

Alpenglow Community Education Society (ACES)
Annual General Meeting
May 21, 2020
7:00 – 8:00 pm
Zoom

Minutes

1. **Welcome** – Lexi McKinnon, President

2. **Approvals** – Lexi McKinnon, President

MOTION – Lisa Rosvold motions to open meeting; seconded by Ronna Schneberger.

MOTION – Jolene Gunn motions to approve agenda; seconded by Lindsey Williams.

MOTION – Lisa Rosvold motions to approve minutes from 2019 AGM; seconded by Ronna Schneberger.

MOTION – Lindsey Williams motions to accept financial statements for year ending 2019; seconded by Ronna Schneberger.

1. **Year in Review** – Lexi McKinnon, President

- ACES worked hard this year to ensure the finances for the school remained on track; we worked on strategy and we worked to support the teachers as they implement the three prongs of Alpenglow (AB curriculum, Waldorf and nature based learning).
- When the government announced that schools would close on March 16th, ACES stopped taking payment from families attending Alpenglow in recognition of financial challenges associated with Covid-19.
- Starting on March 16th, we waited for further guidance from the government on whether school would continue or not this academic year. We now know that school will not resume this academic year. Thus, we will be issuing (tomorrow) a letter to parents giving them the option of receiving a refund for the balance of payments for this academic year or providing a donation to the school for the fees that would otherwise be due as a refund. The refund option will be provided as a result of feedback received from parents through the Covid-19 survey that was issued to parents.
- ACES will not pursue any more fundraisers for this year. At the same time, a number of expenses that would otherwise have been incurred will not be incurred. This helped us work towards a balanced the budget for the 2019/2020 year. We have worked hard to ensure we still have a balanced budget for the year in spite of this lack of additional funds.

2. **Looking Ahead** – Lexi McKinnon, President

- For the 2020/2021 year, at this point our kindergarten numbers are low. Despite this, we have a strong commitment from CRPS to Alpenglow. The school is not at risk.
- We do not know what next year will look like yet but Alpenglow will proceed.

- We are not in a position to present a budget for 2020/2021 at this point due to uncertainty around how school will be run next year as a result of Covid-19. There is a possibility that school will return to classrooms, school may also be online, or there may be some combination of the two. Fees for next year will be adjusted to reflect the programming that the school is able to offer. The budget for next year will be drafted once we have details on how the year will be run. This will be presented to the membership in a special meeting once we have clarity on what the year is likely to look like.
- Teachers for next year will be Jackie and Erin in Kindy/Grade 1 split. Teachers for the other classes will be Chandni, Noer and Maureen. Grade assignments for these teachers are pending.
- Kindy registration for next year is still open. We are still hoping to get some additional registrations.
- ACES is working with Forest Play and administration to develop some nature-based learning for the Kindy class along with the other classes. While the formal contract with Forest Play has not been established for next year, ACES will work to ensure the nature based learning is strong in the Kindy class (as well as other classes).
- The marketing work we did, among other factors, have resulted in 5 additional registrations for Grade 1. For these students to be able to join the school, however, we need to get sufficient Kindy registrations (approximately 8 more kids) for a dedicated Kindy class.
- ACES will look at the budget to see if we can boost our ads now that the economy is starting to re-open and people are getting outside again.

3. Board of Directors – Lexi McKinnon, President

- Thanks for outgoing ACES directors.
 - Thank you to Teresa Cook for stepping in as Treasurer.
 - Thank you to Amy Taylor for her role as Secretary.
- 4.1 Nominations for Society Positions – Secretary (Jolene Gunn), Community Events Coordinator (Melanie), President (Alexia), Fundraising, Treasurer, Director at Large
- 4.2 Any nominations from the floor for the positions noted above? None
- MOTION: Lindsey Williams motions to approve the nominations noted above for secretary, community events coordinator and president, seconded by Lisa Rosvold, none opposed, all in favour.

4. Fundraising and Playground – Jolene Gunn, Fundraising Coordinator

- The outdoor amphitheater will be built this summer.
- The sandpit is getting a facelift.
- Two slides will be installed on the slope.
- Landscaping and beautification will take place.
- Logs for soccer goals are going to be installed.
- Terraces are being built to help with slope erosion courtesy of the Grade 5/6 class.

- Our target for fundraising this year was \$38,000. To date, we raised \$17,000. We were on track to meet our goal prior to Covid-19.
- Thanks to Shelly for grocery card fundraiser, Melanie for the festivals and Jessica for the school photos.
- For next year we should think about how to be creative about raising funds (particularly during Covid-19). We are also seeking information on grants that we might qualify for.

5. Adjournment

- Thanks to parents and participants in this meeting; thanks to parent council; thanks to ACES; thanks to Maureen; thanks to Ronna; thanks to our amazing teachers; thanks to Chris and Hans; thanks to CRPS; and thanks to the kiddos!!

MOTION: Motion to adjourn by Lindsey Williams, seconded by Ronna Schneberger.