

Ecole Agnes Davidson School Council Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, December 14th, 2021, 7:00 pm

1. Welcome/Gratitude
 - a. Attendance: Brie Schindel, Kelly Sparks, Terra Leggat, Carrie Boschman, Donna Whitton, Danielle Fletcher, Michelle Kuling, Megan Cummins, Alison Alma-North, Ryan Wiggers, Tiffany Mills, Amanda Swagar
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approved by Michelle Kuling, seconded by Donna Whitton
3. Approval of November 9, 2021 Minutes
 - a. Approved by Donna Whitton, seconded by Ryan Wiggers
4. Reports
 - a. Principal's Report (Terra)
 - i. School budget update – Reserve funds must be reduced to 3% of operating budget as per governments requirement; otherwise funds will be clawed back. Reserve funds will be used to develop outdoor learning commons and outdoor space, augment iPad's, classroom updates (eg. chairs, carpets, desks), counselling space & conference room improvements.
 - ii. School received \$500 from ASCA to support school council education in addition to the \$250 received every year.
 - iii. Kindergarten registration dates are not yet set division wide, but it will happen mid-January. Registration is first come first served and can be done in person at school or by downloaded registration forms emailed in. Kg is moving to 4 full day programs next school year based on parent-feedback from last year's registration (2 M/W and 2 T/Th programs both with additionally scheduled Friday mornings).
 - b. Vice-Principal's Report (Megan)
 - i. Mr. Lyon's class won \$500 to donate to a charity of their choosing. They chose to donate to the SPCA <https://www.lethsd.ab.ca/our-district/news/post/ecole-agnes-davidson-wins-rak-draw-through-community-foundation>
 - ii. Third sled filled with angel tree gifts as of today! Unwrapped new gifts will continue to be accepted until December 17th.
 - iii. Grade 1's will participate in Boost program – assessment will be done division-wide to determine allocation of the funds.
 - iv. After school skating is booked and dates are posted on app and will be posted in the January newsletter. Those on the ice must have skates on and no strollers allowed.
 - v. Shout out to the Learning Commons and the wonderful learning happening! Maker spaces are very popular. Check out Mme. Crombez's website: <https://ad.lethsd.ab.ca/programs/learning-commons>
 - c. Staff Rep Report (Patti) – Presented by Megan Cummins

- i. Families have been sharing photos of the Holiday activities they've been doing
 - ii. Many festive activities happening around school
 - iii. January 4th is the first day back to school following the Christmas break
 - iv. Lost and Found items will be donated after Dec. 17th. Please come into the school if your family is missing items.
 - d. District Council Report (Alison)
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 - e. Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) Report (Donna)
 - i. ASCA just announced schools receiving \$500 (previously mentioned)
 - ii. K-6 curriculum review virtual in-service will be December 16th 7 – 8:15
 - iii. Annual report for 2020/21 was released today and can be found on the ASCA website
 - f. Trustee report (Tyler Demers)
 - i. No report
- 5. Old Business
- 6. New Business
 - a. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant - new funding to enhance parent participation in school council. Money is intended for parent-resources and must be used this year or it will be lost. Could we use funds to purchase more French literature for family use? SORA is an option for increasing family access to literature. Tabled until January.
 - b. Bussing – When parents have concerns and complaints they can address Southland directly. Christine Lee at the school Division Board office deals with Southland and can also field concerns. Southland is adding incentives to recruit more bus drivers, but driver shortage is the main issue. Southland is already planning improvements for next year.

Next meeting: January 11, 2022

Adjournment at 7:54 p.m.