



Sister Alphonse Academy

School Council Meeting Agenda

Virtual Google Meet: 6:30 pm <https://meet.google.com/vku-oztt-thh>

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Attendance: Christine Samson(Principal), Cindy Phillips (Vice-Principal), Marisol Teixeira (Teacher) Joseph Becigneul(Trustee), Karla Bergstrom (Chair), Christine Hoskins(Vice-Chair), Keri Wilson-Hackett (Secretary), Sandra Kosik, Jillian Bourgeois, Alessandra Hardy, Marianne Schiedel, Meghan Wagner, Jessica Caister

Welcome - Chair (1 minute)

1. Acknowledgement - Principal (1 minute)

GSACRD and **Sister Alphonse Academy** acknowledges 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).

2. Prayer - Vice Principal: Mrs. Cindy Phillips

God, the source of every good gift,

You have called us together as servants to do Your will.

Grant us the light of Your Spirit

To guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council.

May we work together in harmony for the common good.

May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect.

May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents.

May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership.

May we approach our decision making through discernment and prayer.

May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care.

God of Love,

You give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the common good.

May Your blessings radiate from us to others in a new spirit of service.

We ask this through Jesus Christ the Light of the World.

Amen.

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

The Child and Youth Well-being Review

COVID has affected all aspects of life for children and youth from every culture and community. Albertans are invited to participate in an online survey from May 27 to July 31, 2021. The purpose is to better understand the full scope of the psychological, social, educational, and physical effects to ensure they have the tools they need to process and cope in healthy ways.

<https://www.alberta.ca/child-and-youth-well-being-review.aspx>

Engage with ASCA and MLA Hoffman June 10, 2021 at 8:00 pm

Join ASCA President Brandi Rai and NDP Education Critic, MLA Sarah Hoffman for a dialogue on current education issues, in an interactive online session on Thursday June 10, 2021 from 8:00 to 9:00 pm.

Register at: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEpfuGqrjloH9eI9G1sbp2SXb09WwNXxNFc>

Christine Hoskins attended the Alberta School Councils Association General Meeting in April. Possible initiatives that could be implemented as SAA include:

1. Solar for Schools Funding Program - solar panels are placed on the school (we would need to write a letter of interest and gather quotes)

2. Developing more environmental initiatives at SAA (compost bins in classrooms)
3. Everactive Schools Program - it is a non-profit initiative that works with the school to implement physical activity through a variety of means. They also support School Travel Planning - encouraging active school travel (bike, walk, etc.) and work with AMA to develop a Safety Patrol Program

-SAA will need parent champions that are interested in leading these initiatives alongside school staff

-information will be added to the school newsletter and shared with staff

-Concerns were brought forward regarding there not being crosswalks in front of the school and the speed of traffic through the traffic circle. School Trustee-Joe Becigneul will also share these concerns during the Trustee meeting. He encouraged parents to contact individual city councillors (Natalie Joly & Ken Mackay)

- Draft K-6 curriculum – Government of Alberta Survey

<https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say.aspx>

Your feedback will help refine the draft K-6 curriculum before it is implemented in classrooms across the province in September 2022. Feedback is accepted until Spring 2022.

9. Administration Report - Christine Samson, Cindy Phillips

- All [school council agendas](#) and minutes are posted on the school website each week. I have included the link for parents if you are having any difficulty locating this information.
- **[Division - School Assurance Document:](#)** Our school results and the school assurance document are included on the school website. Thank you for your contribution and support in meeting our faith and learning goals this school year.
- **PD District Mass June 7, 2021** - Staff across the division participated in a live year end mass that was held this past Monday as part of our staff meeting/professional learning day.
- We are excited about our Community Garden! We had a \$2000.00 grant from the City of St. Albert. Fruit trees have been planted in addition to a new bench which was built by the Aguilar family. We are also looking at adding four cement pads and a couple of picnic tables this year. Thank you so much!
- Important dates as we close our this school year:
- **Friday, June 11th - Grade nine virtual farewell during the afternoon: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, June 15th** - Marty Chan author virtual visit at SAA.
- **Wednesday, June 16th** - Last day of regular classes for Junior High students. **Free Pizza FOR JUNIOR HIGH lunch treat!**
- **Last day of RECREATION ACADEMY - June 16th**
- **JUNIOR HIGH FINAL EXAMS:**

- **Wednesday, June 9th** - Part 1 English Language Arts written in class final exam
- **Thursday, June 17th** - Junior High English Language Arts Part 2 Exam
*Please note that students will write one exam per day and will be permitted to go home after the exam as this will not be a regular class schedule.
- **Friday, June 18th** - Junior High Math Final Exam
- **Last day of Kindergarten: June 18th**
- **KINDERGARTEN VIRTUAL YEAR END CELEBRATION: 10:30 A.M. More details to shortly follow.**
- Kindergarten report cards - **Electronically sent out to parents/guardians**
- **Monday, June 21st** - Indigenous Peoples Day! Dallas Arcand, international hoop dancer will be virtually performing for SAA in the morning before we virtually attend a mass being provided by Sacred Heart Parish.
- **Tuesday, June 22nd** - Grade six celebration!
- Junior High Science Exam
- **Wednesday, June 23rd** - Junior High Social Final exam
- **Thursday, June 24th** - **Grades 1 - 6 Report Cards electronically sent out to parents/guardians**
- **Friday, June 25th** - **Junior High report cards electronically sent out to parents/guardians**
- **Year end liturgy** - This will be celebrated within the homeroom classes within our Faith Filled Friday near the end of June.
- **Yearbook & class photos update** - We have experienced some technical difficulties and Sandra and staff are working on finishing this work up as soon as possible. Icon has also said that they are working on creating virtual class photos for our school. Thank you for communicating with us and requesting this.
- **Ever Active schools** opportunity for a Grant - Great news, but I would need to be able to receive more information about what residency looks like, how this works with Covid protocols still in place, etc.
- **Crosswalk safety** - Follow up has been made with the City of St. Albert as they are looking at possibly adding two more crosswalks to the area. One that is located just off the drop off land in front of the school and the other on the other side of the school by the Junior High entrance doors.
- **A BIG THANK YOU** to all of the school council members and parents who provided support for us during this Covid pandemic year! This has been a difficult year for everyone.

10.Committee Reports (5 minutes)

Partners in Prayer - Nicole Kluthe

Compassionate Friends - Nicole Kluthe

Yearbook - Sandra Kosik (Yearbooks are available for purchase in School Cash Online - extra yearbooks will not be ordered.) Deadline for ordering a yearbook is June 25th.

Questions for school council:

Would you like the option of a green screen to select different backgrounds for individual student portraits?

Feedback: Parents are interested in the green screen option and would like to have the photos taken inside. Some interest was expressed in using LifeTouch instead of Icon.

Can class photos be done at the same time as individual photos in the fall?

Feedback: It is preferred that class and individual photos be taken in the fall. This will allow a possible option of having commemorative photos for Kindergarten, Grade 6 and Grade 9 students in the spring.

- Friends of SAA Fundraising Society - Sandra Kosik (5 minutes)

Bank account year end balance approximately \$3500

Fundraising Update:

Bag Fundraiser	
Revenue via etransfer	120.00
Transfer to Jeanne Rouse	<u>120.00</u>
Profit	<u>0.00</u> \$4000 cheque given to GSACRD division for SAA
Pointsettia Fundraiser	
Revenue	2,417.30
Expense	<u>1,683.16</u>
Profit	<u>734.14</u>
Cookie Fundraiser	
Revenue	2,211.50
Cash Donations Staff Appreciation	319.00
Expense	<u>1,689.37</u>
Profit	<u>203.13</u>
Plants Fundraiser	
Revenue	5,623.25
Expense	<u>3,628.80</u>
Profit	<u>1,994.45</u>
Campbell Bottles Fundraiser	
Profit	<u>276.95</u> Thank you to Christine Hoskins.
Mabel's Labels Fundraiser	
Profit	<u> </u> They pay out on their terms, so there are no receivables for this year.
Oliver's Labels Fundraiser	
Profit	<u>31.79</u>
FlipGive Fundraiser	
Profit	<u>92.00</u> *Earned online as of May 21, 2021
	the minimum to pull is \$100 so this will carry over to next year unless more purchases are made very soon.
Cobbs' Bakery Fundraiser	
Profit	<u> </u> unknown

Thank you to Jeanne Rouse and her family for donating the handcrafted bags. Their family was instrumental for generating most of the sales. Four hundred bags were sold to raise \$4000 for the fundraiser for the school, which was delivered to the GSACRD division office for SAA.

All of the Friends Directors will retire at the AGM on June 16. Friends needs 5 parents to volunteer for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Member-at-large on June 16. **If these positions are not filled then Friends will shut down and the funds will go to the school.** Please contact Sandra Kosik at friendsofsaa@gmail.com if you are interested.

- Staff Appreciation - Christine Hoskins

Two events are planned and Frock Box (Jenna Hill) will be covering the cost of the \$285.00 needed for one of the staff appreciation events- Thank You!

School Calendar Meeting Dates (June 9)

Other Items/Reports: (TBD)

Next Month Agenda Items: (TBD)

Adjournment: 7:37 p.m.

Next Meeting - September 14, 2021 at 6:30pm (tentative 2nd Tuesday of the month)

