



Sister Alphonse Academy School Council Meeting Agenda

Virtual Google Meet: 6:30 pm

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), Zachary Abma, Kevin Shopland, Scott Nameth, Jenna Hill, Meghan Wagner, Jordan Cadzow, Alessandra Hardy, Brandi Gar

January 13, 2021

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

Board of Trustees Report: January 2021

Our regularly scheduled Board meeting was held December 14, 2020.

Good News:

In partnership with Catholic Social Services (CSS), schools, families and staff throughout our Division participated in the 2020 Stuff-a-Stocking Advent Campaign. All funds raised helped CSS purchase Christmas stockings and turkey dinners for 300 vulnerable youth supported by CSS. Thank you to all our students, families, staff, and community members for supporting this worthy cause. Over \$8,400 was raised.

The Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Education Foundation wrapped up its first-ever 50/50 Cash Raffle Fundraiser on Dec. 3. The final jackpot was \$14,250, with 6,065 tickets purchased by 526 people. The 50/50 draw took place on Dec. 8 and was livestreamed to Facebook, with one lucky winner receiving \$7,125! Congratulations! Most importantly, however, the balance raised (\$7,125) will allow the Foundation to support future school needs and projects. Our sincere gratitude goes out to all those who supported the Foundation and our students.

Board Business:

The Board reviewed and approved, or accepted, the following Action items:

- General Election procedures – October 2021
- Superintendent Evaluation and Board Self-Evaluation
- Staff Appreciation

Updates and/or reports were provided on the following:

- 2020-2021 Fall Budget Update
- Instructional Calendar Process

Upcoming Division Events

- First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Leadership Committee Meeting – December 16, 2020.
- 2021 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Virtual EXPOS – Being held in January 2021.

Upcoming Board Initiatives:

- Alberta School Boards Association Full-day Advocacy Planning workshop – Feb. 8th.
- Board of Trustees Annual Board Planning Retreat - April 15 – 16.
- Alberta School Councils Association.

Our January Committee of the Whole Meeting was held Monday, January 11. The Committee of the Whole Meeting sets agenda items for the Board Meeting.

Tuesday, Dr. Rhonda Nixon, Deputy Superintendent, announced she will be leaving us to take on the position of Superintendent of the Kamloops School Division in British Columbia. Dr. Nixon has been a stellar member of our Administration Team and we wish her nothing but the best in her new role as Superintendent for the Kamloops School Division.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be livestreamed to the community. All Regular Board Meetings are usually open to the public (note: presently, meetings are only held virtually).

9. Administration Report - Ms. Christine Samson, Ms. Lisa Kleparchuk (15 minutes)

- Thank you so much to all SAA parents for all of their Christmas gifts and kindness.
- The new homeroom schedule for Junior High has been implemented.
- Parents can check the progress of their child (children) by logging on PowerSchool.
- Staff working on Faith and Learning Goals for this year. Discuss last year's results and focus for this year.
- January 29th - Staff wellness.



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- Good news! Sister Alphonse Academy has been awarded a **\$1000** from United Way for a Virtual Auction in support of vulnerable youth (Catholic Social Services). Are there any parents who would like to assist us with this campaign? More information will be shared in the next bulletin.
- **Online Scholastic book fair coming up: February 15 - 26, 2021**
- We completed our *School Improvement Plan* meetings with senior administration and shared some great work that our staff is doing to provide more feedback to students. Use of Pear Deck and [TAG feedback](#).



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- We have also been very fortunate to now be able to offer more assistance for students. Our Counsellor, Mrs. Carla Stanley will move from half a day of support every Tuesday to a every Tuesday all day. We have also received a little bit of support for diverse literacy needs in the Junior High, so Mrs. Karen Webb will be assisting Lisa and the students in providing students with some extra support.
- **Faith:** We will not be able to have our normal Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast but we are still trying to purchase a snack for the students such as a packaged cookie and juice drink. This is due to Covid 19 restrictions that are in place. We will also be looking at planning our student and staff faith retreat in the second half of the school year.
- **Upcoming events:** GSACRD Kinder Expo - Thursday, January 14th, 6:00 p.m.
SAA Kinder Expo - January 27, 6:00 p.m. Virtual events, registration and details may be found on our school website: <https://www.saa.gsacrd.ab.ca/>
- SAA Elementary/Jr. High Open House: Thursday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.
- Calendar review - Feedback

10. Reports

- Chair Report - Karla Bergstrom (10 minutes)

No report for this meeting

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

- Friends of SAA Fundraising Society - Kristi Rouse (5 minutes)

Kristi Rouse - Report:

Insurance update - after repeated follow up with the District's new insurance provider, insurance is in place at an estimated cost of \$610.50 for the year, representing a significant increase in cost for basic insurance coverage for parent volunteers.

GSASC project application - provided advice to Mrs. Samson on application and receipt of proceeds from grant funds (SAA Successful in receiving \$2350.00 for technology purchase)

Fundraising [2020/21 Friends of SAA Survey Results](#) - Priorities of school community can be viewed here

Poinsettia fundraiser net proceeds: \$734.14.

Ongoing fundraisers include:

- \$10 multi-purpose zippered bags with 100% proceeds to society
- FlipGive
- Campbell Park Bottle Depot
- COBS
- Mabel's Labels
- Oliver's Labels
- Thank you to Christine Hoskins for donating \$500 towards technology.

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

12. Other Items/Reports: (TBD)

13. Next Month Agenda Items: (TBD)

Adjournment - 7:30 PM

Next Meeting - February 10, 2021

