

ACES Meeting Minutes February 12, 2019, CCHS, 7pm

In Attendance: Jolene G, Nick, Alexia, Ronna, Maureen S (took minutes)
 Arrived – 7:13 - Melanie G
 Arrived - 7:16pm – Sabina
 Departed 8:30pm – Sabina

Item	Topic	Discussion /Action	Follow Up By Who/ When
1	Call to order 7:08 pm	Motioned by Alexia Seconded by Ronna	
2	Approve Agenda	Motioned by Ronna Seconded by Jolene	
3	Approve January 15, 2019 Minutes	Motioned by Nick Seconded by Ronna	
4	Essence Document	<p>Sabina B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th year of Gr 6 alpenglow kids graduating now • The last group in the house (Kindergarten held in Sabina's house) will graduate this year • Created from a parent initiative • Document was created when program was in its first stages (after 3 sets of conversations with CRPS) • Why, because a framework was needed – what common vocabulary, common ideas, what were we going to be (because it didn't yet exist) • Starting point to create a living document • It connects to master agreement - one of the schedules and connected with memorandum of understanding • Looks like a checklist, but not a checklist – wanted it to be accessible and be common understanding • Always with child in mind (K-6 is called a child in Waldorf pedagogy) • Research was done looking at other Waldorf schools and curriculum, talking to Waldorf schools and teachers (one thing unique to Waldorf is very strong integration to nature) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waldorf Inspired and Nature Immersion were held in balance – check in with community – is it still in balance now – they really compliment each other • Temperaments go back to Greek times (not original to Steiner) – not a label, but how you approach the child (where they are at for that moment and may need some support) • Celebrations and festivals - helps year over year: when living in a climate where we have lots of darkness, these festivals hold light, and inspiration • New AB curriculum to roll out in 2020 – watch closely and show how Alpenglow is already doing some things Integrating across the core 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers are doing so much For this doc to have life, it needs to be held by everyone Honour what is happening right now - Decide on what we would like to continue to grow into Curriculum changes because our times change and we need to meet our children to support them in that – hold what you need to hold and let go what you need to Create a practice that this is revisited regularly – wonderful way to set tone to set new year or end a year – needs to have time for reflection and tension Always hold the head heart and hands of it We are technology light and it is a huge benefit to learning The more we bring out what it is and why and build depth to our concepts The edge is – connection with local community and being in community Another edge is engaging with seniors 	
5	Calendar Updates and Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 27 – Ronna will do a Grade 1&2 knitting night Ronna to work with Lorna to organize Crochet night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ronna to get date/info for knitting & crochet nights to Maureen to put in calendar & advertise
6	President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No questions for report 15 registered for Kindergarten so far While reviewing budget – consider strategic plan - communications and marketing - Would like to put funds in the budget to hire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nick will look at Strategic Plan and review what items will need budget lines
	Kindy Open House	<p>Kindy open house</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> more people possibly attended the online registration took a long time and was more intensive CPRS staff there - huge show of support Great parent questions – some from parents who were teachers at other schools <p>How do we make our program more enticing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cost of daycare is less than going to Alpenglow kindergarten – how do we make the case for the cost of kindergarten Increase our bursary to make us more accessible No technology – promote it more – highlight the benefits and how we learn differently without technology French is no longer a barrier – is it possible to boost this? Word of mouth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jolene to increase Facebook posts – she will post Abi&Jax testimonial and touch base with Jessica O. to do another testimonial if they agree Maureen to create poster for registration – to pass to Jolene Jolene prep a blog post on Forest School – ‘we were the first forest school in AB’

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should we run more ads in the paper – unsure if ads are what is gathering interest. We are committed to Forest Play for 2019/20 contractor for kindergarten Teachers were amazing on Info night – welcoming, friendly, spoke highly about their passion about the school Last year numbers were lower at this time Consistently reaching 300+ people per post in Facebook Our open house poster reached 1600 Winterfest reached 2600 people on Facebook 	
7	Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No questions for report Not in attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsey to share Forest Play proposal with council
8	Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transalta grant – we were on consideration list TD – we were asked to resubmit with outdoor classroom – connected with Andrea B. CRPS had 2 applications for Calgary Grant Applications in - Violet notified them that we were priority. CRPS is still holding RFP document for playground When will we find out about grants - All of the private industry grants do a 6 week turn around, CFEP we'll know in June, Rotary & TD & Banff Community Foundation in March <p>Idea – communication bulletin board on the edge of the field to add to playground plans</p> <p>Upcoming Fundraisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sausages underway Lisa & Deadman's crew – are on target for Spring Fever Dance Jill L will do Spring flowers Kari Woo stepped up for Raffle Coordinator Banff Marathon – contract was sent to Shelly, the funding to bodies ration is different and is not worthwhile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alexia to follow up with Chris & Hans regarding Playground RFP Jolene to send any new donors logos to Maureen to post on website Jolene to connect with Shelly and respond to Banff Marathon
9	Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No questions for report <p>MOTION – to continue with Kerry Field as our accountant by Nick, seconded by Ronna - All in favour – approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are now in the budget cycle for next year – reviewed high 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nick to touch base with Maureen to reinvest GICs Maureen to connect with Nick to follow up with families in arrears Maureen to touch base with teachers for them to update wish list

		<p>level budget lines for next year to be sure nothing is missed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More funds to advertisement • Program development? <p>Should we do something for our families who are here and staying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep our community going – speaker series, school gatherings, events • Possibly Spring update letter – celebrating things that happened this year and look forward to what’s coming next year – stand alone letter • 3 question survey possibly – highlight of your year, was there anything you would change • March and after Spring Break is best time to check in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexia it complete performance review for Maureen • Alexia to connect with an evaluator for suggestions on short survey
10	Festivals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No questions on report <p>Was there a draft completed for volunteer hours: -Registration form coming back from current families needed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay out volunteer expectations • All families need to take a shift at Winterfest, events, maintenance or crafting, sitting on ACES, taking on coordinator position • All families to help in child’s class as you can • Or pay a non-participate fee • Are we open to trying a new volunteer system? <p>Melanie Wood is happy to teach the children the Maypole Dance for Springfest with parent volunteers. We have student (Alpenglow graduates) violinists who can come.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maureen, Ronna & Melanie to meet and update new volunteer policy • Melaine to come up with Springfest volunteers and connect with Maureen to get it on volunteer website
11	Director at Large	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No questions for report • Diane not able to make it – could Larry do temperaments • Possibly Sabina do a talk on the stages at AGM • Question – parents have request to have 30 speed zone on Larch • Hazardous tree assessment so we know when its safe to play in the forest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronna to connect with Larry for temperaments talk • Alexia to connect with Chris to find dates when Larry is coming then pass them to Ronna • Alexia to connect with Chris – hazardous tree assessment
12	Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No questions for report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maureen to book room for AGM and plan advertisement in AGM

		<p>Wednesday May 22, 2019 for AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting – board members to officially let us now if they will return to positions or not 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All board members – to let council know if officially return or not
13	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nothing 	
14	In Camera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> nothing 	
15	Meeting Adjournment 10:45pm	<p>MOTION to adjourn by Nick Seconded by Melanie</p>	