

## Smith School Parent Lighthouse Team Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021 7:00 pm

Virtual- Via Zoom

1. *CALL TO ORDER* – 7:07 pm

In attendance: Caitlynn Chernish, Virginia Wasieczko, Nancy Sand, Audrey Attfield, Nikita Phillips.

2. *INTRODUCTIONS*- None.

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

4. *REPORTS*:

Trustees Report: Nancy Sand- Home schooling and online schooling numbers are high across Aspen View.

-Discussions regarding the new curriculum have been a bit quiet lately.

-Pilots of the new curriculum will begin in September.

-Athabasca University hosts Zoom information sessions- Nancy will send information to Caitlynn.

-The government opened up private and charter schools so there can be many now.

-A review is being completed by the division on when the land acknowledgement can be/should be done in schools.

-School divisions are asking the government to fund last year's numbers for next year so schools are not in trouble.

- Numbers in schools dropped due to COVID.

-Insurance for buildings and school buses is changing. There will be a camera on every school bus by September. This is a huge cost to our division.

- The division is receiving a shipment of masks and hand sanitizer soon.

- Our IMR budgets may be reduced, but we will see what the Spring brings.

Principal Report: Caitlynn Chernish- (see attached)

SPLF President Report: Virginia W- Little Ceasars fundraiser arrived and will be sent out (one per family) within the week.

- SPLF has purchased a sign language board for the school playground.

5. *NEW BUSINESS*:

- Next SPLF Mtg – February 24, 2021- TBD in person or virtual.

6. *ADJOURNMENT*: 8:00

Smith School Parent Lighthouse Team Meeting  
November 25, 2020 7:00 pm  
**Principal's Report**

Happy New Year! I hope you had an excellent and restful Christmas break.

Smith School's first ever virtual Christmas Concert was a success!

We are back to school in-person! The first day back for all K-12 students in-person was Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

If parents are wanting their children to be registered in online schooling through Aspen View, today is the last day to register and Term 2 for online schooling officially begins February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The division is focusing on the mental health of students this month. All teachers & classes K-12 are having discussions this week around mental health supports and adults they can reach out to.

Active Aspen View Wellness Line: [wellness@asperview.org](mailto:wellness@asperview.org) Toll free: 1-855-690-3030

All COVID-19 protocol is still in place in Smith School, with the exception that the gymnasium has re-opened. From August-Christmas break, all P.E. classes were held outdoors.

Pink Shirt Day forms were sent home today with all students.

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

F&P reading assessments have been extended until the end of February.

**BIG NEWS:** Mrs. McConnell is retiring. March 26<sup>th</sup> is her last day (the last day of school before Spring Break). This year marks her 40<sup>th</sup> year with Aspen View. We will miss her so much but we are so happy for her.

*Upcoming Dates:*

- January 21- Pink Shirt Day forms due.
- January 29- NO SCHOOL- Professional Learning Day
- January 29- Report Cards being mailed out to families.
- February 11 & 12- NO SCHOOL- Teachers Convention
- February 15- NO SCHOOL- Family Day
- February 24- Pink Shirt Day

**AERR Report** was shared with those in attendance at the meeting. It can be found at [www.smith.aspenview.org](http://www.smith.aspenview.org) under 'parents'. It is labeled as School 3 Year Plan.