



Sister Alphonse Academy

School Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, February 16, 2022: 6:30 p.m.

Virtual - Please see link on the school website: <https://meet.google.com/fpa-smhh-ejh>

Attendance: Lindsay Martyna, Christine Samson, Cindy Phillips, Marisol Teixeira, Kim Willy, Amanda Marghella, Keri Wilson-Hackett, Sandra Kosik, Steve Ducharme, Tyler Oleksiw, Rouse Family, Michelle, Serena Shaw, Jessica Caister, Beatriz Clarke, Jenna Hill,

Welcome - Chair (1 minute)

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



May our love
always reflect God's love.
May our goodness always
reflect God's goodness.

May the Holy Spirit unite us,
and may Mary keep us
close to her immaculate heart.

May every blessing from heaven
be ours always.

All: Amen

SAA School Council Meeting

1) Introductions

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

- Approved by: Lindsay Martyna
- Seconded by: Kim Willy

3) Review of Agenda (1 minute)

4) [Trustee Report](#) - Trustee: Mrs. Serena Shaw

- Specific reports are found on the GSACRD website if you wish to look further into them.

5) Reports

a) Chair Report - Lindsay:

i) Council of Councils Update- Inquiry was made regarding how to get funds to use for teacher appreciation

- 1) Donations can be set up specifically for teacher appreciation type events
- 2) OR funds can be accessed through school fundraising groups/committees. Fundraising committees can allocate funds for this with the justification that betterment of the teachers=betterment of the students

(a) We might need to look into amending the bylaws of the fundraising committee. Other schools seem to be working hand in hand between their council and their fundraising committee. We seem to be separate at SAA.

ii) The Alberta School Council Engagement Grant: Good news! We have \$500.00.

- 1) <https://www.alberta.ca/school-councils.aspx>

2) Any ideas on how we should spend this money?

(a) pay a local speaker to talk about emotional reg or some hot parenting topic that is applicable to our kiddos? Jody Carrington is probably too pricey but maybe someone like her... Danielle Reed??

(b) Ideas brought forward:

- (i) <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/engaging-parents-the-gentle-revolution-with-dr-debbie-pushor-tickets-269215409537?ref=eios>
- (ii) Danielle Reed

- (iii) Focus on mental health strategies during this time; presentation by Ikigirlplanners. [Ikigirlplanners Presentation Intro PDF](#)

*Amanda Marghella and Lindsay Martyna will look into contacting these speakers

- 3) Can we pool funds with other schools?

More information will be shared next meeting regarding costs so that a consensus can be reached.

- b) **Administration Report** - Christine Samson, Cindy Phillips

Sister Alphonse - School Fees for 2022/2023 school year

*This year we purchased a lot of textbooks out of our school based budget for our junior high students as they were using electronic resources, which is great; but other students requested having an actual book for a textbook.

School based fees:

2022/2023 school-based fees Review (Administrative Procedure 502). We will be reviewing the fees next month as this has to be completed prior to March 1, 2022.

***Volleyball fee charged this year: \$105.00**

***Basketball fee charged this year: \$100.00**

*We will need to further explore the use of the School Agenda App with staff as right now it is not being used as much as it could be. Our hope is to expand the use of the student app and/or add the option of a coiled/paper agenda which assists students in being organized. Some staff see a need to use a school book agenda rather than the App. We will be discussing this further at our staff meeting on Friday.

Student Registration Fee Gr. 1-9

Lunch Supervision - \$45; Special Event Fee - \$20.00; School App Fee - \$13;
Sketch Book - \$10

Junior High Options:

Cross Country-\$15

Art- \$10

Foods- \$20

Construction- \$15

Fashion- \$15

Robotics- \$10

Sports Medicine-\$10

Outdoor Ed-\$10

Other maximum fee schedules for all of GSACRD schools are found on the website as well.

****Currently we do not charge fees for our options in the junior high such as Art, Foods, and Construction; but this needs to be examined as we are gaining in population and the cost of consumable supplies and equipment is increasing each year.**

***Parents approve of the upper limit and fee outline.**

There is an opportunity for public consultation and feedback with the Alberta Curriculum: [Government Feedback Sessions](#) - Information and online survey is available.

[Video Tour of St. Albert Parish](#)

-SAA will recognize those who have celebrated their sacraments and each student will receive a token from the school.

COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATE:

Good news! **Volunteers are once again being permitted at schools** - The double vaccination requirement has been removed: [AP 265 Volunteers in Schools](#) Currently cohorting is still in place so school assemblies are still not being permitted at this time.

- Deputy Minister Tremblay shared an updated [Guidance Document](#) from the Government of Alberta to reflect the new easing of restrictions.
- GSACRD is permitting spectators for school run extra curricular events in our schools. **Spectators 13 years or older will be required to wear masks and physically distance in household groups.**
- Our [GSACRD parent guidebook](#) was recently updated in February and was shared with parents in our weekly newsflash.
- Please note that there is a declaration volunteer form available that may be filled out if one would like to volunteer, but you have not received the child welfare check as of yet: [Updated Form](#)

Our [GSACRD Division Assurance survey](#) will be taking place again this year between **Feb. 18 - March 4, 2022**. Our Division Services will be emailing the link directly to parents, so please watch out for this as we value your ongoing support!

[SAA Wish List Items](#) - We are hoping to also be able to invest again in our Music program. This year we purchased more Orph instruments so that there are enough now for all students to use one. It would be great to be able to purchase some Ukuleles as well. We are working towards being able to offer a more robust Music program at the junior high level as well.

Upcoming Events:

February 17, 2022: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Virtual Junior High Open House! Please consider joining us: [SAA JH registration form](#).

February 23rd - PINK SHIRT day! Healthy Hunger: Jack's Burger Shack!

February 22 and 24th: Parent/Teacher Interviews - 4:30 - 7:30 p.m: The link to book a time was shared with families this morning.

March 10th - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. In person school tour style open house for Sister Alphonse Academy. Groups of parents and children will be toured through the school.

Lenten Campaign - "Be Safe Kit Project" - Catholic Social Services: A list of items that are in need will be shared closer to the beginning of Lent.

Just for your information, GSACRD offers R.I.S.E. programming at the following schools:

GSACRD RISE PROGRAMS Respectful Inclusive Supported Education (RISE)



RISE students typically have physical, cognitive, and/or diagnosed learning exceptionalities that interfere with their abilities to acquire age-appropriate academic, communication, and/or social skills.

Updates on the following:

- a) **Solar for Schools** - Steve Ducharme shared some information with Christine regarding this initiative. In order to be able to move forward with this, our division would need to be in support/be involved. No update available as of yet.
- b) **Everactive Schools** - Staff will be examining the data received from a travel survey that was done by Ever Active schools and then will be discussing some of the initiatives we may want to add to our spring activity days. Family Travel Survey results: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-DWN87Q5L9/>
- c) **Supporting kids for Rec Academy/Hot lunch** - Students names can not be shared and there is no procedure in place in our division to look at this as an option. This is the same for donating funds for student lunches. All students receive hot lunch a few times during the year with the nutrition grant as well as receive daily/weekly snacks with the nutrition grant as well.
- d) **Follow up on an inquiry:** Events Committee - Some schools are starting to do family fun events (ex. NMR family ski night), can we brainstorm some ideas on how we can bring SAA families together? Where can we access funds to run events like these?
 - i) SAA can't support funds for these types of events at this time; Lindsay will look into how other schools are accessing funds for these events.

***These events are blocked on the calendar and the families who wish to participate and pay on their own. The school will usually book the time on the ski hill and then advertise it at school. We used to have this type of event when I was at Holy Family school.

c) Committee Reports (5 minutes)

- **Partners in Prayer-** met in November, will continue to meet every month or couple of months. Group prays for intentions. Email Nicole Kluthe if you are interested in joining.
Next meeting: TBA
We aim to meet the last Monday of every month at 1:45 p.m.
- **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)**
 - **Financials & Wish List** (chromebooks received, ipads on back order, next item: ukuleles)
 - **Healthy Hunger Hot Lunches** - have been set up, bi-weekly for the year. Parents can order directly at www.healthyhunger.ca the Friday prior to the hot lunch
 - Please note: *EDO - has been added in March - March 23rd; *Canadian Pizza was moved to the April date due to classes being online at the end of January
 - We have **ADDED a \$5 Donation** option to the upcoming lunches, to go towards a student lunch in need. (We are looking for a list of students - from teacher's / administration - of students who could benefit from this, so that we can order these lunches starting in March)
 - A huge thank you to all the volunteers and teachers who continue to make this happen.
 - We will be discussing a potential Raffle Fundraiser at our meeting next - we are looking for feedback from parents / parents to help out
 - Next Friends meeting is: Wed. Feb. 23rd @ 6:30pm - Please join us. All parents are welcome. <https://meet.google.com/pcc-qkxq-efc?hs=224>
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Updates will continue to be posted in the weekly Newsflash, as well as on our **Link Tree**: <https://linktr.ee/FriendsofSAA> [SAA Wish List - 2021/2022](#)

- **Staff Appreciation Update-** Karla Bergstrom
 - A meeting will be set up with volunteers to organize and narrow down ideas.
 - More information will be shared at the next meeting.

d) Other Items/Reports: (TBD)

- i) Safety Concern on the east side of the parent parking space- Getting a “No Parking Sign” by the crosswalk
 - 1) Nicole has contacted the city and a sign will be put up.
- ii) Events Committee- Some schools are starting to do family fun events (ex. NMR family ski night), can we brainstorm some ideas on how we can bring SAA families together?
 - 1) Ideas brought forward: movie night, dances, year end celebration, bbq, food trucks
 - 2) Where can we access funds to run events like these? We will touch base with Friends Committee

Parents interested in helping with the Events Committee: Amanda Marghella, Lesley/Tyler Oleksiw

- iii) School Photos- School chairs were sent a letter from Edge Imaging
 - 1) Should we look into trying out a new photo company?

Cindy and Christine will look further into this company to compare costs.

Next Month Agenda Items: (TBD)

- 1) Gather more information regarding costs associated with the speakers/ideas brought forward for the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant (\$500)- Lindsay and Amanda
- 2) Lindsay will contact Council of Councils group to inquire on how they get the funds for family event nights (ie. NMR ski night)
- 3) Update on Staff Appreciation- Karla
- 4) Update on Edge Imaging as a possibility for photos- Christine and Cindy
- 5) Update on Events Committee

Adjournment: 8:03 p.m.

Next Meeting - March 16, 2022

School Council Meeting Dates for School Calendar-
March 16

April 13
May 11
June 15

*all meetings at 6:30 p.m.