

Sister Alphonse Academy

School Council Meeting Agenda

Virtual Google Meet: 6:30 pm

Nov. 18, 2020

- 1. Welcome Chair (1 minute)
- 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 (3 minutes)



God's Guidance

We long to be in your presence, As we work together as leaders. We trust in your wisdom, To be thoughtful in our planning.

We seek your guidance to help us to find,

A quiet heart, when we need to reflect. A hopeful heart, when we struggle to see a pathway. A trusting heart, when we identify priorities.

We seek your wisdom in all that we do as leaders. We thank you for your guidance, Lord. We know that we are blessed by your presence today and every day. One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- 4. Introductions (defer until we can return to in person meetings)
- 5. Review of Agenda (1 minute)
- 6. Review and Approval of <u>October Minutes</u> (2 minutes)
- 7. <u>Trustee Report</u> Mr. Joe Becigneul (10 minutes)
- 8. Administration Report Ms. Christine Samson, Ms. Lisa Kleparchuk (15 minutes)
 - Health and Safety updates provided weekly.
 - New schedule/timetable November 30th to reduce touch points.
 - Elementary report card date: November 27, 2020.
 - Jr. High marks Parents can check the progress of their child (children) by logging on PowerSchool.
 - Halloween Fun Week was a great success, the students loved the daily activities and it was a great way to bring the school together as a community. We raised \$196 for the local Parish.
 - Thank you to everyone who attended and supported Catholic Education Sunday on November 8, 2020. Thank you to Karla for contributing to the <u>Catholic</u> <u>Education Sunday video</u>.
 - Sacramental Preparation: Holy Family
 - Parish Partnership Meeting with St. Albert
 - Staff working on Faith and Learning Goals for this year. Discuss last year's results and focus for this year.
 - <u>SAA Results 2019/2020</u>
 - <u>SAA Three Year Plan:</u> New Theme, Arise Up! Get Up! Faith and Learning Goals
 - Advent/Christmas at SAA! Joint project with St. Albert High, collecting items for vulnerable youth and children's "pack a backpack". A list forthcoming.



- Good news! Sister Alphonse Academy has been awarded a \$1000 from United Way for a Virtual Auction in support of vulnerable youth (Catholic Social Services). This project can be worked on within the religion classes as a Social Justice project with support from the SAA community. Lists to be shared shortly.
- 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.
- 9. Reports
 - Chair Report Karla Bergstrom (10 minutes)

ASCA Regular General Meeting October 17, 2020 10am-7pm https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-general-meeting/general-mee ting "I do not like Robert or his rules!" - possible resolution to change to a more informal consensus vote.

Resolutions of note: bulk purchase of epi-pens, emergency funding for pandemic, mental health in curriculum

*Contentious#1 - Achieving equitable public education, which included changes to charter and private schools and reducing class sizes. After some attempts to amend/sever it was split into 7 resolutions. Carried - Request the Minister of Education to integrate Charter Schools into the public system making them accountable to locally elected school boards. Carried - Remove public funding from private schools except for those dedicated to serving students with disabilities.

*Contentious #2 - Prioritizing funding for high density areas, it was defeated because it had the potential to increase the rural disparity. There was an amendment proposed that could have improved the system for all students but it was denied because it changed the intent of the resolution.

Call for Resolutions for ASCA AGM on April 25, 2021 - The parents' voice on school councils is important to influence change in provincial education. Deadline to submit proposed resolutions is January 15, 2021.

Respect in School - is an online prevention training tool sponsored by Alberta Education and developed for School Leaders: teachers, administrators, educational assistants, counselors, custodians, school bus drivers, parent volunteers, or any individuals who interact with students. This curriculum provides the information and skills required to understand, prevent and respond to incidents of bullying, abuse, harassment and discrimination (BAHD). https://abed.respectgroupinc.com/



https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/gsacsfdn

School Council meeting efficiency - Establishing Ground Rules

In Scope:	Out of Scope:
School/District/Province wide	student specific/grade specific
Committee/Friends updates	Committee/Friends discussion

Opportunity for everyone in our school community to engage, while valuing everyone's time

- Committee Reports (5 minutes) Partners in Prayer - Nicole Kluthe Compassionate Friends - Nicole Kluthe Staff Appreciation - Christine Hoskins Yearbook - Sandra Kosik
- Friends of SAA Fundraising Society Kristi Rouse (5 minutes) Insurance update GSASC project application Fundraising <u>2020/21 Friends of SAA Survey Results</u>
- 10. School Calendar Meeting Dates (Dec. No meeting, Jan 13, Feb 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9)
- 11. Other Items/Reports: (TBD)
- 12. Next Month Agenda Items: (TBD)

Adjournment (Target 7:30 PM)

Next Meeting - January 13, 2021