



# Sturgeon Composite High School School Council Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2024

**Attendance:** Jaclyn Miller, Stacey Buga, Carol Nelson, Jennifer Hunting, Andrea Morrison, Darwin Kripps, Nancy Oneschuk, Cherie Speer, Melissa Knezacek, Crystal Belanger, Alice Funk, Angela Yack, Bonnie Borle, Erin Vollick, Taryn Gerlinsky, Kim Champlain, Alison Kohl, Trish Murray-Elliott, Michelle Koch, Darryl Paziuk

## Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Jaclyn Miller at 6:01pm

## Approval of November's Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes for May meeting made by Jaclyn Miller Seconded by Jennifer Hunting.

## New Business

- Meetings to be the 4th Monday of each Month going forward

## Chair Report

- Meet the Teacher night was September 4. It was very successful and had a higher rate of attendance than expected. Some kinks to work out for next time but everyone was happy with the turnout.
- Cell Phone Policy-Zero Cellphones in class has gone quite successfully. Only a small number of students have not been following the new rules but the teachers and school staff are happy with the implementation.
- Letter writing campaign to our MLA re: Class sizes- Everyone in favor. Jaclyn to gather info and do up an email to be sent to parents with buzz words to use and all contact info so that it makes it easy to send for those wishing to do so.

## Principal Report

- It has been a good but challenging start up. We had three staff members out on leave causing some last minute staffing changes, which are still occurring.
- We have Andrew McCann in welding, he is making some major changes to the shop as we upgrade the facility, using students to use their learned skills in the process
- Current student count is 962: 387 in grade 10; 299 in Grade 11 and 276 in Grade 12
- Classes and options are very full; we have classes in the 40s. We have identified courses in semester 2 that will need to be split if possible.
- CTS options have wait lists currently
- All teams are up and running with coaches in place
- Currently have flag football, tackle football, volleyball, golf and curling all going.
- The Hub has changed and has less supports, we have a mental health worker for 4 of 5 days and academic support for 1.5 blocks per day
- Drumline and fine arts are in full swing as well as our clubs.
- The personal Communication Device Policy (cell phone policy) is now in effect, there have been a few challenges but seems to be working well. We see less kids in the halls.
- We have a new SRO (student Resource officer) Tanner Wills. He is here two days a week and has been a great addition to our staff.
- We are still seeking sponsors for our field house. Mr Paziuk will take your money!.
- Budget is very tight this year; still predicting an increase in students next year and possibly less money again due to the three year rolling average for enrollment as well as the reduction of the bridging grant for SPSD
- The Casa Classroom is up and running with 8 students.
- Although we don't have an Indigenous Success Coach at this time, we do have a division Indigenous Education Coordinator, Maxine Hilderbrandt, working out of our room as well as Dan Lehman, our Metis Success Coach who comes in the afternoons.
- Due to the new PCD policy we will need to find more Chromebooks for classes

## **Trustee's Report**

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On behalf of the Board, welcome back to families, students and staff.

Congratulations to Christina Defoe of Four Winds School, who received the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM last June.

Congratulations to SCHS student Kylie McGuire for being chosen to join the Minister's Youth Council for the 2024/2025 school year.

Announcing new Board Chair: Tasha Oatway-McLay and new Vice-Chair: Stacey Buga

Council of School Council meeting dates have been set: October 23, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rendez-Vous Club in Morinville including meal and March 5, 2025 with location TBA.

Division APs 901: Student Conduct and 870 Responsible Use of Technology Resources have been updated to reflect the ministerial order that establishes new standards for personal mobile devices and social media use in schools.

Encourage families to share positive reviews on Google.

Draft calendar for 2026-2027 will be out shortly for review.

Reminder that School Board Trustee elections will take place in October 2025, anyone with questions or interest is encouraged to reach out. Must be a resident within boundaries of Sturgeon School Division and run in ward of residence.

Reminder of communication flow: First speak to the teacher. If the issue cannot be resolved, speak to Vice-Principal. If no satisfactory resolution is reached, speak to the Principal. Finally, reach out to the Division Office, Office of the Superintendent.

### **Adjournment Next Meeting Date - October 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm**

- Motion to adjourn at 6:50 PM made by Jaclyn Miller seconded by Jennifer Hunting.