



## **Sister Alphonse Academy**

### **School Council Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021: 6:30 p.m.**

**Virtual - Please see link on the school website**

Attendance: Christine Samson(Principal), Cindy Phillips(Vice-Principal), Joe Becigneul(Trustee), Karla Bergstrom (Chair), Keri Wilson-Hackett(Secretary), Marisol (Teacher), Kim Shmyr, Nicole Kluthe, Steve Ducharme, Kristi Rouse, Brandi Gar, Lindsay Martyna, Jenna Hill, Jason Cadzow, Zachary Abma, Michelle, Marianne Schiedel, Alessandra Hardy, Jon Hilner, Franco M.,Katie & Blair Troock, Luke Shopland, Stacy Malin

Welcome - Chair (1 minute)

SAA School Council Meeting/Annual General Meeting

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).

Prayer - Vice Principal: Mrs. Cindy Phillips



As we begin this school year let us pray that each of us may be strengthened as models and witnesses of Jesus Christ. May our lives provide testimony to the truth, goodness and beauty of our faith, and may this testimony continue to transform our communities. God of hope and courage, you call each of us to bear witness to your abundant love in a frightened world. All around us are signs the world is struggling and the future is unclear. Strengthen our confidence in your unfailing grace and grant us the courage to move onward even when we cannot see the way, knowing that you will guide our every step. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **Executive - Annual General Meeting- 6:39pm**

Nominations for the 2021-2022 School year

**Chair:** runs meetings, works with administration

Nicole Kluthe - seconded Lindsay Martyna, Jason Cadzow

Lindsay Martyna- seconded by Nicole Kluthe

**Vice Chair:** supports the chair and works with administration

Christine Hoskins- Marianne Schiedel

**Secretary:** takes minutes during meetings

Kim Shmyr - Marianne Schiedel

All in favor, no objections.

Annual general meeting adjourned at 7:09pm

### **SAA School Council Meeting 7:10pm**

#### **Introductions**

Review of Agenda (1 minute)

- approved by Lindsay, seconded by Nicole K

Review and Approval of [June Agenda/Minutes](#) (2 minutes)

- Approved by , Seconded by Jason Cadzow

[Trustee Report](#) - Mr. Joe Becigneul

## Reports

Chair Report - New Chair no report until October

### **Administration Report** - Christine Samson, Cindy Phillips

- All [school council agendas](#) and minutes are posted on the school website each week. I have included the link for parents if you are having any difficulty locating this information.
- **[Division - School Assurance Document](#)**: Our school results and the school assurance document are included on the school website. Thank you for your contribution and support in meeting our faith and learning goals this school year.
- GSACS Education Foundation Grant opportunity once again!

The GSACS Education Foundation has updated the website for the [2021 Group Grant Requests](#) from the Futures Fund.

In 2020, the second year of distributing funds, the Foundation received seven applications and was pleased to support the following three school initiatives:

- \$2,350      Ecole Father Jan – Technology (iPads/Chromebooks)
- \$2,500      JJ Nearing – Decodable Books (remedial reading program)
- \$2,350      Sister Alphonse Academy - Technology (iPads/Chromebooks)

Perhaps the GSACS Education Foundation might be able to help with an educational initiative at your school, that might otherwise go unfunded but would be of great benefit to student learning and/or engagement. **2021**

**submission deadline is: NOON, Monday, November 22, 2021. All submissions should be sent by email to: [foundation@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:foundation@gsacrd.ab.ca)**

- **Sacramental preparation letters were sent out to our Grade 2 and 6 parents from St. Albert Catholic Parish.**
  - Mrs Samson will look into getting information from Holy Family Parish
- **Ever Active schools** - Our school is scheduled to start working with Ever Active Schools in October.
- **Crosswalk safety** - The City of St. Albert has added three new cross walks around Sister Alphonse.
- **Virtual Class Photos from 2020/2021** are coming! We just received them and are proofing them. Once finalized the order link will be shared.
- **Additional Counselling Hours** - Mr. David Szykowski is at SAA Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

New or Updated [Admin Procedures](#) Review (from PAC in June)

AP 125 - Awards  
AP 233 - Religious Education  
AP 260 - Field Trips  
AP 310 - Student Safety  
AP 311 - Emergency Disaster  
AP 412 - OHS  
AP 416 - Staff Attire  
AP 540 - Transportation Services

Other AP - Lanyards (including break away lanyards) are not to be used in school. Please see the GSACRD Administrative Policy

## Grade 2 and 3 Literacy!

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools has partnered with University of Alberta's lead researcher and professor, Dr. George Georgiou, to participate in the Alberta Research Network (ARN) Literacy Study. The study aims to examine the learning loss in grade 2 and 3 students resulting from the pandemic and provides educators with professional learning opportunities on research-based practices to eliminate reading difficulties.

Grade 2 and 3 students across the division will be assessed in the areas of sight word recognition, fluency, phonics, phonemic awareness and reading comprehension. Students at risk for reading difficulties will receive intervention programming designed by Dr. Georgiou and delivered by trained interventionists, including teachers and educational assistants. Further information will be outlined in the Parent/Guardian consent which will be shared with families in the third week of September. We're pleased to work in partnership with the University of Alberta while providing a structured and systematic approach to reading instruction. Dr. Georgiou has preliminary evidence to suggest that the interventions will be effective and help approximately 300 children overcome reading difficulties.

**Thursday, Sept 16:** Pre-Kindergarten staggered entry

**Virtual Earth Rangers presentation for elementary classes.**

**SAA Spirit Day** - Students can wear their SAA Spirit wear or our school colours: Blue/Green.

Every Thursday students are encouraged to wear their school colours!

**Friday, Sept. 17 - No school: Professional Development Day**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 24 - Terry Fox Run - please bring in Toonies for Terry**

**No PreK/Kinder**

**September 29 - Orange Shirt Day Activities**

**September 30 - NO CLASSES - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**

**OUR SNACK SHACK WILL BE OPENING OCTOBER 1, 2021.** This will be run by our jr. high leadership group.

-Parents can purchase snack shack cards via school cash online; students can also come with money

**Committee Reports (5 minutes)**

- Partners in Prayer- met in June, will continue to meet every month or couple of months. Group prays for intentions. Email Nicole Kluthe if you are interested in joining.
- Compassionate Friends- supports families in need in our school community (ie. food for families in need). Contact Nicole Kluthe if you would like to help with this as well as if you know of a family that may need some assistance.
- Yearbook- Sandra did a beautiful job along with Kim, Shannon and Marisol. This year we are looking at getting a group of students along with staff to work on the yearbook. If a parent would like to support, that would be great.

**Friends of SAA Fundraising Society - Steve Ducharme, Chair (5 minutes)**

[New Friends executive!](#) Welcome and congratulations!

Parents can easily refer to this site when looking for a particular fundraiser or way to donate: <https://linktr.ee/FriendsofSAA>

**-Admin and Staff at SAA will look into recognizing a particular donor**

- If you would like to participate in the SAA Friends group, please contact one of the executives on the list.
- SAA Friends group is hoping to create a newsletter/means of communicating fund raising events.
- [SAA Wish List - 2021/2022](#)

**Staff Appreciation**

School Council Meeting Dates for School Calendar- second Wednesday of every month

Other Items/Reports: (TBD)

Question regarding Covid policy: Will parents be notified when there is a Covid case in the classroom?

-Mr Becigneul reviewed current district policy noting it is up to parents to test their child and inform schools if they wish to do so. More information will be provided if there are changes to this policy.

Old Business from June 2021 meeting

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)

Next Month Agenda Items: (TBD)

Adjournment: 7:50pm

**Next Meeting** - Wednesday, October 13th, 2021 at 6:30pm

