

# Council

Oct 8, 2024 7:00 PM

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## École Agnes Davidson School Council - 60 min

### 1. Welcome and Gratitudes – 6 min

- a. Land Acknowledgment - 1m Terra
- b. Gratitudes - 5m

### 2. Approval of the Agenda – 1 min

- a. Motion by • Approved by JoAnn, seconded by Kelly

### 3. Approval of minutes from Sep 10, 2024 – 1 min

- a. Motion by • Approved by Tyler, seconded by Christy

### 4. Reports – 30 min

- a. Principal Report (Terra Leggat) - 5 min
  - PL Day November 12: AM division wide; PM school based learning new curriculum
  - Report cards: some teachers using “old” report cards (on Powerschool); “new” report cards - child will bring home and envelope and parent has to sign it to verify it was seen, or teacher will email it out. Teacher can guide parents as to how they will receive report card. They will all come out Nov. 22.
  - Nov. 23 is Holiday Market (10-4)

- Remembrance Day assembly Nov. 8th. Grade 5 musical presentation and handbell presentation.
- Reminder that as weather is changing that kids are dressed warm enough for school - better to overdress than underdress! They are outside for 15 minute blocks.
- In lieu of Christmas activity, will do Carnavale in January, as in 2023/24 year.
- Have 2 teachers taking a leave of absence from January to June. Postings have been up. Teachers haven't told their students yet: M. Lyon (grade 5) and Mme Westwood (grade 2).
- Also hiring a "Boost" teacher. Using model from provincial gov. during COVID, but using federal funds, and only rec'd funding 2 days ago. If your child is part of the Boost program, you will get notification of same.

b. Vice Principal Report (Megan Cummings) - 5 min

- Thank you to school council and families: we have 19 students receiving support for LOTG. If you know of a family that would benefit from LOTG/food support program, reach out to Megan.
- Angel Tree: if you know of any families that could benefit, the registration is digital (link on the EADS website). Goes up to 18 years. This year at EADS we are pausing on Angel Tree collection site as there are lots of asks of our parents.
- Grade 5 volleyball: Learning skills and the game to prepare for playing at Patterson etc. Nov. 29th is final tournament - waiting for final details on location, schedule, etc.
- Rock your Mocs: each classroom has had the chance to participate in Learning Commons in the past 2 weeks. Mme Dana

facilitated program about “Why Rock Your Mocs?”. Read story, explore Metis Alberta artist, decorate their own moc.

- Nov. 29 Cultural Food Tasting: Tourtiere (French-Canadian meat pie). Will have pork-free option and gluten-free option. Question for kids will be “what sauce do you like to have with your tourtiere?”, and collecting answers and incorporating math skills into this. Will be provided from the College. Thank you to the College for LOTG and other events and accommodating different diets.

c. Staff Rep Report - 5 min Jory and Danielle

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e. Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) - 5 min

- no report

f. Trustee - 5 min

- Town Hall: board tries to capture what is the interest in the community. If any feedback on topics you would like to see at Town Hall, it is welcome. Last year tried a different approach as there were several "hot topics" last year so tried to address this, and it was successful. Board relies heavily on feedback from Town Hall, and made changes based on feedback from 2024 Town Hall.
- Policy review: Student Code of Conduct will be on website by Friday for feedback. Can go into the feedback loop and anonymously provide feedback. Representatives from each stakeholder on the policy group. Trying to figure out email system to each Board chair prior to policy advisory meetings.
- Alberta Gov required policy/procedure: out division made a procedure form superintendent and team, and that is also up for feedback

- Fall general meeting for ASBA (Alberta School Board Association) next weekend. Have motion for full funded full day, every day kindergarten.
- Board requesting feedback on grade configuration (ie sixth grade into middle, 9th into high school). Have heard a lot from parents/teachers/administrators, especially regarding grade 9.
- Feedback provided in meeting: Jory: make need to look even more broad (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12). JoAnn: as a parent prefer grade 6 to stay in elementary. Christy: asked about the value of kids being able to mature more before being given more responsibility. Andrea - As teacher of grade 9 and 12, grade nines don't belong in high school. Difficult when grade 10-12 run on credits and grade 9 doesn't. Genny noted grade nines struggle academically. Kelly - suggested this as a topic for Town Hall. Genny - high schools are at high capacity throughout the city. Have the most room in our elementary schools. Terra noted that growth is a factor too - not getting as many kindergarten registrations across the city. Christy noted that maybe parents are keeping kids home rather than registering in kindergarten as it is not mandatory.
- Accelerated Program: Premier announcement of additional \$5 billion in infrastructure in Ed - 30 new schools/year for next 3 years and 8 new modernizations/year for next 3 years. Board is trying aggressively to receive some of this funding. Division is working with the city to get prepared for this, as well as asking for improved accessibility. Board did a west side study that showed problems with LCI/high school problem.
- New role of community building chair: Genny has possible opportunities

- Motion passed in last meeting in response partially to parent request and convo about inclusive education. Motion to create parent advisory council to enhance the work being done in inclusive Ed and make parents partners in inclusive Ed.
- Board hired consultant to make policies/procedures to make them organized, accessible, and adjust what should be policy vs procedure.

## 5. Old Business – 5 min

- Indoor Mural Proposal by Jen Roberts (Tyler) - 5 min
  - Terra and Jen walked through the school and found 3 potential mural sites.
  - Idea #1: replace current tree picture and have each student contribute something (ie thumb print). Cost is \$750
  - Idea #2: Aggie silhouette with mountain range. Cost: \$2000-3000
  - Idea #3: reconciliation landscape \$2600-3600
  - Tyler suggested putting out call for proposals to include possible other community members/families that are artistic so as to be fair to all community members. Tyler and Terra have had emails with Jen and it has been made clear that she was submitting a proposal and it was not confirmed.
  - Terra suggests creating a subcommittee and creating a request for proposals including criteria. Tyler will connect with Jen to inform her of this.
  - Closing date in January for proposals. Tyler will create Request for Proposals and send it to Terra to send out to parents. Luc suggested making the call specific to enable sorting through it and making a decision.

## 6. New Business – 17 min

- a. Terra - Agnes Davidson Results from 23/24 - 10 min
  - Annual Education Results Report
  - Will be posted on the website by Nov. 30.
  - Every year grade 4&5 students/parents/teachers answer survey questions put out by prov. Gov.
  - Highlights: welcoming learning environment
  - Areas of Growth: supports and services, parental involvement
  - Citizenship/Education Quality/Access to support and services/Parental Involvement/Lifelong Learning: have gone down over past year
  - If there is feedback, Terra and Megan would love to hear it.
- b. Terra - New Report Card video presentation - 5 min
  - Will skip in the interest of time.
- c. Terra - End of Life Warranty for playground - 2 min
  - Warranty is now up. Daniel Heaton (Division facilities). If playground breaks/surface breaks, the repair cost will be the responsibility of school council. Terra is waiting for a document from the Division, but does not have it yet.
  - Will table for next meeting until we have more information.

## 7. Meeting Adjourned

- a. Motion by
- b. Ended at 8:43pm

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Next Meeting: *Nov 13, 2024 7:00 PM (Wednesday!)*



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