

A.B Daley School Council Nov 25, 2020

Chair: Tammy Demers

Co-Chair: Danielle Sroka

Secretary: Leanne Habraken

In Attendance: Tammy Demers, John McKee, Jolene Becker, Ashley McKee, Brad Toone, Allison Martin, Melissa Rooke, Danielle Sroka, Cassandra Graves, Leanne Brinston, Alana Millard

Trustee Update

Three years Education Plan approved 2020-2023-30. The 30 page report is available on the LRSD website

Tara Tanner Division Principal of At Home Learning & Home Education gave a Presentation to the Board. There were 400 students who expressed interest in doing at home learning back in the spring of 2020. There are currently 338 students registered. At home LRSD students are using google meets as a platform. There is a virtual school website for at home learning you can tour.

Audited the Financial Statements (year ending Aug 31, 2020). The Board approved the audited statement.

ASAC Funding Letter-The board directed the advocacy committee to write a letter for the next board meeting to the Minister of Education, copied to all school boards, MLA etc. The letter is to declare that the Board are not agreeable to the Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) funding decrease (\$650 000 last year-\$170 000 this year).

It was not known if this decrease is permanent, or a decrease as COVID will prevent school councils from holding provincial meetings and other in person type events.

Guest Speaker

Ashley McKee, MacMann Family Support Worker:

Ashley is a facilitator for The Rainbows Program: a grief and loss support group for children.

Ashley provided the examples of death, divorce, disaster (pandemic/floods), moving as reasons for families to seek their services. Due to COVID the support group is offered in a virtual format at this time.

Questions about this support group or other services offered by MacMann can be directed to Ashley (email to come) or by visiting macmanncalgary.ca/Okotoks/

Other services include: family development- parent-support in home (now virtually), Triple P Parenting classes, and wider community resource referrals. Self-referrals to MacMann's services are accepted.

Examples for issues MacMann family programs can help with are gaming addictions, anger behaviour strategies, & communication

Their services are for families with children 0-18years. Tablets maybe available for families in need.

Report from the Principal

The A.B. Daley Staff were very thankful for the 2 staff wellness days granted by the Division. Grades 1/2: Have done community walks- Taking advantage of the opportunity to do more outdoor and place-based learning. Recently the class saw the firehall and truck, went to The Hive, Stuthorns and Boomers Hill. Students started to construct a large town map of places that they are visiting. Next week the class will bring art to the seniors center, take their Santa letters to the post office and meet with the RCMP officer.

Gr 6 had virtual meeting with the Minister's of Education and Finance as part of their focus of the government in Social Studies. Ruthie Whittien asked the Ministers a question the class had generated.

Gr3/4 Gr5- Attended a LRSD virtual career fair put together by Lettie Croskey who is an LRSD Career Practitioner.

Aquaponics -Two grade 6 students are helping maintain the aquaponics setup at the school with Aquaponics Society from Fort Macleod. They recently added some coy fish to the tank.

The Remembrance Day Ceremony was shared with the classes via video. The video included the student's, the playing of The Last Post in the park by a JTF student, and Canadian Armed Forces footage. Families can view the video on the school website now.

A.B. Daley had their very first virtual assembly hosted by the Grade 6 class. The Grade 6 students made a video about the school expectations that was shared at the assembly.

The Student Council has been elected.

Christmas Celebrations:

The Student Council has started work on a Christmas Plan: Alli reports that the council is very keen and has a 10 days before Christmas plan of activities, including a door decoration challenge, red and green dress up day and a giving back day-snow shoveling etc. Videos will be taken of activities and compiled to show to families.

Tammy wondering if parents would be interested in decorating outside, at the school? If interested please contact Tammy.

Thought Exchange Survey

This is a survey for families to give input into future school calendars. Last day to respond is Friday, Nov 27. The link was sent out on email and Facebook. It is also available on the A.B Daley website. You can view the survey multiple times and other respondent's comments. You can also check/star other people's comments you agree with.

School COVID Information:

Remember the Hot Lunch program is still running.

Parents needing to come to the school do not necessarily have to call a head but the school doors remain locked and parents will have to buzz in and check in with Mrs. Sheldon.

Sometimes the first buzz might not get an answer. Be sure to wait a minute or two and buzz again.

Claresholm principal sent out a guide on the learning they had with their COVID case experience to other Division schools. Number one suggestion was to have a Cohort spreadsheet, including bussing information, to help with notification of close contacts. A.B. Daley has this in place already.

Constitution Review:

We will review the school council constitution at the January meeting. The constitution will be emailed out prior to the meeting. Please review prior to the meeting and come with your suggestions for change.

Attendance Prizes:

Awarded to Danielle and Alana. The prizes were gift certificates to Tea Zehri and Stuthorns.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Tuesday Nov 24 Report cards go home

Thursday and Friday Nov 26 & 27 Parent Virtual/telephone Conferences

Friday Nov 27 No School

Thursday Nov 26 Remembrance Day posters due

No Meeting December

Next Meeting is January 27