



Sister Alphonse Academy

School Council Meeting Agenda

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

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Attendance: Christine Samson(Principal), Cindy Phillips (Vice-Principal), Joseph Becigneul(Trustee), Karla Bergstrom (Chair), Christine Hoskins(Vice-Chair), Keri Wilson-Hackett (Secretary), Sandra Kosik, Michelle, Jillian Bourgeois, Jenna Hill, Tom Untergasser, Kirsten Miller, Brooke Ducharme, Luke Shopland, Zachary Abma, Alessandra Hardy

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: Mrs. Cindy Phillips

Prayer to Mary

During this month of May, we pray for Catholic Education, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin...

Hail Mary full of Grace,

the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God,

pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death

Amen.

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

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)

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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

- Good News!

"Sean Brass is a Grade 6 teacher in St. Albert and he has made a difference for the Bourgeois family over the past year. He has been nominated as a Mental Health Hero by Jillian Bourgeois for his poignant mentorship and caring nature."

- Read more in this week's City Highlights: <http://ow.ly/wmZE50EHILh>

- New [SAA Knights video](#)! Thank you to Mrs. Phillips for creating this great video to showcase our school
- Catholic Education week! May 10 - 14th
- **Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award**

The award will honour staff members who are active and articulate witnesses to Jesus Christ by serving the needy in the most selfless manner possible. Such service exemplifies Laura Bird, a teacher in St. Albert in the 1960s and 70s who served students through a spirit of inclusion and advocacy for their needs. Please click on the link to access more information regarding this special award. **Nominations are open until May 14, 2021.** Thank you!

- **We are purchasing new sneakers for vulnerable youth at CSS! We were able to raise \$1250** through break a rule day towards this great cause! We also will be putting the \$1000 grant towards this endeavour as well.
- **Envisioning Collaborative Response** - Administrators have been learning more about how to support students through a collaborative response model: Using regular, collaborative learning teams. This important work supports ALL students and their ongoing needs.
- **Kona Ice Food Truck Day!** May 26, 2021: Division II (Grades 4 - 6) students have been working on a project based learning opportunity which has involved many different subject areas of study. Having the food truck out to our school will be a great way to culminate the learning on this project.
- **Division - School Assurance Document:** We have taken the feedback from students, staff, parents, and other stakeholders based upon our data and have created a one page document which will be posted on our website in the next few weeks.
- Planning the student retreat which may include virtual components now that we are in online learning. More details to follow.
- **PD District Mass June 7, 2021.**

- Planning of our **Grade 6 celebration (June 22) and Grade 9 farewell (June 11)** is in the works. The format of these events will depend upon whether the students are still learning virtually or whether they are in the building.
- Budget and timetabling work is starting to happen.
- We are excited about our Community Garden! We had a \$2000.00 grant from the City of St. Albert.

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.

- Friends of SAA Fundraising Society - Kirsten Miller (5 minutes)

Flower Fundraiser - the society is looking for volunteers to help distribute the flowers that were ordered on Wednesday, May 19 th from 3-5 pm please contact Kirsten Miller at

friendsofsaa@gmail.com to help

The Society needs 5 parent volunteers to join the board ASAP please contact Kirsten Miller at

friendsofsaa@gmail.com

- 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: 7:49 p.m.

Next Meeting - June 9, 2021