

A.L HOTON ELEMENTARY PARENT COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 22, 2021 ONLINE MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: M.Spronk, R.Arndt, K.Allan, R. Footz, H. Dinwoodie, D.Ionetz, T.Horon, R. Yackimec, S. Kormarniski, D Ambrock, M. Semeniuk, D.Gara, S.Williams

1. Call to order- Ken Allan 6:31 pm
2. Review of the agenda: All approved
3. Approval of the minutes, as presented:

A. November 2020

B. January 2021- No changes made. Approved by R. Yackimec seconded D. Ambrock

4. Old business: NONE

5. Principals report by Matthew Spronk:

Provincial Budget: Will be delivered Thursday, February 25 @ 3:15pm. Then begins the budget planning process for the 2021-2022 school year.

Proposed School Fees: Presented at the March 22, 2021 school council meeting. Presentation of the 2021-2022 school band budget.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Tuesday, February-23-21, Wednesday, February 24, 4:30-7:30 pm all by telephone.

Virtual Book Fair: February 22, 2021- March 7, 2021. This is a fundraiser for the ALH library. Orders can be shipped directly to families. Scholastic is offering free shipping on Wednesday nights.

Pink Shirt Day: Wednesday February 24. Recognized worldwide since it began in 2007, Pink shirt day is an opportunity to promote healthy relationships, respect diversity and to take a stand against bullying.

Wendy Brook: Takes place March 8-15, one school entry per class. Type of entries varies: songs, musical theatre, poetry, reading Ukrainian language. Mr. Barkwell will record classes on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Library: Students returned to the library for the first time since March on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Readers Workshop presentation: Each book will have a mini lesson that will bridge the lesson to the book. It encourages lots of children interactions by sharing and break-out groups. The break out groups allows children to talk about the characters and to really engage in what they have read and use their imagination. There is a read aloud portion that helps with comprehension strategies. Reader's workshop also encourages a lot of levelled independent reading. Differentiated instruction, smaller groups of individual levelled teaching and constant child feedback.

In what ways can ALH support families to encourage reading and literacy practice what our students outside of the school?

` Parent workshops, weekly emails from teachers, YouTube video tailored to specific grades with targeted instructions and parent expectations.

#### 6. Trustees Report: Randy Footz

ASCA AGM is being held April 23, 24 and 25<sup>th</sup> via zoom. The board of trustees is sponsoring 15 registrants 1 per school. The board of trustees has a three year capital plan to deal with facilities. Replacements need done for three schools: Sherwood Heights Jr. High, Fort Sask, Jr. High, and elementary K-6.

There was an approval for borrowing resolution to answer difficulty. COVID has changed our business and financial world. The technical increase in credit went from 3 million to 4 million.

There is a discussion of a technology fee for this upcoming school year. Many schools already have this in place. It will be anywhere from \$25-\$65.00 and will be used to cover the costs of laptops, Chromebooks and the increase of internet charges.

#### 7. New Business: Presented by Ken Allan

a. ASCA 2021 Advocacy resolution positions were be submitted to ASCA by school councils across Alberta. They were be received, refined, and then published for review by school councils. School councils debate them and decide on whether or not they support them. From there they are returned and debated at the ASCA AGM. Those that are passed at the ASCA AGM are added to their advocacy handbook, which are advocated by ASCA during the coming year. An example of one that has been passed in the pass was the increase of speed limit through school zones.

Ken will send copies of this year's ASCA resolution to A L Horton School Council members by the end of this week. Please review them and pick three you would like to see us debate at the March School Council meeting. You will have an option to submit your favourite to the group, via email or Doodle poll.

b. ASCA Fundraiser- Due to the grant cut at the beginning of the school year they are looking to make up loss.

c. AHS Caregiver Series- There is an online caregiver series to help individuals through COVID tough times.

d. Saffron Cyber Second- Once a month there is information posted about children's safety online.

#### 8. Next Meeting – March 22, 2021 (one week early due to Spring Break)

Adjourned by Ken Allan @ 7:19p.m