



Annie L. Gaetz School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date	08 April 2025		
In Attendance	Krista Hagel, Reyna Olson, Kim McGilvray, Mike McCorquindale, Charlene Sisson, Kendra Stankievech, Lisa Peters, Jon Davies, Chantelle Bornn , Danielle Mathieson, Bernadette Cronin, Melissa Knopp, Heidi McFadzean , Michelle Prystai , Stephanie Gair		
Apologies			
Called to Order	18:01 by Krista	Meeting Adjourned	18:43 by Krista

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1.	Approve Last Month's Minutes	Motioned by Kim, Second Jon, Approved.
2.	Approve Today's Agenda	Motioned by Kim, Second Bernadette, Approved.
3.	Principal's Report By Mike McCorquindale	<p>Another very busy month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent out Alberta Ed Assurance Survey, we have enough responses to count, which is good • District Survey has just been sent out, we have some good numbers responding • Thank you to Parent Council for teacher lunch at the last Prof Devt day • New resource for Math, Grade 3 are trying it • Seuss Week - The musical was excellent and the kids were so well behaved. The volunteering staff came up to us afterward and commented on how well behaved the kids were • Pizza fundraiser collection was a great day • Games Night was fun • Basketball at Hunting Hills • No Secrets - some good conversations with the kids • School leadership are visiting other schools to see what's going on out there • Grade 5 Badminton is happening • Book Fair - raised over \$5000, got 40% back for our school, all teacher wishlists are fulfilled and some money left over for the library too • Open House Art Show - amazing night over 250 people through the door. Grade 5 leadership team taking tours, lots of people



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		<p>interested in the school, Trustee's and downtown attended for the entire night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD day provided by the district was great learning • Kiwanis Music Festival for school choirs • Ed Week - coding day tomorrow and Ctrl-V • Transition planning for Grade 5's going to Middle School • Budgets starting for next year • Grow Kids • CRM - Collaboration Response Model : facilitating staff on education pedagogy
4,	Chair's Report by Krista Hagel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at reviewing the year and planning for the year ahead • Any new ideas please bring them to the next meeting • ASCA meeting May 13 at Glendale School - seeing as we have moved our meeting next month anyone can attend • Going to start Stay n Play for 1 day a week after school • On ASCA website can find info on how funding changes impact schools in Alberta
5.	Trustee's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
6.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf tournament - Silent Auction Prize Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Heritage Ranch Or ◦ Rebels - consensus on this idea • Scholarship Sub committee for 60th Anniversary 2026 - idea presented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 3 person committee - mix of school staff and parents/community members ◦ Two scholarships of \$250 - perhaps as follows, rules to be established: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ One awarded to an ALG alumni and based on grades, needs, values as laid out in the application process; ◦ And one awarded to either the above criteria, or has contributed to our ALG community and has demonstrated strong ALG values based on the application process • Question on the scholarship - why are we spending money on a scholarship for someone who is no longer a student at ALG? Broader umbrella at building the wider community. • Are we following the bylaws with this initiative? Need to check • ASCA seminar is on May 28, 2025 for information on the purpose of Parent Assoc • Tabled for now to look into above and further discussions



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7.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vista Grande have asked ALG to attend ASCA training seminar / pay half - the money is the credit with ASCA
	Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Silent Auction prize by the end of June - Rebels - Melissa & Mike2. Reviewing Bylaws for feasibility of Scholarship proposal - Jon



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Called to Order	18:45 by Kim	Meeting Adjourned	20:25 by Kim

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2.	Approve Today's Agenda	Motioned by Bernadette, second Krista. Approved
3.	Chair Report by Kim McGilvray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Mike and the school being so engaged with the kids • The music festival on Monday was wonderful, ALG dress code looked great, Grade 3s received an award of Distinction • Art Show was wonderful, students so proud of their art work • Thank you to all parents participating in school fundraising activities • Strategic Directions & Goals - would like to use this as our foundation at ALG Parent Council - as a basis to sit down and make decisions as a group. "Towards a stronger, more engaged community" to set our children up for life • Mike- District Survey 47 people in the first week, we are the second highest school in the district which includes schools of 2000 kids. • Mike - We have 3 places in the Reading College! • Krista is going back to school next semester; Jon will be taking on some Snack Shack responsibilities - looking for new volunteers • Harvey's hot lunch - we were not notified from Harveys Gasoline Alley that they had closed - the other Harvey's in town saved the day with help from Kim's expertise to get 152 items ready in time!
4.	Treasurer Report by Chantelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casino account balance \$26,670.32 • We have free cheques for our Casino account • How do we make sure all council members are involved in discussions? • Audit booked for next Thursday 17 April for our accounts
5.	Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Little Caesars sold 243 kits - with 5 free kits bonus for



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		<p>FSLC to distribute. Raised \$1408 for Year End events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you to everyone who promoted and ordered and all volunteered to sort the orders ○ Next fundraiser is the Candy Caramel Apples and Popcorn in partnership with Finn and Fae. April 28-May 12 orders delivered June 10. Apples last approx 2 weeks. Will be run on MunchaLunch and paper forms can share with neighbours and families. Money is toward admin requests for students. ● Social Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 5 Year End - June 17. Parents wanted an activity for the kids as opposed to a BBQ - decision made to go to The Gutter bowling, eat and bowl, t-shirts for the kids to sign. Parents to have ice cream at the end of the day with their kids. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Awards Day / Assembly - June 20 ■ Outdoor Pool - June 23 ■ Field Day - June 24 ■ Last Day for students - June 26 ■ Still thinking about a whole school event ○ Stay and Play! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ New initiative, 3.15pm - 4.15pm Tuesdays April 29, May 6, 13, 27.
6.	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Volunteers! Thank you to all our volunteers! ● We are looking for some specific roles for next year, more info to come
7.	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Environment Grants from City of Red Deer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 applications have been submitted for waste sorting and disposal and further updating and adding to the courtyard ● Gauge interest for parent information nights - likely an initiative for next year, can include other local elementary schools ; cell phones/social media, nutrition, parenting etc. Can use ASCA grant for this and split costs with other schools. Potentially have FSLC involved to lead discussions on topics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lots of positive feedback for parents, mandate to go forward and gather ideas ● Melanie Taylor FSLC would like to start a Food Drive to support the community in Red Deer, more info to come from the school
8.	General Account Voting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$250 for Golf Tournament prize; motioned by Les, second Kendra - approved 2. Up to \$275 to purchase Smile Cookies to support Foundation for Red Deer Public Schools - Reading College - motioned by Charlene, second Michelle - approved 3. \$5000 for literacy and numeracy goals - moving towards allocating bigger buckets of money that the school can manage instead of approving each individual item; Motioned by Krista, second Michelle - detailed discussion and input from Mike - approved



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		<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. \$1400 for agenda's for 2025/26; motioned by Danielle, second Jon - approved - 2 opposed5. \$3000 for Wellness which may include physical education, student wellness, mental health supports, equity and other wellness initiatives; motioned by Jon, second Michelle - approved6. \$120 for the FSLC to award to the class that contributes most to the Food Drive - motioned by Les, second Jon - approved
9.	Casino Account Voting	No voting items
	Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.

Financial Documents:

If you wish to review the latest financial statements for the School Council and Parent Association please request from alg-schoolcouncil@rdpsd.ab.ca and we will send them to you.