
Smith School Parent Lighthouse Team Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2020 7:00 pm

Virtual- Via Zoom

1. *CALL TO ORDER* – 7:04 pm

In attendance: Caitlynn Chernish, Virginia W, Nancy Sand, Nancy Mathon, Audrey Attfield, Nikita Phillips, Michelle Sholtz.

2. *INTRODUCTIONS*- None.

3. *APPROVAL OF AGENDA*- Approved by Audrey.

4. *REPORTS*:

Trustees Report: Nancy Sand- The budget revealed a large deficit.

- There have been many cuts to the budget.
- The prediction is that there will be another deficit budget this year.
- The board has been going through new policies.
- The AB school council association funding has been cut significantly.
- \$5000.00 has been budgeted for the new doorbell for the front door.

Principal Report: Caitlynn Chernish- (see attached)

SPLF President Report: Virginia W- Shared Council of School Councils Update (see attached)

- Shared Division Foundational Statements (see attached)
- If COVID guidelines allow, Little Caesars fundraiser will be delivered end of Feb.
- April 23/24 COSC Mtg (probably virtual platform). Focusing on bullying prevention.
- Fall 2021 Trustee Election & Re-election.
- Add to Foundational Statements: 'Diverse' learning & new health regulations.
- For next SPLF Mtg- invite online learning parents & home-school parents.

5. *NEW BUSINESS*:

- Next SPLF Mtg – January 13, 2021- TBD in person or virtual.
- Can Christmas Concert/Celebration be posted on website/non-social-media platforms?

6. *ADJOURNMENT*: 7:54

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Principal's Report

We hired a part-time custodian: Mrs. Dixon! Mr. James Meek has also been hired to complete the snow shoveling.

Smith School held its first ever virtual Remembrance Day ceremony on November 6th! Each class did an excellent job laying a class wreath at the cenotaph and giving a short poem or presentation. The ceremony was shared on the schools social media pages.

The Kindergarten & Grade One class celebrated the 50th day of school by dressing up like someone from the 1950's!

A positive case of COVID-19 was identified in an individual at Smith School on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020. One staff member and 22 students are self-isolating as a result.

Grade 6 students are returning from self-isolation Thursday, December 3rd.

Our Christmas Concert/celebration will also be virtual this year and will be happening right before Christmas break.

Please see email sent today to all Aspen View families from Mr. O'Shea regarding upcoming changes to schooling.

Staff is working very hard to keep students safe at school. We are all being very diligent regarding mask-wearing, hand-washing and sanitizing.

AERR report will be shared at our next meeting.

Upcoming Dates:

- November 26- Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews 4-6 & 6:30-8:30 pm

School soft link:

<https://smithav.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf;jsessionid=F46AEF1CB913AB054E2D3D2129AE2B25>

- November 30- Grades 7-12 begin online schooling. K-6 will continue in-person learning.
- December 4- Professional Learning Day (No School).
- December 18- Last day of school before Christmas Break.
- January 4-8- First week back after break (VIRTUAL for K-12).
- January 11- In person classes resume K-12.

Council of School Councils Recap

1. Alberta School Council Association (ASCA)
 - Conference April 23/24, 2021
 - Do the survey by Friday November 6.
 - Forward to Caitlynn to email out.
 - AGLC – has funding through COVID Coding.
 - Bullying Prevention.
 - Policies for school divisions – get parent input.
 - Budget.
2. Trustee/Council Relationship
 - Trustees have a four-year term.
 - Fall 2021 will be elections.
 - Attending school council meetings will continue for trustees.
 - Sharing information at council meetings;
 - Budget, policies, transportation, capital & maintenance within division & division priorities.
3. Foundation Statement
 - Discuss at council meeting;
 - Review & send suggestions to division &/or with trustee.
4. Re-Entry Update/Round Table
 - Virtual & homeschooling going good.
 - Children in different schools has been challenging.
 - Accommodating.
 - Communication.
 - Mental health with parents also.
 - Online learning due to medical for some students.
 - Extra support.
 - Filling the void of not volunteering at the school (hot lunches)
 - Fundraising;
 - What to do?
 - Online
 - Casino
5. Vice Chair Annie K Round Table
 - Nice to hear about other schools.
 - Transition for the students back into school.
 - Not overwhelming for the students to re-enter.
 - Students doing just fine.
 - Built the playground.
 - Real nice to be back at it.
 - Running smoothly.
 - Zones during recess.
 - Have a bus tomorrow am, not sure for how long though?
 - Long day to wear a mask.

Providing extra space to play.

Providing different learning options.

Supporting.

Keeping everything under control.

The above-mentioned items are from around the whole school division.

Policy 1

DIVISION FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

Mission

Engage Learning. Ignite Potential. Inspire Success

Vision Statement

Aspen View Public Schools is committed to preparing our students to achieve success and reach their unique potential through the provision of meaningful learning opportunities.

Commitments

Student Learning -

Inspire to engage in relevant learning experiences in an inclusive environment that leads to academic student success.

Staff Learning -

Support staff members to be reflective, life-long learners, continually striving to improve their practice.

Communication -

Engage in open, active, ongoing and honest communication with students, staff, parents and community.

Culture and Climate -

Promote teamwork and model welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and inclusive schools that demonstrate diversity.

Social Emotional Needs -

Encourage all students to develop self-awareness and decision-making skills to achieve personal and interpersonal fulfillment.

Physical Needs –

Promote and **model** active and healthy lifestyle choices.

Entrepreneurial Spirit -

Equip students with skills in areas of innovation, technology, literacy and numeracy enabling them to adapt and thrive in an ever-changing world.

Logo

The Board of Trustees will approve an appropriate logo or crest.

Student Learning Outcomes

The Board of Trustees will strive to make all decisions in the best interest of students and in accordance the Ministerial Order on Student Learning (#001/2013).

The goal is to **empower** all students within an inclusive Kindergarten to Grade 12 education program to **realize** the following outcomes:

- (1) be **Engaged Thinkers** and **Ethical Citizens** with an **Entrepreneurial Spirit**;
- (2) strive for engagement and personal excellence in their learning journey;
- (3) employ literacy and numeracy to construct and communicate meaning; and
- (4) discover, develop and apply competencies across subject and discipline areas for learning, work and life to enable students to:
 - (a) know how to learn: to gain knowledge, understanding or skills through experience, study, and interaction with others;
 - (b) think critically: conceptualize, apply, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate to construct knowledge;
 - (c) identify and solve complex problems;
 - (d) manage information: access, interpret, evaluate and use information effectively, efficiently, and ethically;
 - (e) innovate: create, generate and apply new ideas or concepts within safe and supportive learning environments;
 - (f) create opportunities through play, imagination, reflection, negotiation, and competition, with an entrepreneurial spirit;
 - (g) apply multiple literacies: reading, writing, mathematics, technology, languages, media, and personal finance;
 - (h) demonstrate good communication skills and the ability to work cooperatively with others;
 - (i) demonstrate global and cultural understanding, considering the economy and sustainable development; and
 - (j) identify and apply career and life skills through personal growth and well-being.

Legal Reference: Section 39, 45, 47, 60, 78, School Act
Ministerial Order 004/98

do you need health regulations