

Fort Assiniboine Parent Council AGM Agenda

Sept. 29/2021 (7:00-8:30 PM)

Call to Order - Welcome/Introductions -

New Superintendent Introduction - (Q and A to follow in New Business)

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from May 26/2021 meeting

Old Business:

- 1) Programming committee -
- 2) Resource Meeting -
- 3) School Council Effectiveness checklist/Parent Surveys that were sent out last June

New Business

- 1) ASCA – Alberta School Council Association. - Pembina Hills pays for us to be members of this association, they have different courses available to school councils. Would we like to participate in some of these how to courses?
- 2) Masking on Busses -
- 3) Review Changes to Guide to Education -
- 4) Technology - Division Policies, Digital Citizenship, Cyberbullying, Quick guide to Learning & Technology Framework
- 5) Communication with Parents/Public -
- 6) School reporting policy -
- 7) Course Outlines/Year plans -
- 8) School Photos -
- 9) Budget and Staffing update -
- 10) Meet the teacher and Open House -

11) Parent – Teacher meetings -

12) Dissolution of Welcoming/Communication committee, and discussion on Class reps?

13) Q and A with the Superintendent - Please submit any questions to

Faschoolcouncil@pembinahills.ca before hand if possible.

Election of Officers – Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary, and possibly Class Reps.

Next meeting date -

Meeting Adjourned -

FORT ASSINIBOINE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2021, 7:00PM

Attendance: Crystal Wood, Roxanne Cross, Jenny Kuelken, Cindy Carswell, Christina Hamilton, Dustin Hamilton, Lorna Hiemstra, Jenni Williams, Megan Petryshen, Amber Levy, Alicia Nelson, Michael Borgfjord

Chairperson Crystal Wood called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

Welcome to our new Superintendent, Michael Borgfjord.

1. Approval of Agenda
 - Megan approved the agenda with 3 additions: Mrs. Hiemstra's video, Tehra Forbes inquiry: CTF option for bowling, School Council Rep on Library Board
 - Jenni seconded it.
2. Approval of minutes from March 24, 2021
 - Roxanne approved the minutes.
 - Jenny seconded it.
3. Old Business
 - a. Programming Committee
 - In June 2021, Mr. Wyman, Mrs. Hiemstra, Jenny and Roxanne discussed options that the Parent Council could assist with. Mr. Wyman noted that the Parent Council could possibly help with supplies and materials pickup.
 - Ideally, this Committee would consist of a 1 Parent Society member, 1 Parent Council member and 1 Junior High Teacher. Hoping to have these members established by next meeting.
 - Lorna mentioned the desire of the seniors in the community wanting to share their talents and knowledge.
 - Roxanne is currently working on an archery class and an international foods studies class.
 - b. Resource Meeting
 - Staffing update by Mrs. Hiemstra. See below.
 - c. School Council Effectiveness checklist/Parent Surveys from June 2021
 - Only 3 surveys received. Was hoping to get valuable feedback to start the new year and hand off to the new Parent Council executive.
4. New Business
 - a. ASCA – Alberta School Council Association
 - Crystal noted the Association presents many great courses that a Council rep/volunteer can sign up for. Crystal will bring a list of these courses to the next meeting. There is also a 3 day AGM held by ASCA in which a Council rep/volunteer can attend.
 - b. Masking on buses
 - Is a provincial requirement therefore, cannot be changed for school divisions, unless medical exemption is provided.
 - c. Review changes to Guide to Education
 - No PAT exam results to share from last year. PAT exams to be administered this year.
 - Return To Normal is new component compared to last year.
 - d. Technology – Division policies, digital citizenship, cyberbullying, quick guide to learning & technology framework
 - No changes to this policy.

- e. Communication with Parents/Public
 - Mrs. Hiemstra noted parent contact information cannot be shared by the school and staff. Parents can give other parents their own contact info if they wish.
 - Currently staff and school using Freshgrade, Remind, School Messenger, Powerschool, school newsletter, and class newsletter to communicate to parents.
 - School Messenger can be signed up by texting 978338.
 - Powerschool is a student information system, not a communication forum. 50% of parents have yet to fill out online paperwork. Mrs. Fleming is working with parents. Initial setup seems to be the barrier. Once initial setup is complete, paperwork takes a few minutes to complete. Some parents still like paper forms but this online system will hopefully be easier for office staff to file. Was noted that initial setup cannot be done on a phone but only on a tablet/laptop/computer. Mrs. Hiemstra will ask Mrs. Fleming if initial setups can be completed by Mrs. Fleming. All logins after that can be accessed on a phone. This may help parents logging in.
- f. School Reporting Policy
 - Brief discussion. Nothing to report.
- g. Course Outlines/Year Plans
 - Grades 6-9 course outlines were sent home.
- h. School Photos
 - Homeschoolers may have school pictures taken but need to coordinate with Mrs. Fleming.
 - Still unsure of class pictures.
 - Scheduled for Oct 21. Retakes on Nov 18.
- i. Budget and Staffing Update
 - 3 new teachers: Mrs. Senger, Mrs. Rogerson, Miss DeZaeyer
 - Mrs. Baker is on leave.
 - Mrs. Hiemstra to canvas teachers for a volunteer to represent on School Council. Minimum of one teacher is a requirement.
 - New budget proposal in February and finalized after spring break.
- j. Meet the Teacher and Open House
 - Council still intends on hosting an Open House with the help of Parent Society and staff. Date TBA.
 - Intend to have Powerschool presentation and tablets for Powerschool setup/login.
- k. Parent – Teacher meetings
 - Parents are keen on having in-person meetings versus phone calls.
 - Staff and administration to work on logistics of parents meeting with multiple teachers.
- l. Dissolution of Welcoming/Communication committee and Class Reps
 - Motion to dissolve by Roxanne. Jenni seconded.
- m. Q and A with Superintendent
 - Q: What is the school boards stance on in-school vaccinations?
 - A: Alberta Health requires parental consent for all vaccinations. Schools cannot promote vaccinations, only inform families of them. Assurance was given that no child would receive a vaccine without parental consent.
 - Q: What was the purpose of the ward border changes?
 - A: Seven wards were amended to 6 only for elections. No changes to school borders.
 - Q: Why is my designated school and bussing to Barrhead when I live closer to Fort Assiniboine School?
 - A: I will explore this further and get back to you.

- Q: Why are parents being misinformed about Speech Language Pathologist services in the Fort? We were told Barrhead was the closest school that could help our autistic child. We only heard through a neighbour that FAS did actually have these specialities.
- A: That is unfortunate as Pembina Hills shares these professionals with all our division schools.

- Q: Why do Barrhead High school students ride the same bus as the FAS students? This was the cause of FAS students needing to isolate last school year. It probably could have been avoided.
- A: Unfortunately bus drivers cannot change seating plans. We are responsible for providing some sort of transportation from the Fort to Barrhead since FAS does not have a High School.

- A: Why is FAS comprised of approximately 90 students treated the same as Barrhead School with a few hundred students?
- Q: Pembina Hills schools are all very unique in their own way. Specific inquiries can be directed to Mrs. Hiemstra who can then call on me for assistance.

- Q: When are parents contacted for specialized testing/assessment for Skills?
- A: Assessments by SLP, OT, Success Coach, Mentors, etc are done by Pembina Hills using AHS components. Rob McGarva is the Director of Student Support Teams and can be contacted with more questions.

- n. Mrs. Hiemstra's video
 - Will be viewed next meeting due to time constraints.

- o. Tehra Forbes inquiry: CTF option for bowling
 - Programming Committee will call Barrhead Bowling and inquire about recommended age, instructors, safety instruction, cost, etc.
 - Programming Committee will also call Swan Hills swimming pool and inquire about lessons, instructors, class sizes, cost, etc.

- p. School Council Rep on Library Board
 - Megan will bring this up at the next Library Board meeting.

- 5. Election of Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary
 - All positions remain open due to lack of interest. Crystal, Roxanne and Jenny will remain as Acting until positions are filled. Election to be revisited at next meeting.
 - Position descriptions/time dedication, etc to be sent home prior to next meeting.

- 6. Reports
 - a. Principcal Report – Lorna Hiemstra – See attached.
 - Breakfast Club seeking 1-2 more volunteers. Already secured 1. Volunteers need to provide a criminal record check. Volunteering only for on-site baking do not need a criminal record check.
 - b. School Trustee Report – Jennifer Tuininga – See attached.

- 7. Next meeting date: November 24, 2021

- 8. Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.

Principal's Report to Ft. Assiniboine School Council Sept. 2021

Welcome Back to a new school year!

Reflections from the End of June & Summer

- It was a challenging year, but at the end of the year we still had lots to celebrate! Activities included water games, highlighted by the Fire Department dousing our grade 3&4 class with several thousand gallons of water, drumming with Mr. Kiselyk, Ryan's Mini Golf, National Indigenous Peoples Day, and a drive-by farewell to Mrs. Breitkreitz.



- **Yearbook** - Mrs. Payne and last year's Gr. 6-9 students spent many hours assembling a school yearbook, the first yearbook that we have had in quite a few years. There are a few extra copies left for purchase for \$20 at the office.
- Kudos to Megan Petryshen and Library volunteers for hosting Fun at the Library activities every Tuesday during the summer holidays!
- Fitset Ninja Course - postponed to Sept. 10



School Start up

- We opened the school for drop-in visits Aug. 26 from 1-4 and Aug. 30 from 3-5. Most of our new families came by and many Gr. 6-9 students brought in their supplies to their new lockers.
- Our staggered start was modified this year to keep classes together. On Aug. 31 grade 2&3 and 8&9 came in. On Sept. 1 grade 1, 4&5, and 6&7 came in. Kindergarten does its own staggered entry every year with half the students attending each of the first two days.
- We started the year with almost no additional health regulations, except mandatory masks on the bus, and now we are back to similar guidelines as last year.

Health Guidelines - we take our directions from Alberta Health Services; information changes constantly; we remind staff, students, and parents to be patient and kind.

- The primary strategy to prevent the spread of infection is the [Alberta Health daily checklist](#) (another update was posted Sept. 20)
- Students in Grades 4-9 and all adults are required to wear masks upon entering the building, in hallways, and when moving around classrooms.
- Preschool students and staff are not required to wear masks in the classroom. Preschool staff and volunteers are required to wear masks in the hallways and front entrance.
- All staff and visitors are required to sign in and out to keep a record of when they are in the building.

- Students under the age of 18 are not required to wear masks when engaged in physical activity (physical education class, extracurricular sports).
- Parents are expected to wait in the front lobby and staff will arrange for children to come to the lobby to meet them.
- If the school has absenteeism of over 10% with similar symptoms we are required to notify AHS. In the second week of school we had over 35% of our students home sick.
From Sept. 12 to Sept. 25 we were in Outbreak status for “Respiratory Illness - no infectious agent identified”. As a result we cancelled Open House, and extra-curricular trips for cross country and volleyball during this time period.

Update on Health Measures in Schools

Website link updated regularly. New post from GOA on Sept. 20.

<https://www.pembinahills.ca/schools-programs/public-health-measures/>

When and How Parents will be Informed of Positive COVID Cases in Schools

At this time, schools are not involved in any contact tracing processes when a student or staff member tests positive with COVID-19. Alberta Health Services has been asking the client who tested positive, or the client’s parents, to inform others who might have been in recent close contact.

When a parent informs the school about a child who has tested positive:

- The school will not ask parents if they want the school to inform others.
- The request to inform others must be **voluntarily** offered by parents.
- When parents make this request, the schools will send parents of the class a brief message stating that someone in the class has tested positive and to monitor personal health and symptoms. This process is intended to respect parents’ and students’ right to privacy.

Mask Exemptions

Anyone unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition will require a medical exception letter from an authorized health professional. Parents must be able to present the letter if asked. The medical exception letter template can be found on the [COVID-19: Mask requirements](#) page of the government website. **This is the only form of exception letter that will be accepted.**

Indoor sports can continue. Teams can continue to practice and attend games against other schools.

- Participants are required to screen for symptoms, maintain 2 metres distance except when engaged in physical activity and wear a mask except when engaged in a physical activity.

- For the safety and well-being of our student athletes, we will restrict attendance at school sporting events to the players and adults connected with the teams.
 - **No additional spectators will be permitted.**
- Elementary classes can go on field trips with their class cohort.
- Junior and Senior High do not need to maintain cohort groups. Junior and senior high can participate on field trips

Indoor Performances are limited to $\frac{1}{3}$ fire code capacity. We are planning on producing a Christmas Concert but whether or not we will have an audience is still to be determined. Under current conditions we would most likely live stream and/or tape the performance during the day with no audience present.

Student count

- Our preschool is booming with 2 classes - Mon/Wed and Tues/Thurs from 8:30 - 12:30
- We initially predicted 7 in Kindergarten and we currently have 12
- Grade One has 18 students
- Grade 2&3 has 17 students; Grade 4&5 has 16 students
- Grade 6&7 has 17 students; Grade 8&9 has 10 students
- Total count as of Sept. 22 is 12 Kindergarten students and 79 Gr. 1-9

Fort School Staff: A great team of people who care about kids!

- Kindergarten - Teacher: Mrs. Kiselyk, Program Assistant TBA
- Grade 1 - Teacher: Mrs. Senger PA: Mrs. Wieland
- Grade 2&3- Teachers: Mrs. Hiemstra & Miss DeZaeyer, PA: Ms. Lefebvre
- Grade 4&5 - Teacher: Mrs. Rogerson, PA: Mrs. O'Brien
- Grades 6-9 - Teachers: Mr. Wyman (Math, Science, PE) & Mrs. Payne (LA & Social Studies), PA: Mrs. Kien
- Office - Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. O'Brien



Daily School Routine - minor changes from last year

7:50 - 8:05 Busses pull into school, Jr. High students may enter building at 8:00 (masks on)

8:00 - 8:15 Elementary students exit busses, time on playground (now there are 2 supervisors)

8:15 Elementary students line up at designated spots to avoid congestion, gr. 4-5 put on masks

8:15 Elementary doors opened, breakfast snack served in classrooms

8:30 Warning Bell sounds

8:35 Morning Announcements & O Canada over the intercom

10:15- 10:30 Recess for K-7

12:15-12:30 Lunch in classrooms K-9

12:30- 12:55 Lunch recess for K-9

1:00 Afternoon Classes Begin

2:30-2:45 K-5 recess

3:50 Final Dismissal bell for K-9

(Literacy, Numeracy, SLP, and OT) Testing and Interventions

- At the beginning of the school year our SLP and OT team visits classes for general screening and sends home parent permission forms if assessment is needed (ex. letter/number reversals, pencil grip, specific letter sounds, etc.)
- Kindergarten and Gr. 1 - no academic screens until January 2022
- Gr. 2&3 - MIPI (math), AB Ed numeracy screen, 3 literacy screens in September
- Gr. 4&5 - MIPI, 3 literacy screens in September

We are currently joined with Barrhead Elementary School (BES) in a literacy intervention program aimed at identifying if there are learning gaps from CoVid interruptions to education and addressing these specific needs. Teachers are just learning how to interpret results and plan for interventions if necessary. More information to follow.

The single biggest predictor of
high academic achievement is
reading to children.

Not flash cards, not workbooks,
not fancy preschools, not
blinking toys or computers,
but mom or dad taking the time
every day or night (or both!) to sit
and read them wonderful books.

Schedules & Programming

- We now have two distinct cohorts in our school: K-5 and Gr. 6-9.
- We have combined Kindergarten and Grade 1 for Physical Education, Music, and Literacy Activities on Tuesdays & Thursdays.
- We have combined Grade 1 and 2 for extra literacy activities on Mondays & Wednesdays (with Mrs. Senger), and Outdoor Learning on Tuesdays & Thursdays (with Mrs. Kiselyk).
- We have combined Grade 3-5 for Health & Art on Mon/Tues/Thurs.
- Gr. 6&7 and Gr. 8&9 have separate PE classes.
- Gr. 6-9 are once again combined for CTF & Options.
- Our current options are Cross Country, Minecraft Education Edition, Volleyball and **The Great Canadian Road Trip**
 - Have you ever experienced an absolutely epic road trip with your family? Or maybe dreamed of taking one? Canada has tons of amazing landmarks and sightseeing destinations across the entire country. In this class, you will have the opportunity to plan your ideal Canadian road trip. You will be responsible for planning your trip itinerary including: all stops, trip mileage and timeline, different modes of transportation you will use, food and snacks, and who will join you on this fantastic trip.
- Future options include: First Aid with Doris Kuelken, Sewing/Knitting with Mrs. Senger & Seniors, Christmas Concert with Mrs. Kiselyk, Winter Outdoor Education with Mrs. Kiselyk, and our Parent Programming committee is currently recruiting volunteers for archery and cooking classes.

Seniors Friendship Club

We look forward to continuing the connections we established last year. Our students loved going to the museum and learning about gold panning, trapping and furs, spinning wool, knitting, crochet, needlework, leatherwork, and more. The Seniors were amazing with our students! Ice cream was nice too.

Several of the Seniors are interested in working with our gr. 6-9 students in CTF courses.



Breakfast Program - Mrs. O'Brien is once again administering this program. We currently have one community volunteer on Mon/Wed. We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help on Tues/Thurs from 8-10 am. Duties will include serving food, washing dishes, and preparing food for the next day. All food must be prepared on site. Volunteers must have current criminal record and child welfare checks, fill out an application form (available in the office), and comply with code of conduct expectations (ex. not visiting students and classrooms outside of breakfast serving duties).

Support Programs Personnel

- Katharina Friessen is currently working on her Master's Degree in Counseling. She is a valuable resource person for students, staff, and parents. Her programs include individual consultations, mental health strategies, and connecting families to assistance for counselling, food, and financial support
- Rebecca Creber is our FCSS youth worker. She will be offering programs on Fridays that we have school. More information to follow.
- Sheena Ryan is a certified psychologist who is available for individual and family counselling. Contact the Principal if you would like a referral.
- Bev Franchuk is our returning Occupational Therapist (OT) and will be visiting every second Tuesday
- Elizabeth Maier is our new Speech & Language Pathologist (SLP)
- Trina Cloutier is our new SLP and OT assistant and will be visiting every Tuesday
- Darleen Olson is our First Nations, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI) Liaison and will be visiting every second Tuesday
- Lindsay Hayes is our Program Assistant Mentor. She helps with special education needs and is visiting twice a month.

Health Programs

- Once again we will be accessing programming from P.A.W.S. (Promoting Activity Wellness and Success) in Swan Hills.
- <https://www.swanhillsschool.ca/programs-courses/p-w-s-school-programs/>
- Programs will be focussed on positive mental health strategies for grades 1-9
- The current proposed schedule is bi-weekly on Wednesdays beginning Oct. 6

Virtue Awards

- “Green and Gold” awards are given out daily and students put them in to their Bear House buckets (Polars, Grizzlies, Spirit Bears, and Kodiaks)
- At the end of each month names are randomly drawn for prizes from the Bear House buckets
- Each class will also have Virtue Award winners who will receive “Pizza from the Principal” and their pictures will be posted on our school Facebook page and website
 - September’s Virtue is Respect; October’s virtue is Thankfulness

Upcoming Events

Terry Fox Run Sept. 30 at 2:00 pm

- Outdoor events do not require masks, although people should be conscious of physical distancing. We are encouraging parents and community members to join us outside to walk/run from the Ag Community Center parking lot to the boat launch turn-off and back (aprox. 2.2 km each way). Rumour has it that Mr. O’Brien will be bringing ice cream for after the run.
- Fundraising forms were sent home Sept. 21

National Day of Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day - Sept. 30

- An important part of the Truth & Reconciliation process is learning about the history of residential schools in Canada. We have already been recognizing Orange Shirt day for several years, and now with the uncovering of unmarked graves at former residential schools and the Federal Government declaring Sept. 30 a National Day of Reconciliation, it has become even more prominent in the public eye.
- Students will be covering this topic at age appropriate levels through curriculum based activities. There are many resources available, including the video below which talks about how to deal with delicate topics like this.
- Wearing an orange shirt is optional; we are providing new orange shirts to our Kindergarten students
- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#)

- <https://www.macleans.ca/society/the-lonely-death-of-chanie-wenjack/>
- **VIDEO: Talking to kids about Residential Schools**
- <https://downiewenjack.ca/recommended-resources/>

Fire Safety Week Oct. 4-7 - contests and lunch provided Oct. 5

Drive Away Hunger Campaign (Farm Credit Canada) **Oct. 12-21**

- We have once again registered with Farm Credit Canada to collect donations of food and money for our local food bank.

Goal Setting Nights - October

- Parent meetings may be done in person or over the phone
- Grades 1-5 meetings will be held on either Oct. 13 or Oct. 19
- Kindergarten meetings will be held on Oct. 19
- K-5 appointments will be set up through the office soon
- Grade 6-9 meetings will be held after school between Oct. 12-21

Halloween Activities - Oct. 28

- Thank you to the Levy family for donating pumpkins for all our students again
- We have not yet planned activities, but with current conditions we will most likely do classroom based activities again and have an outside parade at the end of the day for parents to see all the costumes

Christmas Concert - tentatively scheduled for Dec. 9

- Indoor Performances are limited to 1/3 Fire Code capacity. We are planning on producing a Christmas Concert but whether or not we have an audience is still to be determined. Under current conditions we would most likely live stream and/or tape the performance during the day with no audience present.

Fish In School (FinS) Project - Mrs. Kiselyk has already submitted an application and we are now waiting to hear back. The FinS program is a unique opportunity for Alberta's students to raise trout in the classroom! Over five months, students and teachers work together to maintain and monitor the development of rainbow trout – from egg to fry – in a classroom aquarium. Students will learn about healthy aquatic ecosystems, environmental stewardship and fisheries stocking before releasing their fry into a provincially approved waterbody.

<http://bowhabitat.alberta.ca/programs/fish-in-schools.aspx>

Gr. 6-9 Hydroponics Project

Last year, our Jr. High Students participated in a virtual Youth Energy and Climate Leadership Summit. After the summit they applied for and received an A+ For Energy grant worth over \$4000 to support their proposal to build an indoor hydroponics garden. This project is student led and involves a lot of critical thinking, cooperation, and problem solving. The students have just finished preparing their building proposals after measuring our hallways and assessing electrical supply sources.

Sports & Extracurricular

- School PE representatives met in early September to draft up league schedules for Elementary and Jr. High Sports in cross country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, badminton, curling, and track and field.
- *These Schedules are subject to change *
 - Elementary Soccer - away game at Neerlandia on Sept. 27, host a mini tournament on Oct. 7 (parent helpers needed for concession)
 - Jr. High Soccer Tournament Sept. 29 is cancelled due to Outbreak at host school
 - Jr. High Volleyball - away game at RF Staples Oct. 5, Home game Oct. 14, Final Tournament Oct. 28 at Westlock Spirit Center
 - Elementary Volleyball - games in November, final tournament Dec. 2 at Westlock Spirit Center
 - Elementary Basketball - games in Jan/Feb, final tournament March 3 at BES
 - Jr. High Basketball - games in Jan/Feb, final tournament Feb. 14 at Westlock
 - Jr. High Badminton tournament April 22 at Westlock Spirit Center
 - Jr. High Track & Field Meet May 19 at Barrhead Composite
 - Elementary Track & Field Meet June 9 at Swan Hills

School Trustee Report - September 29, 2021

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

The Canadian government established this statutory holiday in July 2021 for federal employees and those in federally-regulated industries to acknowledge the lasting harm resulting from the residential school system. The board discussed this important day, which will be commemorated at schools and in classrooms throughout the week leading up to September 30, but opted not to change the school calendar for the 2021/2022 year, given that dates were set in the spring of 2021. Teachers will be intentional in their lesson planning to help students understand the purpose of the day in age-appropriate and subject relevant ways. Flags at the regional office and our community schools will be flown at half mast.

The development of the next school year calendar begins in early winter. In addition to the multitude of elements already influencing calendar development, the new board of trustees will also assess the viability of making September 30, 2022 a non-operational day.

Board meetings will be recorded

In December 2020, the board passed a motion to livestream regular board meetings held at Regional Office for the 2020-2021 school year. Given the beginning of the new school year, the board reviewed this practice and debated the best path forward.

Rather than continuing with livestream, the board decided to record meetings where possible and will then post the recordings to the division website. Board meeting minutes and news can also be found on the [Pembina Hills website](#)

School Council Administrative Procedure

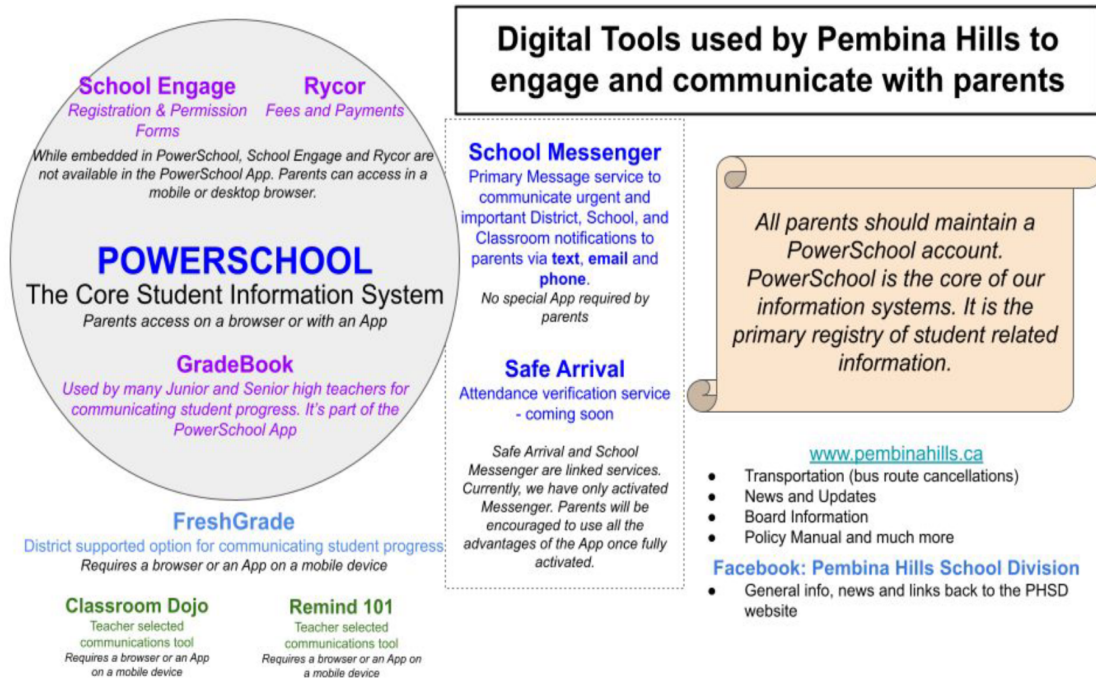
The following procedure has been revised and provides information about the role of school councils in Pembina Hills schools: [AP20-15 School Councils](#).

COVID-19

An administrative assistant from the Regional Office calls schools daily to check on cases. If absence rates exceed 10% Alberta Health is notified. Due to capacity limitations and health measures school sports we will not be allowing spectators at this time.

Communications Assurance Report

PowerSchool is the centre of our Student Information System and so far 73% of our families have set up an account. It is very important that parents sign up as it links to the on-line payment system of Rycor and features such as SchoolEngage which enables on-line student registrations and school forms. School Messenger has been very valuable as a one way tool to get out messaging to parents/guardians quickly, especially as messages regarding COVID-19 have changed frequently and at times suddenly. Safe Arrival will be piloted before rolling out as a tool for parents to communicate absences. Following is a picture of the various digital tools being used in Pembina Hills to communicate effectively with parents.



October 18th - Municipal Elections

There are two candidates running for school trustee for the Pembina Hills West Ward 2 - get out and vote!

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