

School Council Agenda- September 13th, 2022
SPVA, Morinville, and Sturgeon Learning Centres

Online through Google Meet: meet.google.com/eds-njbg-ncr
Starts at 6:00 pm sharp.

Time: 6:00 pm

Facilitator: Christy Filgate

In Attendance: Christy Filgate, Roza Parlin, Andree Letto, Stacey Buga, Amber Poliquin

Recognition: Recognition: First, we wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather today is Treaty 6 territory and a traditional meeting ground and home for many Indigenous Peoples.

School Council Positions: A review of duties and ask for nominations (taken from School Council Resource Guide Alberta School Councils' Association © September 2016. Update July 2022 TOC 13)

- **School Council Chair:**

- It is expected that the school council chairperson will be a parent of a student attending the school. The chair should be someone who can work collaboratively and knows how to organize both programs and people. The chair should actively encourage others to become engaged in meaningful ways. Typical chairing duties include:
 - chair all meetings of the school council
 - coordinate with the principal to establish meeting agendas
 - ensure that the operating procedures are current and followed
 - be the official spokesperson of the school council
 - ensure there is regular communication with the whole school community
 - stay informed about school board policy that impacts school council
 - comply with the School Councils Regulation by providing the school board with an annual report that summarizes the school council's activities for the previous school year, including a financial statement relating to money, if any, handled by the school council
- **Chair's Relationship with the Principal:**
 - The chair's role is key to the success of the school council. An important responsibility is a regular and ongoing communication with the school principal. This relationship of mutual trust and respect must be nurtured and supportive of common goals for the learning community.

- **Principal:**
 - The principal is the instructional leader who manages the day-to-day operations of the school and is a key member on the school council who promotes cooperation between the school and the community.
 - As a provincially mandated member of the school council, the principal:
 - may be identified as a member of the executive
 - works in collaboration with the chair to prepare school council agendas
 - supports the chair in running efficient school council meetings
 - provides contextual information, as requested by the school council, on matters relating to the school
 - seeks input from the school council, parents, and community on major decisions that affect the school
 - encourages and supports the formation and continuous improvement of the school council
 - interprets and shares results of provincial achievement tests and diploma exams
 - enables the school council to provide input into the school's education plan, policies, and budget

- **Secretary:**
 - The school council secretary typically acts as a recorder at each meeting and ensures that the minutes are prepared accurately to reflect the directions agreed to at the meeting Parent Council

- **Teacher:**
 - Each school council must have at least one teacher representative, as per the legislation. A teacher representative contributes to a successful school council by sharing professional knowledge with school council members and presenting the teachers' perspective.

- **Parents/Guardians:**
 - Parents of children enrolled at the school form the majority of the members of school council, and:
 - • encourage the participation of parents and representatives from the school community
 - • share their professional knowledge, expertise, and life experience
 - • encourage feedback and participation from community groups and individuals
 - • communicate information of interest to the school council and the school community
 - • share information from school council meetings with the community
 - • have a clear understanding of the school council objectives
 - • attend school council meetings and create an inviting environment

- • identify possible topics for agendas and recommend training sessions on school council effectiveness
- **Community Member:**
 - School councils are encouraged to have a community member attend meetings. The community representative can play a strong role in bringing the community perspective into the school. The member helps the school and school council build partnerships with the larger community and, in many instances, acts as a resource to promote cooperative ventures between community and school to enhance student learning.
- **Student:**
 - The student is the centre of the education system and, in high school, has an important role to play as a participant on school council. A student presents the student perspective on issues, helps with school policies, seeks other students' views to share with school council and communicates school council's information to fellow students

Elections: Determine roles for the School Year:

School Trustee Report: Stacey Buga

Principal Report: Christy

- New Site
 - Facilities update
- Update on Registrations for all Schools
- Flex Friday
- Terry Fox Run- September 23rd
- Division Wide Track Meet Day- Gibbons September 27th
- Upcoming Field Trip- September 28th- All day
- Education Plan: Review draft for 2022-2023

New Items:

- **Marketing Campaign**
 - St. Albert/Fort Saskatchewan
 - Military base- Christy to go contact this week
- **Sign**
 - We have a sign!

Adjourned: 6:55 pm

Notes:

1. Meeting started at 6:02 pm with a Treaty Recognition.

2. Principal Filgate began the meeting by reviewing the positions on the School Council and the responsibilities of each position. See descriptions above.

3. Principal Filgate asked for nominations for School Council Chair and Secretary positions. Roza Parlin put her name forward for School Council Chair. Elected.
Amber Poliquin put her name forward for Secretary. Elected.

4. Trustee Buga reported Joe Dwyer is Board Chair and Irene Gibbons is Vice Chair.. Trustee Buga chairs transportation and advocacy committees. Trustee Buga felt it was very positive and important that the students in the online program were part of the advocacy committee. We have an alternate Trustee, Trustee Tasha Oatway-McLay, who will be joining our next meeting. The School Board is advocating for a curriculum for the lower grades and support for teachers and students. The Board is working to get a fuel rebate for contractors and to bring some stability to the Board's budget. The School Board Advocacy has seen a significant decrease in their funding. Every School Council receives 500 for professional development of their parents. We have until September 30 to spend the money. Alberta School Council has a great website with lots of resources of courses, or fundraising. They are encouraging parents to spend their \$500 to redeem that grant money. For this year, we can access the \$500 from last year and \$500 for this year. We need to act fast to allocate the funds. The course may be taken at a later date.

5. Principal Filgate reported that the SPVA and SLC has a new location next to the post office in Gibbons. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 830 to 3 with late night on Wed until 630 pm.
Registrations for the learning centers are very busy. Staff are putting in many extra hours to try to get students registered as fast as possible. Registration numbers are sitting at around 100 students.
The virtual academy is sitting at 22 student registrations. We are hoping for more registration before the end of September, but typically have more after September 30.

6.

Flex Friday is a new initiative the virtual academy is implementing to give students more opportunities for socialization, science experiments, etc. together.

7. Terry Fox Run Sept 23. Fundraising idea - Toonie for Terry. If we reach the \$100 goal, the students can cover us with silly string.
8. The Division wide cross country meet will take place on Sept. 27. Our top 3 runners from Terry Fox will move on to this meet.

9. Our first field trip will be the Outdoor School. We will be doing some Truth and Reconciliation activities, archery, and a guided hike. We have received grant money to pay for the bussing.

10. The Education Plan draft will be reviewed with the staff and available for viewing discussion at the next meeting.

11. Marketing campaign - We have two LED signs promoting the Virtual Academy. Word of mouth typically is the best way to capture more enrollments.

12. Principal Filgate would like to meet with the Military Base to let them know what courses we offer. Trustee Oatway-McLay is the Trustee and the Military Resource Center would be good connections to make. Chair Parlin is the Executive Director and will set up a meeting to facilitate this. One idea might be to set up an info table at the Fall Fest event this week.

13. We do have an Off Campus Coordinator to help us with RAP and Off Campus programming. We will be receiving \$20,000 for an enclosed VR Training center.

14. We have also added a JH Outreach program. We currently have 3 students enrolled.
15. No student report.
16. No other parent reports.