

A.L HORTON ELEMENTARY PARENT COUNCIL

JANUARY 25, 2020 ONLINE MEETING MINUTES

**Attendees:** M.Spronk, R.Arndt, K.Allan, R. Footz, E. Robert, H. Dinwoodie, D.Ionetz, T.Horon, R. Yackimec, S. Kormarniski, M Ligouri, D Ambrock, M Axten.

1. Call to order- Ken Allan 6:36 pm

2. Review of the agenda: All approved

3. Approval of the minutes, as presented:

A. NOVEMBER 2020- No changes made. Approved by R. Yackimec seconded E. Robert

4. Old business: NONE

5. Principals report by Matthew Spronk:

`Virtual Christmas concert was a huge success

`Teachers and students did a phenomenal job navigating three day distant learning after Christmas break.

`January 28 is Bell Let's Talk Day. Our MHCB coach Kate Pugh is providing sessions on mental health for our kids.

`January 29 is a PD day for our division. Teachers will be doing readers workshop training. This will give a clear outline to teachers on literacy, planning and implementing the workshop.

` Discussion on changing of school fees for the next school year 2021-2022.

School Fee goals: 1) To establish fees that is reasonable 2) To establish fees that are equitable 3) To establish fees that support AL HORTON's current school goals.

ALH school goals: 1) to see more student success and school readiness for grade 1. 2) More students will show one year's growth in numeracy and literacy results. 3) To see more students engage in their learning while achieving excellence in all subject areas.

Proposal of fees being changed from \$22.00- \$32.00 for ECS and from \$44.00- \$65.00 for grades 1-6 (44.00 equals out to bed .25 cents a day). \$44.00 Noon hour supervision will be the biggest reasoning for fee change. This fee is helping pay for childcare for our families over lunch hour. This money can be used and claimed for income tax purposes. Some families may need and be approved to have these fees waves when a financial Burdon is presented. On a normal day at our school we have 14 supervisors overseeing 310 kids. At this time we are utilizing all support staff and our teachers are taking their half hour lunch. This is all calculated by our school layout, number of support staff and EA scheduling. As it

sits now we are a school with the lowest school fee in the division. For example Calgary charges roughly 300.00/child.

` Potential band fee of 25.00 for grade six students. This will be non-refundable and used for repairs, rental and instrumental fees.

` Field trip fees 45.00 for grades 1-6. These are teacher planned field trips and are used to enhance education. This money will be able to pay for roughly 2-3 field trips per grade including bussing. Additional breakdown as presented:

Grade 6's: \$50.00 for Birch Bay Ranch

Grade 1-6: \$5.00 for skating

Grade 4: \$50.00 for skiing

Grade 3 and 4: \$35.00 for swimming lessons

UB Shumka performance: \$20.00 Grades 1-6

Grade 1-6: \$2.00 year end swim.

Grade 6 girls: \$44.00 WISEST Conference

EXTRA CURRICULAR FEES: \$55.00 Curling, Basketball \$25.00, volleyball \$25.00, Flag Football \$10.00. This money is used for registration fees for tournaments, facility rentals and equipment.

## **6. Trustee Report- Randy Footz**

December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting- 21-22 school year is offering honours programs. This will be for grade 8 and 9 students and 3 schools will be hosting this (Ardrossan, Sherwood heights, Jr. High in Sherwood Park). Requirements for the program will be 80% average in all four core subjects' with recommendations from staff and teachers.

` Provincial achievement tests are going to be suspended for grade 6 and 9 students for this year. There has been too many interruptions for accurate results.

` School status report: Last Thursday was stated the average student costs 6520.00/ year. 18 schools are paying above average per child and three of which are in the county of Minburn. Schools are Vegreville comp, AL Horton, and the colony school. The cost and maintenance has gone up with compressive programs. Budget increased costs for PPE and custodial services. Also, there has been extra hire for tech assistance, numeracy and literacy with the high numbers in out of school learning.

7. New business: NONE

8. Next Meeting: February 22, 2021

9. Adjourn- 7:28 pm