

Ecole Agnes Davidson School Council Meeting  
Tuesday, November 8 2022 7pm

1. Welcome/Gratitude
2. Approval of Agenda
  - Tyler second by Carrie
3. Approval of October 4th, 2022
  - Courtney second by Joanne
4. Reports

**a. Principal's Report (Terra)**

Thank you for Turkey Bingo, a lot of excitement heard from kids in the halls. Thanks for sharing photos of loved ones for remembrance day assembly. Will be sharing photos along with message of making Canada a safe and free place. Special connection events ongoing to support grade 5 student with terminal cancer.

Student-led assemblies centred around lessons from 7 sacred teachings. First assembly was hosted by grade 5's on Respect.

Aggies Brew Christmas label voting online [here](#)

Winter cheer extravaganza Dec 14 for last names A-LI Dec 15 for last names M-Z (Flexibility for this, please come on the day that works for your family.) 6:30-8 come and go open house style event. Dancing, bingo, activities. Asking for 3 families/class to bring individually wrapped pot-luck snacks more info to come. (Parent council may sponsor snacks instead)

**b. Vice-Principal's Report (Megan)**

Busy time of year! Sock it to 'em is collecting new socks for vulnerable population. Send new socks until Dec 13.

Nov 28-dec 21 angel tree is accepting new unwrapped toys. Need is increasing last year saw an additional 300 kids over the previous year, organizers are anticipating the number will double this year. Often gifts for teens are hard to find. Toiletry bags, makeup, books, warm blankets, science kits, etc. for 13-18 year olds. Registrations are open for families to receive this service until Nov 13.

Poverty intervention connecting with families to find warm clothes for all students. Donations can be made to [MyCityCare](#)

Thank you for lunch on the go, many families benefiting from lunch donations, 17 or 18 kids being fed each month.

Grade 5 volleyball has 3 teams practicing 2x/week. Learning skills to be successful as they progress through team sports.

**c. Staff Rep Report (Crystal)**

School hosted Rock concert assembly this week, everybody was up singing and dancing, high energy, very needed on a day with no outdoor recess!

Remembrance Day celebration Nov 10 featuring Lt Sam McCracken from Air force. Lt Sam served 1952-58 and will offer counsel on how to be good citizens, helpful to the community, and what it means to be loyal and brave.

Lots of student demand for clubs, currently running choir and handbells, rainbow loom club, yoga club.

New program direction for learning commons. Digital citizenship program will be built on in an age appropriate manner as we move through the grades. Kids will learn that what you put online there stays there. Curriculum is through learn Alberta.

Grade 3 classes hosting assembly this month on the Sacred Teaching, Courage.

Rock your Mocs day Nov 15, invited to wear moccasins to school.

Staff working on best practices looking at different entry parts to the Math curriculum. I.e. starting with a game, using an image to start a math conversation, use real life application with math concepts.

#### **d. District Council Report (Carrie)**

Community conversations happen every month, dates on website

Alberta school council association has space for engagement for schools to write how they have been using funding.

Parent learning topic was technology and navigating lethbridge school division platforms december parent learning. Looking for ideas for spring parent learning sessions.

District lego challenge by feb 28 details on district website supporting priority of innovation and creativity.

School Cash Online has a 4% transaction fee. School Cash Online is a service and that is the charge. Alternative is chq or cash, but the cost of paying somebody to take care of that would be much more expensive.

Talking point "What do i love about my school that involves parents." Council members stated family involvement, communication, families are welcome, kids come home happy and safe. Fun to see parents in the school. Kids connect with both their own parents and other parents. Reach out to teacher to see if you can help. Many helpful tasks available as homework too.

#### **e. Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) (Aaron)**

##### **f. Trustee Report**

Town hall once a year on February 7. Looking for feedback on 2 specific questions want to collect info from parents/students/staff in time for budget cycle.

1. In what ways are we successfully supporting students to help them grow as learners?

2. Where do you see room for improvement in supporting students as learners?

School council will select representative, opportunity to enter responses online as well.

Anti-racism policy was passed, multicultural calendar now available on website.

Agnes Davidson was highlighted at the last meeting. Info on website under meeting minutes and highlights

1.7% wage increase for non-union staff (admin, poverty intervention, etc)

Community conversations anyone is welcome Dec 8 4pm ymca and Jan 26 6:30 Boys and Girls Club youth centre

#### 5. Old Business

#### 6. New Business

##### a. Council vs parent fundraising association

Tyler created a reference document on definitions and regulations of school council and the need for the parent fundraising association and how the two work together. Convenient document so anybody new to the organization can quickly find policies and procedures in one place.

##### b. Traffic control

Carrie spoke to LPS officer regarding busy intersection at 22 Ave and 20 street. Officer informed that school council or admin can ask for a 4 way stop to be put in place.

Parents to put forward request with admin support.

Motion to pursue request of 4-way stop at 22 Ave and 20 St by Carrie second Courtenay

Further discussion - Could we have crossing guards? Challenge is it requires a lot of teacher power. Could crossing guards be parent-sponsored? 4-way stop is an easier long-term solution. Do we want kids supervising potentially dangerous intersections?

Voted on and passed that school council has agreed unanimously to proceed with requesting 4-way stop

Carrie to draft request, Ali and Donna to collaborate. Terra to include request from admin.

c. Technology

Google workspace enterprise is available to council for free. New domain is Adcouncil.ca

Files and information can be shared/editable with desired audiences. Public/private, etc.

Tyler has created an abundance of reference documents on how to streamline many council processes.

There is a discussion to be had on how much integration we want to have with school. Do we want our own website/ payment options/ etc.

Digitization committee will be required to work on this project

Next Meeting December 13 (Social night?)

- Discuss live/online hybrid meetings
- Increase opportunities for parent involvement

Adjournment