

École Agnes Davidson School Council Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 7:00pm

At école Agnes Davidson, we discover, create, and explore on the traditional lands of the Niitsitapi, Treaty 7, and Foothills Métis District. We honour the stories of this land. We are grateful for its beauty, gifts, and privileges. We commit to our role in speaking truth, restoring relationships, and caring for the land. We strive to instil this sense of responsibility within our community of Aakaipookaiksi as an act of reconciliation.

2) **Approval of the Minutes:** (Joanne & Kelly)

3) **Approval of the Agenda:** (Joanne & Kelly)

4) **Reports:**

A) **Principal Report:** (Terra Leggat)

- Next week is Education Week.
- Our next school assembly is on April 24th, 2024, at 1pm. And we love it when the students wear school colors that day, (blue & yellow) or their school swag if they have school shirts.
- The grade 5's will be performing a musical performance and Mme Mahar Lee, Mme Bryant, Mme Low, M. Lyon's class will be showcasing some of their learning.
- We have a Spring Individual Photo Day on April 25th/2024. And we do like to photograph all students, because it is a fundraiser for us its \$2/head. So, we get about \$1000 or so for having them come in. But there is absolutely no obligation on parents' parts to buy from them you can if you want, but if you do you do and if you do not you do not, not a big deal.
- We just had a PL day on Monday April 8th/24. So, the teachers were with collaborative communities in the morning, so that means its sort of special interest to them, and they connect with different teachers within the Division so its kind of cool because we normally like we don't get to see other teachers in the Division and what people are doing in other schools. But on the collaborative community days we can do that. And then in the afternoon our teachers were at our school, and they were digging into resources and some of the new materials around the new curriculum and spending some time developing lesson plans and that sort of thing. It was a day well spent. Lots going on and lots of learning.
- ? - Regarding Education Week in the District School council meetings they talked about how their nomination forms had been. Yes, we did have this form online, posted on our website with a QR code that you can scan in and then that was part of my Monday messages. I think for two weeks it was on Monday messages

for the link for that. A little secret cannot tell anyone, but Jordi Kohn was a recipient of a nomination and so on Wednesday afternoon we have Panago Pizza is coming, a representative from the Division, Kona Ice is coming to surprise her and give her class a little treat, and so forth.

B) **Vice Principal Report:** (Megan Cummins)

- Just before the Spring Break, the transitions for our Grade 5 students to Gilbert Paterson has started. That just looks like Catherine Thorsen Vice Principal there reaching out to us and start to set up all the things that need to happen for a successful easy positive transition for our grade 5 students.
- Gilbert Paterson Band is coming tomorrow April 10th, and it just gives the kiddos a look at different instruments and things that they might and then it just keeps filling up that Band Program. They get to play them and some of our former students come back, at least that way has been done in the past and they show them how the instruments work. The band teachers are there, but the kids are pumping up our students, so that is extremely exciting.
- There are already some dates that are being set for when our school go over June 11th, there will be some additional times for kiddos that need a little bit more time to transition, but there will also be an Open House over at Gilbert Paterson too. More dates to come. But it always amazes me that it just pops up so quickly. The chatter will start with the kids right away about that.
- Our Read-A-Thon is wrapping up on Friday. Tomorrow is dress up like your favorite book character. Donations can be made online. It is a great fundraiser we hope that people had fun. I have had some pictures that have started to come in, so that is good. Pictures are amazing the kids love to see themselves, whether its on the screen or whether its on those bulletin boards there, so if you can send some in that is wonderful, we like to do that.
- We have our Cultural Food Tasting that is coming up on April 22nd. It is going to be a sweet treat. But we are super excited about this one because it is going to tie into "Feel Good Fridays" with jokes and it is going to tie in some numeracy and its going to tie in "Aggie" Aggie the Dragon, so it's a small treat, but its going to be packed with lots of learning and were super excited. There is going to be a bulletin board that is going to be popping up here next week that is going to start to get the kids curious about it and we are excited about that.
- The last piece which Tyler knows about, is thru the ACFA there is if you want to continue your French journey if you were with Tyler, they are hosting at ACFA Angela Talbot is doing Oral Conversation classes. There is Beginning and

Intermediate. The place to start learning a language is thru the Oral Speaking. So, it is a wonderful opportunity to start to practice, and she is so lovely.

Tyler said: The biggest thing is you learn the way your kids are learning right now. Which just is completely different than any other like University class would be. Or just in set in stone right Not recommended for discussion or kind of conversation. Unfortunately, we will have to pay quite a bit more, but it is a steal of a deal that we provided here.

But different people to right so we learn some different things with different connections.

C) **Staff Rep Report:** (Mme Katy Mahar Lee)

- I am Katy Mahar Lee; I am a new old presence in the school. I was teaching here like way back 2014 and 2016 and then I moved away, and now I am back so yes, it is great cause I feel like part of the Agnes Davidson family but also things have changed a lot, so it has been a fun balance. I am right across the hall in Grade 2.
- I am just sharing that Green Shirt Day was today, it went well I was thinking like after the break no one would remember but there were a lot of kids in Green today.
- I'm just going through kind of like what Megan was saying it is Read-A-thon so today was Book Buddies Day I did see a lot of people like some people have book buddies already and some don't, so some classes paired up just for today, and that was kind of a special treat.
- Tomorrow is Dress Up like your Favorite Book Character Day so that is exciting like a mini-Halloween.
- Thursday is Read my Shirt Day, so just any shirt with writing on it.
- Friday will be nice, I know my students are mostly excited about Friday, cause its "Pajama Day."
- Some kind of insight for at least my classes some of the grade twos I am not sure where all your kiddos are in terms of grade level.
- The Assembly Mme. Low's class, Mme Mahar Lee's class, Mme Bryant's, M. Lyon, and Mme. Turmel class, we are going to be doing a kind of "Sport's" theme thing. There is a French song, like a France French song, about exercise and things like that. So, we are going to be having the kids doing a music video. My kids are really excited today, because I told them that they are allowed to bring in their sports gear, so I already know who is bringing in their soccer uniforms, whose bringing in their hockey stuff. I am going to bring in some Martial Arts stuff along with another one of my students, like it is going to be fun. We are practicing the song this week and filming next week. So that is going to be exciting that is

something the kids in grade 2 and grade 5 those classes are really excited about. The Assembly starts at 1pm for about 45 mins to an hour.

- Another thing just the grade 2 has a whole so, whether they do the Assembly or not we are starting Fairy Tales so we're going to you know talk about the written parts of things and then doing reading comprehension but then we're going to end things with the reader seater which is what's really going to make the kids excited so that'll be fun that will film it with the iPad.

D) **District School Council:** (JoAnn)

- District School Council had our meeting last night they talked a lot about the ASCA conference and just making sure that every school council knows about it and that the deadline is coming up April 15th have to have our registration in, if we are sending someone, and then also just be aware like how are we spending our grant money? Has it been spent already? Just making sure that all the school councils have that under control. There was some information shared about the budget. The budget is not great as we all know. And they talked about they now have on the Lethbridge 51 website a spot where you can review policies so every couple of months, they're putting in a few policies up on the website sending them emails to families in the division that they can go on and take a look at the policies that are up for review and add your comments to it so that's really cool.
- The Poverty Intervention Committee gave an update and an update about the Food Bank and that they are just sharing that obviously the needs have increased in the city. And there are more families that are using the Food Bank, and they are finding that it is more families that are working full time are accessing the food bank, which is quite sad, that its not just single parent families, its everyone.
- There was a question from another school council Immanuel Christian School they're looking at bringing in Kaylee Lowe who does a presentation on Technology and Technology Safety and So they're wondering if there's any school division or school councils that are wanting to cost share with them to bring Kaylee in and so that is something we can I guess that we can put on the agenda for one of our meetings that we can talk about that. Is that a parent type thing? Or is it for the schools? It would be more of a parent. Well, I think she does both. She will come in and do classroom presentations for the kids but then she is also willing to do like parent presentations educate us. If that is what to be aware of. She did some presentations like a couple of years ago too. I feel like she has been around the area for awhile. So, I want to see she did a presentation on the night we had our bingo a couple of years ago Oh yes because there was that.

D) Alberta School Council Association:

- We do not have Donna here this evening. I do not think she said she is going to the AGM. We are still at the point of we need to extract what we can from information, we are going to do it. We did not really talk about this. We made our decision. We have not extracted the benefits yet of on their support. Like resources that we can access in the last little while. Remind me have we spent the \$500 grant money? No, it has not been designated. Ok so, we still need to do that. Figure out how we are going to spend. We were going to do French Classes, but we had good registration, we made a fair amount, we had enough registrants. Does that money have to be used by a certain date? Yes. Does anybody know the date? The end of the school year. So, then we did not use it for French Classes? No, we did not. There must be parameters somewhere of what we can spend that money on correct? A little bit its for parent learning, parent resources things like that. There are some things unless it is changed in the last couple of years, about like school council resources how to run like an efficient school counselor like you can get an appeal brought down, like you can pay for a speaker. So, anything that supports the parents' community and school counsel is what the money is designated for. OK. So, we should brainstorm some things for how to spend the money, cause its April. I know we have always used like the I mean it has only been a couple of years that we have had that. We always used it for French classes, and they were the first year was the year I was Chair it was like it came like part way through the year and then you must spend it this year right. So, we dove into it. OK and that was the year we did not charge for French classes right as we had for free, and we were and that was a bust because people do not come when it started out strong right. The timing was also right with like spring activity and stuff too. I guess that we can put it on the agenda for next meeting to either come with ideas or brainstorm some things. We do not want that money to go to waste. Do you think that the ASCA website has like professional learning opportunities that you can explore to say like where council be interested in learning more about whatever topic I will just say fundraising I know that is not the only piece but it pops to my head of how to or how to go beyond fund raising but maybe there's something about recruitment. They will have a speaker that will come down or come virtually so it will be a good starting point for you. Tyler will chat with Donna about this. We will make decisions as everyone decides we will get it going. Just coming from all of that. Cause we will also think about the French Classes, and we had great turnout/we also charged kind of bit more. If you are thinking about something like recruitment, I do not know the answer I am curious of what that could look like could it be. doughnuts for parents to come and have a coffee night. I do not know, but it could be something to explore. ASCA website there is workshops:

- 1) School Council Purpose
 - 2) The Work of School Council: It's NOT About the Meeting,
 - 3) Effective Engagement in Your School Community
 - 4) Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose
 - 5) Managing School Council Meetings
 - 6) Chair Basics: Not just for Chairs!
 - 7) School Council- Trustee Relationship
 - 8) The Assurance Framework and School Councils
 - 9) Masterful Minutes
 - 10) School Council Policies and Practices
 - 11) Tools for Effective School Councils
- Level 1 Workshops: \$210
Level 2 Workshops: \$315

Registration cutoff is at **12 noon one week prior** to the scheduled workshop.

E) Trustee: No news to share.

5) **Old Business:** (Tyler)

Parent French Classes:

- The only thing to add especially because I talked last meeting about how they were going would be the very last thing was not the class itself but six people were able to meet at The Little Bake House. We had an hour of chatting in French, it was fun to talk about life stuff as new friends of sort, but you require to do it in French. So, Angela was still able "Comment dit tant en francais" she would help throughout the conversation. It was only the advanced group that went and one person from the beginner class, she did not stay for long. The advanced that seems to be the trend. We must discuss for everyone who participated in them why there is so much participation in the advanced class over percentage wise, over the beginner's class. Its just that 7-8pm instead of 6-7pm on average, but I am guessing its more than that cause using psychology. Comfort level, its not Angela thou. She makes everyone feel super comfortable Its just talking aloud. The homework I found; people were also dedicated in the Intermediate too thou. Like putting in the effort was much stronger not just the showing up to. The amount of homework that we get for one homework assignment is good. The one thing to report on that we will continue with, is this is great, and Angela wanted to continue this. The one thing that I was going to ask Angela, was do you have any idea in how many parents are comfortable speaking in French? How are we going to develop this and get it going in the Fall?

6) **New Business:**

School Council Outdoor Spring Clean-up:

We had proposed the date of this weekend, and suddenly, its here and now Donna is saying that she is not sure if she is available this weekend. So, we should have it this weekend, its to be 18 degrees outside. So, we are just wondering which members are available to help with refreshments and welcome the parents and talking with school council? and so if we are going to keep going with the date to let her know she will post it on Facebook. This Saturday right? We say 10am till 12pm. Then we need somebody to get the donuts and the coffee, and then do that kind of stuff too right. Plastic bags and gloves. We talked about sidewalk chalk; people bring their kids so they can decorate the tarmac and sidewalks. My only concern is that it is Tuesday, which is not a lot of time to advertise it, so realistically how many families are we going to get giving them short notice? Sometimes less notice the better. Small group its ok and if it is a large group than that is a bonus. So, I will also send out an e-mail to parents. Add a post on our website, and then on Facebook post as well.

Next Meeting: May 14th, 2024