

Sister Alphonse Academy School Council - Meeting Minutes

Conference Room B, 6:30 pm

Jan 16, 2019

School Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome - Chair

Call to order – 6:30 pm by Chris Turner

Attendance: Greg Lamer (staff), Chris Turner (Chair), Keri Wilson-Hackett, Sandra Kosik, Tom Untergasser, Nicole Kluthe, Karla Bergstrom (Vice Chair), Sean Brass (staff), Teresa Gammel, Jillian Bourgeois (secretary), Jodie Madigin, Janet Broccoli

Staff: Mr. Greg Lamer and
Mr. Sean Brass

Others:

Acknowledgement:

The Greater St. Albert Catholic School Board acknowledges that it is meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. Kinanâskomitin Manito (Thank you Creator)

Prayer -Greg Lamer

2. Review of Agenda

3. Approval of the Minutes

Nov Meeting minutes - Nov. 14/18

Review/discussion

Motion - Karla Bergstrom moved to accept the minutes of Nov. 14/18

2nd - Sandra Kosik

Presentation - Google Classroom by Mr. Brass

4. Trustee Report - Trustee Shaw sent here regrets

- Trustee to present at February meeting.

5. Administration Report

School Events - Greg Lamer

PAST

PTI - Nov. 20-21

Christmas Concert

Christmas Spirit Week

Gr. 6 - Legislature School

Gr. 7 Field trip to Jubilee Auditorium Nov. 19

Gr. 7 Field trip Dec. 6 & 7 - Science Summit

Kindergarten Field Trip to St. Albert Library

Intramurals (grades 3-7)

Basketball Practices - Mr. Lamer & Mr. Brass to continue offering drop-in practice & scrimages. Wednesday's & Thursday's 3:05pm - it will always be posted if dates change.

FUTURE

Yearbook Club will begin

Kindergarten Expo - Jan. 18th

ERLC Community of Practice Visit - 20-30 teachers to visit SAA. Our school is one of 3 or 4 host schools for this

Author Visit - David Bouchard

Ski Trip - February 6th (day before teachers convention Feb. 6th)

Teachers Convention - no school Feb. 7th & 8th

**Thank-you from the parents for the amazing family gifts from the kids/school.

FEEDBACK REQUIRED

1. GSACRD Draft School Year Calendars - 2019/20, 2020/21

The District is asking for School Council feedback on the proposed Draft Calendars for the 2019/20 school year and the 2020/21 school year. Highlights of both draft calendars include: 179 instructional days, going from 8 Full Day PD/Staff Meeting Days to 6. Increasing Early Out Staff Meetings from 2 to 4. A week long Fall Break in November. Working to the morning of the 23rd of December in the 2020/21 school year, with a mid week start following in January.

Discussion:

- Parents indicated a very strong preference for NO ½ days of instruction.
- 8/10 support fall break - 2/10 not in favor
- Christmas 2020 - majority support work until Dec. 22

Feedback for District and Board:

2. Pay as You Go or Term Payment

School administration is asking for feedback in relation to the payment of fees related to field trips and extra projects. Currently we are providing parents with a bill at the end of the term for extra fees and we are charging for large cost field trips at the time they occur. Do parents prefer pay as you go or are you in favor of getting one bill at the end of a term?

Discussion:

- Large majority vote for pay as you go

Feedback for School Administration:

School Council 3 Year Education Plan

Background - School Council Planning

Most School Councils develop a three-year plan that supports or parallels the goals of the school. It provides continuity of focus and purpose from year to year. A school council develops a three-year plan based on goals that align with the school's plan and reflect the interests of the community. Once a School Council plan has been created and the goals accomplished, it can be shared with the school, school board and school community. The more who know and understand the work of the school council, the more the school council work will be supported. Planning begins with reviewing what's already in place. Administration suggested that the main school level goals below would be a great starting point as the flow from District Goals. Mr. Lamer provided a blank template and challenged us to begin to think about

1. To build a culture of faith and service where every child and family feel welcomed.
2. To provide multiple pathways to Deep learning.

Fundraising Society Workshop

At the November meeting administration was asked to pursue a fundraising workshop by looking into dates in January and get back to the executive. We have not been able to find a date that works for all members of the executive. The next suggested date is Tuesday, February 19 @ 6:30pm. How many would be able to make that date? - approx. 7 said they could meet. Mr. Lamer to put this in bulletin so that others can attend if they are able.

Mr. Lamer will try to book this date and send out confirmation as soon as possible.

Room Representatives

As was discussed at the last meeting administration and Chris facilitated the opportunity for parents to volunteer as Room Reps during Parent Interviews. Our council has received interest from parents to be volunteers. Their main role is listed below.

1. To attend council meetings on a regular basis and provide a parent perspective on council matters at their grade level. (this could be a shared role by parents)

Volunteer Coordinator

At our last School Council meeting administration proposed that we ask parents to consider being a Volunteer Coordinator. We had two parents interested and indicated they would be willing to take on the position

6. Committee and Chair Reports

- a. Chair Report
 - Chris set up a parent council general email account: saaparentcouncil@gmail.com
 - recommends setting up volunteer for taking photos during activities. Yearbook club will allow kids to take pictures and own this responsible.
 - Council of Council - meeting Jan. 21st - Chris Turner to attend.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Playground - no report
- b. Yearbook - parents are free to send photos highlighting kids during school activities for yearbook to saaparentcouncil@gmail.com.
- c. Volunteer
- d. Partner's in Prayer - currently we have one committed member Nicole Kluthe - looking for 3-4 more members to take partake in this.

8. Possible Next Month Agenda Items

1. Review School Fees
2. Continue with 3 Yr. Ed. Planning
3. School Dress Code - we need to make sure our parents are comfortable with our dress code. School council needs to support the dress code. Dress code has to fit for everybody k-9.
4. Staff appreciation week - to be discussed in future meetings.
 - a. would need to establish a committee for this
 - b. should discuss the need for event coordinator
5. Grade 6 trip - Camp Nakamun.
6. Chris Turner - other workshops

9. Meeting Adjournment

Motion - Karla Bergstrom and seconded by Sandra Kosik 8:27pm

Next Meeting - Wednesday, February 13@6:30 pm