



Sister Alphonse Academy

School Council Meeting Agenda

Wed, October 13, 2021: 6:30 p.m.

Virtual - Please see link on the school website

Attendance: Christine Samson, Cindy Phillips, Lindsay Martyna, Nicole Kluthe, Jenna Hill, Jessica Caister, Karla Bergstrom, Kim Willy, Kristi Rouse, Marianne Schiedel, Steve Ducharme, Karla Bergstrom, Christine Hoskins

Welcome - Chair (1 minute)

SAA School Council 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



Thankfulness & Remembering Others

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;

When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;

When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;

When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,

And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency;

bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;

By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.

- *Author Unknown*

SAA School Council Meeting

Introductions

Review of Agenda (1 minute)

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

- Approved by: Nicole Kluthe
- Seconded by: Lindsay Martyna

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

Reports

Chair Report - Nicole and Lindsay: goals for the SAA council meetings (more parent involvement etc).

Questions:

1. The fall update to the funding manual has been released and indicated a deadline to apply for the school council engagement grant. What are the plans for that?

ASCA- <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>

-Christine Samson & Christine Hoskins volunteered to help with the application process for this grant

Administration Report - Christine Samson, Cindy Phillips

Thank you to SAA Friends and all of our support and sponsors!

We are finalizing the transfer of payment from Friends for the purchase of 6 new chromebooks and charging trolley. These chromebooks are a huge need as we experience growth in our population. We also shared a stand alone message today reminding families about the Farm to Table fundraiser.

[SAA Wish List Items](#)

Question: There was a survey of the school community last Fall to assist with developing the wish list for proceeds from fundraising under the mandate that the entire school community was to benefit. To what extent, if any, was that work considered?

-Steve Ducharme will look into this, with the help of administration

NEW! Junior High Awards 2020/2021! Please note this is virtual and more specific information will follow.

***Thank you for your patience as this will be THE FIRST SAA JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS**

Awards are to be held on October 21, 1:00pm. Information will be shared with Junior High parents shortly.

Collaborative Response - Learning teams!

Staff will be learning more about how to support students with a team approach, which includes providing several tiers of support. We will be learning more about this learning team approach during our staff meeting/professional development days.

-Targets learning needs of students and can include a variety of supports (councillor, family wrap around services, teachers, admin etc)

Faith Formation: Elementary and Junior High students participated in a three day chaplain in residence in addition to participating in their student retreat! Students engaged in learning more about what it means to be a witness in the world.

Holy Family Parish - Sacramental information recently shared in [SAA Newsflash - Oct. 8, 2021](#)

SAA Leadership!

Leadership **Halloween activities** taking place during the last week of October.

We are also looking for fun activities to have during Advent/Christmas.

- Some ideas: Calendar for the month of December with family activities to do together at home (parents can send in pictures); family virtual sing along, movie at Landmark theatre, **take home Joy box** (can this be made virtual?, does this fit covid regulations?)
- **Christine Samson will send another google invite to work through more details**
- **Should we set up an events committee?**

- Should we set up a volunteer committee?

SAA Spirit Teams are up and running

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. Intervention work has started and we have three different staff members working with small groups of students.

Covid updates - We are continuing to share any new protocols/updates through our weekly newsflash. Thank you to all of our parents for keeping their children home when they are sick. This truly makes a difference.

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.
-Meeting October 25 at 1:45pm
- 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.

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>

- 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](#)
- Farm to School fundraiser delivery/pick up Nov. 3
Volunteers are needed to help distribute

- Next meeting November 22 at 6:30 pm, link will be put up in linktr.ee site

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Staff Appreciation

- Christine Hoskins is looking to pass this on... any volunteers?

School Council Meeting Dates for School Calendar-

November 17
December 15
January 12
February 16
March 16
April 13
May 11
June 15

*all meetings at 6:30pm

Other Items/Reports: (TBD)

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)
 - a. Steve Ducharme can help with this and is willing to be a point of contact
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

Next Month Agenda Items: (TBD)

- Discussion around creating other committees: event committee and volunteer committee
- Advent/Events for December
- School council engagement grant- where are we at with this
- SAA Wish List items- to be discussed during October staff meeting
 - Are there other needs? What are the priorities at this time?

Adjournment: 7:48pm

Next Meeting - Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:30pm

