

**Sturgeon Composite High School
School Council Meeting
December 13, 2010
SCHS Staff Room**

Attendees:

SCHS Staff: Brian Brigden, Ron Pollmann, Kari Morgan

School Board: no representative

Student Representative: no representative

Parents: Patti Bradley, Veronica Lee, Norma Cartwright, Jacqueline Tighe, Penny Frazier, Reesa Schafers

1. Call to order @ 7:03 p.m. by Veronica Lee.
2. Motion by Jacqueline to accept minutes of last meeting corrected to read junior boys took the Cities and porthole to read portal. Seconded by Kari. Carried.
3. Business arising from the minutes: The presentation regarding the results from the High School completion rates survey will be given at the end of the council meeting. The Calm 20 class prepared and completed the surveys. Also of note is that Alberta used 50% of diplomas towards the final grade 12 grade, BC uses 40% while no other province uses the diplomas in the final grade 12 grades. **Action Item:** "Speak Out" and the "Tell Them From Me" results will be presented at the March meeting.

What types of information do we want from the board? **Action Item:** send the following questions to the board: Why should we attend the council meeting if we feel it is important and no trustee does? What can the trustee do for us and what do you see as the "purpose of a trustee"? The council wants to be able to ask questions, raise concerns, and is currently the only contact with the parents that have children in the school system.

4. Reports:

4.1 Student Rep: not available.

4.2 School Board: not available.

4.3 Administration:

Brian We have a great school with great sports, music, drama and the start of a great dance program. Some of the marks may not be as high as other schools but we have a different demographic and mix of students. We have great success within the CTS courses as well as integrating the K & E after Grade 10. **Action Item:** Trustees to report back regarding the article in the Gazette about the accountability pillars and possible concerns in the future i.e. students taking 4 years to complete high school.

Kari Fine Arts- the choir will make up 2/3 of the Singing Christmas Tree performing at the Jubilee. The winter concert at the Arden played to a packed house. Drama Night had a good showing of 28 people and noted that the students were inspiring. The art class went to the Art Gallery downtown, and the English class along with K&E went to the performance of a Christmas Carol.

Ron The senior boy's volleyball went to provincials and placed 11th out of 16. They spent 4 days which included opening ceremonies, a banquet and talent scouts. The junior girls and boys played consolation finals. The senior boy's basketball team goes to San Diego for a tournament. The students collected and donated 400+ toys for the community.

4.4 Chairperson:

Veronica Mail received-PrimeTime Learning offers Grade 12 diploma exam tutorials go online at www.primetimelearning.ca. The Powerschool system is going well with some changes yet to come. The system cannot transfer the history for students so the information is being entered manually. As some of the teachers are also the sports coaches the time table tries to staff the 30 level classes before Block 5 in those cases.

5. New Business:

Items raised during open discussion: Suggest going as a group to a trustee board meeting to try and help gain interest in their attending the high school council meetings. The stage used for drama is in need of some repair. Brian has already spoken with Michelle Dick, to try and have improvements done. The new drama teacher, Mr. Carlton, has been asked to come up with a plan for changes, upgrades. Penny figures that if the board can come up with some money the majority could come from arts grants. **Action Item:** Penny will investigate what art grants are available and if we qualify. Also asked was the status of building a Performing Arts building-it is a no go due to issues of the lagoon.

6. Old Business:

Results from the survey regarding High School completion rates were presented by Kari. Questions raised during the survey where: What motivates you? (Parents, friends, sports, get away from home, to earn more money) What opportunities and problems take you away from school? (Job opportunities, sports, more excitement elsewhere, more comfortable at home, school has no importance, drugs) What alternate education and resources are you aware of? (Learning centre, RAP, online, tutoring) How do rules and regulations effect high school completion? (No smoking on grounds, no food in class, no iPods, cannot achieve a diploma in K&E, some subjects mandatory in 30-English and Social). The information will be shared with grade 9's and 10's, along with the video being made to try and help educate and help to increase the graduation rate.

7. Meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson @ 8:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: January 10th, 2011.