



Sister Alphonse Academy School Council

Meeting Agenda

September 16, 2020: ON-Line Google Meet, 6:30 pm
SAA School Council Meeting/Annual General Meeting

Welcome - Chair

Attendance: Karla Bergstrom, Keri Wilson-Hackett, Lindsay Martyna, Nicole Kluthe, Kristi Rouse, Christine Hoskins, Jillian Bourgeois, Jenna Hill, Kim Gansauge, Alessandra Hardy, Sandra Kosik, Stacy Malin, Zachary Abma, Krystal Threlfell, Meghan Wagner, Brandi Aguilar

Staff: Christine Samson, Marisol Teixeira, Lisa Kleparchuk, Kim Shmyr

Others: Mr. Joseph Becigneul

1. Acknowledgement - Principal

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).

2. Prayer - Teacher - Mrs. Kleparchuk (Teacher representatives to be determined)

Leader: Let us begin our prayer...

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Father,

We are called to be KNIGHTS to serve and do your will. Grant us the light of your spirit to guide us in our responsibilities to ARISE and get up when we are met with challenges.

May we work together for the common good.

May we listen to one another in respect for each other.

May we encourage one another.

May we accept one another's unique talents and differences.

May we welcome everyone.

May we respond to each other's needs and take care of one another.

May we be granted with the courage to meet adversity with trust that God is by our side.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

3. Introductions

4. Review of Agenda (2 min)

5. Review and Approval of June/20 Minutes(5-10 mins) - minutes approved by Sandra Kosik
Review of the 2019-2020 school council report (AGM Elections to follow)

6. New Principal - Mrs. Christine Samson: Welcome to all parents!

7. Trustee Report (10 min) - Mr. Joe Becigneul(10 mins)

- New superintendent Dr. Clint Moroziuk
- School re-entry plan developed by school administrators in conjunction with school administration team, AHS, and ATA
- Two covid cases in GSACRD - one at Morinville High School and one at Richard S. Fowler
- New school opens in Morinville - St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy
- Bsmt renovated in the district office bldg to accommodate St. Gabriel students - school was rebranded and renamed. Designed to serve students at varying grade levels and some international students.
- Division faith theme - Arise! Get Up!

8. Administration Report - Mrs. Samson and Mrs. Kleparchuk

- Faith filled Fridays - Arise! Get Up! (5-10 min) - Mrs. Samson

- School News Items (5 min) Mrs. Samson

- 3 students moved back from online learning to face to face learning
- school nurse in today to talk about allergies and to plan for inoculations

- SAA - Awarded Environmental Initiatives Grant - City of St. Albert \$2000 - Edible Garden

- Spirit Week! - Mrs. Kleparchuk

-how do we build a school family community in cohorts?? Previous years we had spirit teams and this year we are having other special activities that are COVID friendly.

- there will be another order for Knights gear in October
- parents can sell or trade gently used Knight wear on FB
- if the kids don't have Knights wear - anything blue or green is great!
- 29 new students b/w grades 1-9 at SAA this year

- Mrs. Duggan, Mr. Parks, and Alison Reiner (grade 2) are new teachers at our school
 - Mrs. Despina is moving onto a new role at VJM and Mrs. Bokenfor is taking her place at SAA.
 - Mrs. Lobel is on undetermined leave - they are looking at a temporary position to fill for now.
 - there is a new EA, Ramona Kiernan to replace Mrs. Bokenfor
- School Council Meeting Dates

9. Chair Report(10 min) - Karla Bergstrom

Chair Report:

Alberta School Council Association (ASCA)

1. School Council Engagement Task Force – Karla Bergstrom is the representative for the SAA SC
 1. School re-entry/re-entry planning survey open for feedback until Nov 6, 2020 – Karla will gather feedback from members of the SAA school community before responding
2. AGM – virtual meeting on Oct 17, 2020 from 10am-3pm – Karla will register as the SAA representative with the approval of school council to carry SAA's vote
 1. Will work with the GSACS Council of Councils to review the resolutions to coordinate a district response where applicable
 2. Emergent resolutions deadline is Oct 3, 2020
3. Resources
 1. Workshops and Webinars – various topics available to our school community if there is further interest

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools (GSACS) Education Fund

- It is a fund grant program designed to help fund unsupported school or classroom needs that demonstrate the enhancement of learning opportunities, evoke or promote passion and engagement in our students, support innovation within the classroom, promote faith, foster the development of relationships with one another and with God, and build community spirit and hope. These grants are supported through the fundraising activities of the foundation and its volunteers.
- Deadline to apply for this grant is Nov 20, 2020
- Admin to identify wish list and SC to work with Friends of SAA Fundraising Society to submit a project application

10. Committee Reports

*Review committee descriptions and identify committee leads

- Partners in Prayer - Nicole Kluthe & looking for others to join
- Compassionate Friends - Nicole Kluthe & Christine Hoskins
- Staff Appreciation - Christine Hoskins
- Volunteer Sign ups - Lindsay Martyna, Brandi Aguilar
- Yearbook Committee (K-3, 4-6, 7-9 - 3 coordinators) - huge shout-out to Sandra Kosik

for doing the yearbook solo for the past two years. This is a huge undertaking that takes well over 300 hours + to complete. We are looking to start up a yearbook committee and have a teacher lead as well.

- Friends of SAA Fundraising Society - Kristi Rouse - established October 2019.

- we have some passive fundraising in place: Oliver's Labels, Mabel's Labels, and FlipGive

- this ground has an executive council in place until June 2021 - but could really use some additional help by way of fundraising ideas, etc

- suggestion of a mixing spoon fundraiser - we could have a campaign throughout the fall with a cut-off in early November. This is baking mixes, soup mixes, chili mixes etc. Please share feedback on this or other ideas.

- Mrs. Rouse (Kristi's mother in-law) has made multi purpose hand-sewn cases that are available for purchase. 100% of the proceeds will go to Friends of SAA.

- Parents are encouraged to send in ideas and suggestions for fundraising ideas to the Friends of SAA.

11. Items for Next Months Agenda

Date of October School Council Meeting - October 14th @ 6:30pm

AGM elections

Chair - Karla Bergstrom - nominated by Kristi and seconded by Christine

Vice Chair - Christine Hoskins - nominated by Karla Bergstrom & seconded by Kristi Rouse

Secretary Keri Wilson-Hackett - nominated by Christine Hoskins, seconded by Kristi Rouse

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend this meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:43pm