Kosik (Yearbooks are available for purchase in School Cash Online)

Everything is going well. We have to approve the cover and the back page of the yearbook. Thank you for your work on this Sandra.

- Friends of SAA Fundraising Society - Kirsten Miller (5 minutes)
- We had nineteen new members that have volunteered for various positions to assist with fundraiser. Communication sent out earlier this week.
- Karla had asked if the cookies fundraiser could be extended.
- Kirsten would like to make a motion to support a “**Spring flower fundraiser**”? Is there anyone who is not in favour of supporting this fundraiser?
- No one expressed objections against this upcoming fundraiser. This motion has been passed.
- Staff Appreciation - Christine Hoskins
- We are also looking at having people contribute to a gift card from “Skip the Dishes” gift card.
- We are also looking at drawing/writing chalk messages around the school during the last week or so of school.

School Calendar Meeting Dates (Feb 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9)

Other Items/Reports: (TBD)

Next Month Agenda Items: (TBD)

Adjournment:

Next Meeting - April 14, 2021