**École Agnes Davidson School Council Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**7:15pm**

1. Welcome/Gratitude
2. Approval of Agenda – Michelle, Donna – all in favor
3. Approval of Nov. 3, 2020 Minutes – Danielle, Donna – all in favor
4. Reports
   1. Principal Report (Terra)

1. School Boundaries – Terra, Cheryl, Christine- proposed changes across Lethbridge. Ecole Agnes Davidson will become exclusively French Immersion. Nicholas Sheran French students will join AD. English students will be sent to Dr. Plaxton / Lakeview depending on residence. Feedback on division website January 13-28, then Board will make final decision.

* Not expected to impact class sizes significantly as teachers will also be moving.
* Currently 538 students (72% capacity). Numbers expected to increase to 589 with the changes (76% capacity). Max students was 700 a few years ago.
* The board recognize that this is challenging for families

2. Budget – 93% of school budget is for salaries

- Of remaining budget, 29% supplies, 21% computer

3. 3 Year plan – (Terra, Megan)

-Achievement: foundational skills in literacy and numeracy, cultures of thinking, STEM…

-Inclusion: gratitude, daily acknowledgement of the Blackfoot territory, Oh Canada in English, French, Blackfoot, American Sign Language, growing Indigenous literature, focus on connections and relationship building first

-Innovation: updating laptop carts, Class Dojo and My Blueprint as communication tools with parents, increasing STEM, using at-home teachers as leaders if/when we pivot to scenario 3

-High quality French: daily bilingual announcements, French visuals throughout the school, bilingual cultural presentations, French literature.

4. Accountability survey (Megan) – 2020 – improvements in parental involvement, higher than provincial average in safe and caring schools, steady increase in quality of education. Challenges: preparation for lifelong learning / world of work / citizenship has dropped from previous years

5. Town Hall meeting Feb 2nd 6:30-8:30 online. “In response to COVID-19, changes were made to school organizations and instructional delivery. Are there changes that impacted students in a positive way that should continue and be built on?”. **4 parents needed**. Must use laptop or computer. Contact Terra

6. **Request for parents to help sort beads at home**. Indigenous beading project in February. Contact Terra

7. Pink shirt fundraising – French, English, indigenous. Adult and kid. – Tshirts 10$, approximately 2$ to school and 1$ to indigenous education / antibullying. Sweatshirts 25$, 5$ to school and 1$ to indigenous education / antibullying. Closes next week.

* 1. Vice Principal Report (Megan)

Aggies brew – next cut off is January 14th

Book and movie character day January 15th – students may dress as favourite character

PJ day January 20th

Pivot point day has changed – Feb 22nd 1st day after pivot

Science Fair – March 26-27, satclethbridge.ca for div 2

Modified Carnival week – **looking for donations of yarn**

Malicounda drumming group cultural event Feb 22-24 – K-5 students over 3days. 30-45 minute virtual presentations. Students will use plastic paint pails as drums. Cost 2520$, request for school council funding www.malicoundadance.com

* 1. Staff Rep Report (Tammi)

-Jingle Jangle Jamboree was a good success. Thank you to staff committee.

-At home learning – creative opportunities. Recess chats online, kids starting to do more on their own. Different grade levels connecting. Theme days connect at home to in school learners. Sharing technology and websites with in school teachers.

-Angel tree toy drive – lots of donations, appreciate the generosity of the school community

-Division fruits and veggies were put out in hallways – individuals can access a snac

-LOTG Dec 8 El Greco went very well

-Outdoor singing was appreciated by the neighbourhood, thank you letters received

-Grade 4/5 assembly coming up: traditions

-Indigenous education professional learning – recent presentation from Lethbridge recycling and landfill – will provide new educational field trip opportunity, now including indigenous education component

-Scientists in the school went very well both for in-school and at home learners

* 1. District School Council (Alison)

December presentation on mental illness.

Scholarship breakfast Feb 12th – 10$/ticket, virtual

GS Lakie selling halo headbands as a fundraiser for cancer

* 1. Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) (Ryan)

Advocacy resolutions needs to be submitted soon, not planning to submit any resolutions from our school

Assembly April 23-25

Parent support webinars available through ASCA January – May, 10$ cost each

ASCA survey: impact of COVID on parent-teacher relationship – highlights and report available on website

1. Trustee (Lola Major) – not present
2. Old Business
   1. Staff gifts- 3 staff members: Broc Higginson (illness), Suzie Chambers (illness), Laverne Krizan (retirement)

Ideas: hug in a basket for Broc (hot chocolate, socks, blanket, bean bag…), flowers for Suzie, coffee basket for Laverne

Michelle will do Laverne’s basket, Tiffany / Dionne will split the other 2

1. New Business
   1. Indigenous initiatives: proposed by Agnieszka Barron

* Willing to connect indigenous artists to sell items for orange shirt day etc. that could be sold with school cash online
* Tammi will provide Melanie Morreau’s information to connect to Agnieszka, and invite Agnieszka to speak at future meeting

Next Meeting: February 11, 2021 7:00 online

Adjournment Time: 8:38