



Parent-to-Parent

Ecole Frere Antoine [EFA] School Council [SC]

Hello Everyone,

Merry Christmas! Can you believe how quickly this fall has disappeared?

School Council took a break from meeting in December, but things have still been going on...

A look back at November and December...

- Thank you to Mariclaire for making amazing new "Walk like a Penguin" signage for our crosswalk!
- Our Anti-Bullying Parent Engagement Evening, paid for through the Alberta School Councils Engagement (ASCE) Grant, was held on November 18 with Scott Graham. He presented a wonderful meeting for us, giving insights that let everyone know that we are not alone as parents, all kids provide wonderful teachable moments! If you were unable to attend the session, Scott's website is <https://scottgrahamspeaker.com> - his blog is quite entertaining and informative!

A look into January...

- In November, SC voted to spend the remaining \$100 of the ASCE Grant to have the Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) host a "School Council Purpose" webinar in February. This webinar is the prerequisite for all other ACSA offerings, and offers members (if you received this, you are one) the opportunity to understand the difference between the roles and responsibilities and legislation pertaining to a School Council and those of a Fundraising Society. (*The Fundraising Society that supports EFA is the Ecole Frere Antoine Fundraising Association, EFAFA*).

As luck would have it, when we inquired about booking, a free session had been donated and was made available to us at 7:30 PM on January 5, which leaves us with \$100 to use for other offerings. The webinar will be conducted via Zoom, and all members interested in the "nuts and bolts" of our service to our children and our school community are welcome to attend. To join, please register at <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/webinars/webinar-wednesdays> - the meeting code will be provided in your confirmation.

- Everyone's input is valuable, and your thoughts and suggestions are needed; a link to our Annual School Council Survey will be in your e-mail in January!
- Our next meeting will be held online on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30 PM.
 - **To receive the link for the meeting**, please email Danielle.GodboutArmstrong@ecsd.net prior to 4:00 PM on January 11th. For attendance records and voting purposes, please include both your first and last name, as well as your child's first and last name.

General Notes...

Every parent or guardian of a child enrolled in a K-6 program at EFA is a voting School Council (SC) member. SC information is relayed to membership via Le Messenger, the **Ecole Frere Antoine Catholic** Facebook page, and our page on the EFA website [where you will also find our contact information]. Regular meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 8 PM, unless otherwise noted. SC meetings are generally followed by a meeting of EFA's School Society, the Ecole Frere Antoine Fundraising Association (EFAFA).