

**École Agnes Davidson School Council Meeting  
Tuesday October 4, 2022 7:00pm**

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda  
Approved by Kelly second Allison
3. Approval of Minutes from Tuesday September 13, 2022  
Approved by Carrie second Allison
4. Reports
  - a. Principal's Report  
New city bylaw coming Jan 2023 waste disposal program with blue and green bins in homes and businesses. Large Blue Bin to come for all recyclables as well as a Green Bin for organics. No logistic info currently, however the Division has put aside resources and a committee to advise schools.  
French Book fair week of October 17 in learning commons open for parents to come in and shop. Will be open Monday-Wednesday days and Thursday and Friday evenings for Parent Teacher Interviews.  
Professional Learning Day October 13, no school for students. Teachers will be tuning behaviour support plans and learning about using technology for assessments. Division literacy teacher will visit to teach new resources for k-3 new curriculum.  
Principal is working with teachers on their inquiry growth plans including learning and professional development goals for the year.  
School fees are now available to pay online.  
Agnes Davidson is excited to host a Christmas Market on November 19 from 10-4. We are still welcoming vendors, application can be found on school website.  
Teachers are hoping to expand on council funding of Scientists in School program to include broader curriculum based learning activities.  
Outdoor learning space is a goal of school administration. The gaga ball pit construction is still underway, and we are looking forward to a courtyard upgrade. Exploring costs to create an outdoor learning space that is sheltered from the wind and vandalism.  
Initial data from a survey from last year's grade 4 families saw a decline in perception of Agnes Davidson as a safe and caring school. Parents in attendance suggest main causes could be related to both covid policy and the merging of two schools. Administration emphasizes the importance of self identity and self expression. There is a place for you and your family at Agnes Davidson. Parents are encouraged to reach out to teachers with specific questions and concerns.
  - b. Vice Principal's Report  
A reminder that office hours are Monday - Thursday 8:15-4:15 and Friday 8:15-1:15.  
Booking for Parent Teacher Interviews are now available on the school website. Interviews will be conducted in person and/or online as preferred by the family.  
A reminder to sign up for the school newsletter, it is full of great information.

School had a fire drill October 4, it went really well despite the doors which are blocked by construction.

We are planning to honour our veterans during our Remembrance Day Assembly. We will be gathering photos of veterans from our community families to create a slide show for our students to view. Please email pictures to [gan.cummins@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:gan.cummins@lethsd.ab.ca)

Thank you to all the parent involvement, it is great to see families back in our school.

c. Staff Rep Report

Terry Fox run raised close to \$1600.

Water Drive donated 3 truckloads of water bottles to the Sage Clan. For Truth and Reconciliation Day, the school division supplied orange rocks for each student as a visual aid to talk about residential schools and feeling safe at school. The stones became a symbol of reconciliation and will be delivered to homes around the school with an english message of reconciliation.

Student citizenship is important in our school.

- i. The Lunch Leaders program gives grade 5 students the opportunity to come into grade 1 and 2 classes to supervise the lunch break.
- ii. Book buddies pairs a younger and older student to work on reading
- iii. Picture day grade 4 and 5 leaders directed younger classes
- iv. Pairing older students with younger to walk from school to bus.
- v. Grade 4 and 5 students empty recycling and garbage.

Clubs are being met with a ton of enthusiasm.

- vi. handbells for grades 4 and 5
- vii. junior choir for grades 1 and 2
- viii. senior choir fall and spring group
- ix. yoga club Mondays at noon
- x. Grade 5 volleyball starts in November, there will be 3 teams

Picture retake day is November 8

d. District Council Report

District is looking for a volunteer secretary. There are many committees at work, information can all be found on division website. Public conversation opportunities with Division trustees are scheduled for October 13, 6:30pm at The Collective and November 8, 10:00am at the Fish and Game Hut.

The Division is hosting Nate Webb of [savethekids.org](http://savethekids.org) to speak on technology and social media and the effects on children's brains. There is a parent night on November 3 at 7:00 at Chinook High School. ATA is hosting a Stand for Education rally in Edmonton on October 22 1pm to petition government to put education first including adding funds to make priority. Division is looking for suggestions for parent education topics and comments on "What do I love most about my school that involves parents".

e. Alberta School Council Association (ASCA)

f. Trustee Report

5. Old Business

a. Terry Fox Walk/Run

6. New Business
  - a. Book fair volunteers
    - i. October 17-23 Monday-Wednesday during the day and Thurs-Frii evening during parent teacher interviews.  
email [isabelle.crombe2@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:isabelle.crombe2@lethsd.ab.ca) to volunteer
  - b. Council Infrastructure
    - i. Looking for repository of council knowledge
    - ii. No data archive, minutes are all online
    - iii. Mailing list of PTA attendees to share information
  - c. Community Investment
    - i. FCC has grant money available if the school could make a proposal for something related to agriculture
  - d. Save the Kids
    - i. Covered in report from District Council

Adjournment Next Meeting: November 8