



## **Sister Alphonse Academy**

### **School Council Meeting Agenda**

**Virtual Google Meet:** 6:30 pm

Attendance: **February 10, 2021**

Attendance: Christine Samson(Principal), Lisa Kleparchuk (Vice-Principal), Marisol Teixeira(Teacher) Kim Shmyr (Teacher), Joseph Becigneul(Trustee), Karla Bergstrom (Chair), Christine Hoskins(Vice-Chair), Keri Wilson-Hackett (Secretary), Brooke Ducharme, Nicole Kluthe, Sandra Kosik, Emersyn Hill, Zachary Abma, Kirsten Miller, Alessandra Hardy, Brooke Ducharme, Michael Wagner, Brandi Gar, Sandra Kosik, Meghan Wagner, Michelle, Zachary Abma, Lindsay Martyna

1. Welcome - Chair (1 minute)
2. Acknowledgement - Principal (1 minute)

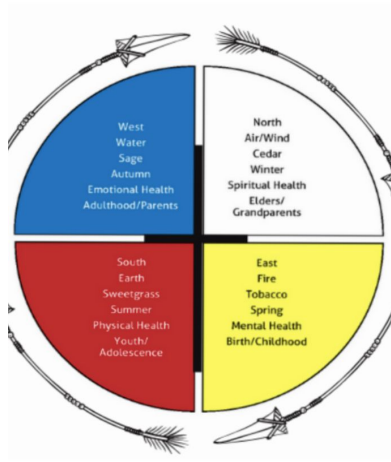
GSACRD and **Sister Alphonse Academy** acknowledge that we are meeting on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

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

3. Prayer - Vice Principal

**In the name of the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Today we would like to open our meeting with Scripture that speaks to our Division Theme of “Arise: Get up!”**



**ARISE!**

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your **heart**, and with all your **soul**, and with all your **strength**, and with all your **mind**; and your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:25-28

**Lord help us to love you and put you first in our lives as this is not always easy for us to do. Let all of those at our meeting this evening share in our gifts and talents as we join together in our Sister Alphonse Academy community. Amen.**

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

**Board of Trustees Report: February 2021.**

## 8.Reports

- Chair Report - Karla Bergstrom (10 minutes)

### **Chair Report – Feb 10, 2021 School Council Meeting**

#### **Council of Council Meeting – Feb 1, 2021**

- All Chairs of school councils in GSACRD invited to participate in a meeting with the Superintendent and Trustees.
- Virtual meeting was very successful – it was the first time in history all school councils in the district were present, as were all of the trustees. This may be the way to continue even after the covid restrictions are lifted.
- Topics focused on: by-law updates, position terms, fundraising ideas, staff appreciation ideas, Superintendent update, insurance for fundraising societies, and roundtable sharing.
- Introduction to Dr. Clint Moroziuk, GSACRD's new Superintendent
- SAA was recognized for it's involvement in the School Health Snapshot – so thank you to staff and all who were involved in helping the district pass with flying colors.
- Relating to the cost of insurance – the company that the district worked with in the past to provide insurance worked with the district to hold the fees to last year's rate. All schools are feeling this and there is a recognition of needing to fundraise to fundraise. To be more transparent about this, other chairs suggested a voluntary fee per family at the beginning of the year to cover this cost. School Council's liability is covered by the school because of Administration's oversight, whereas directors of fundraising societies are not covered and is required to carry insurance. The advice provided by the group was insurance is very important to societies to have insurance. I see some slippage here if this is not coordinated by the district. If SC's have their own bank accounts then the school board can legally take funds from school council accounts. Many have been switching over to a friend's society because then your fundraising funds are protected. This doesn't affect SAA. However, this opens the question as to who gets to make the decisions about the use of the funds? Should it be solely voted by a few of the society's directors or should parents at school council have a vote?
- There was general consensus that this meeting provided a lot of value because of the sharing of information and participation by all.
- Cathy Stefner, Chair of SACHS, chaired the CoC meeting. This will be her last year when her youngest graduates after 19 years of service in the district. She is a past recipient of the Parent of Distinction Award.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May. It's been years since CoC has had 2 meetings, try for 2 and hopefully get 1, but there are some years it may have been missed completely.

\*Idea for Staff Appreciation – Wine Fairies...individualized care packages that are dropped off on staff members' door steps.

## 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

Good News!

We received a certificate of thanks from the St. Albert Lions Club for all of the hard work our staff has been doing during Covid as essential workers.

Teachers Convention - Staff valued this opportunity to learn about so many educational and valued topics. Learning more about literacy, numeracy, health and wellness in addition to how to support diverse learning needs in schools was truly appreciated. Ms. Carryl Bennett, our local ATA President was a key member in organizing this event!

Our Kindergarten Virtual Open House - January 27th, 2021

We are excited to say that we have had an excellent response and we are receiving new registrations each day!

We have placed our order for six chromebooks and charger trolley using our funding from the GSACRD Educational Foundation. We are looking forward to having more chromebooks to support our students in the K - 3 grades.

Mrs. Carla Stanley our counsellor has had her hours increased to all day Tuesdays. This is truly making a difference in being able to support our students.

- **Online Scholastic book fair coming up: February 15 - 26, 2021**
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews are being held February 23/25th: 4:30 - 7:30 virtually. Information on sign up will be shared this week.**
- **Insurance update - Parameters shared regarding activities that are low, medium and high risk.**

**Faith:** We will not be able to have our normal Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast but we will still purchase a snack for the students such as a cookie or muffin and juice drink. This is due to Covid 19 restrictions that are in place. We will be picking up ashes from St. Albert Catholic Parish as we will be distributing the ashes but will sprinkle a small amount of ashes onto each child/person (no touch).

We will also be looking at planning our student and staff faith retreat in the second half of the school year.

Thank you to Nicole Kluthe and her family for supporting the Stollery! We were so happy to have our students take the lead. We are working at linking every initiative to our faith and the Catholic Social teachings.

#### **Upcoming events:**

- SAA Elementary/Jr. High Open House: Thursday, February 11, 6:30 p.m. Virtual events, registration and details may be found on our school website: <https://www.saa.gsacrd.ab.ca/>

#### 10. Committee Reports (5 minutes)

Partners in Prayer - Nicole Kluthe

Compassionate Friends - Nicole Kluthe

**Staff Appreciation - Christine Hoskins (looking for volunteers - would like to begin the planning process ASAP) - committee to be created and a virtual meeting dated planned.**

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

- Friends of SAA Fundraising Society - Kristi Rouse (5 minutes)
  1. Collection of orders and funds for Staff Appreciation initiative March 1-15/21. See Christine Hoskins Staff Appreciation for more information.
  2. Ever-Green Greenhouses (same supplier of Poinsettias) Spring Plants
    - Options available: 11" Hanging Baskets, 12" Planters, 10" Tomato Plant with Cage, 4" Herb Tray w/ 12 various popular herbs per tray, 4" Strawberry Plant
    - Will the school community support this?
    - Delivery date must be booked by March 1. JM Demko has delivery scheduled for May 4. Would we like to coordinate same day delivery?
  3. Broader support from the school community would be appreciated.

Ongoing fundraisers include:

    - \$10 multi-purpose zippered bags with 100% proceeds to society
      - New product offering: \$30 tote bags with 6 interior pockets



- FlipGive - \$55 raised
- Campbell Park Bottle Depot - \$0 raised
- COBS - \$ raised unknown until September 2021
- Mabel's Labels - \$54.61 raised
- Oliver's Labels - \$31.79 raised

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

9. Other Items/Reports: (TBD)

10. Next Month Agenda Items: (TBD)

Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting** - March 10, 2021