

**STURGEON COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
JAN. 12th, 2009.
SCHS STAFF ROOM**

Attendees:

SCHS Staff: Brian Brigden, Ruth Kuik, Ron Pollmann

School Board: No representation

Student Representative: Connor Schafers

Parents: Irma Zembal, Veronica Lee, Reesa Schafers, Jan Wilson

1. Call to order @ 7:05 p.m. by Veronica Lee.

2. Motion by Jan to accept minutes of last meeting. Seconded by Ruth. Carried.

3. Business arising from the minutes:

-Ron & Ruth stated that reports are being readied for Central Office and they are putting together a visual scrapbook of the trip to Chicago and ideas that came from same.

-Brian noted that Grade 10 privileges are being reviewed.

- There have been (2) 4 day suspensions for cell phone use @ school. Parents are encouraged to suggest their kids to abide by this policy.

-Veronica attended a meeting about the Hwy 28 interchange- states she was told the intersections by the school have too many issues surrounding them and the plans may need to be revamped. Currently they are looking @ changing the base entrance- feedback @ the meeting was not positive to the purposed change.

-No changes to Edmonton bussing as of yet; still looking @ options

-Home Logic- Administrators will look @ Program Jan. 27th

4. Reports:

4.1 Student Rep: Connor reported that SRC sold candy grams and photos with Santa before X-mas. Spirit wear has been ordered and is coming soon. Several leadership conferences members hope to go to in Spring. Dance tentatively booked for Feb.19th and sleigh rides planned for Feb.13th. For Valentine's they will be selling sweetheart grams and setting up a matchmaker activity. PJ day was a success as was the talent show. "Throttle" was the band that won-; featuring Danny Bliss on drums, Paul Graham on base guitar and Ben vanOuwkerk on rhythm guitar.

4.2 School Board: No rep.

4.3 Administration: Ron reported that Diploma exams start Wed. SCHS is one of the few schools that have it set up for the students to use computers for their English and Social exams, if they choose to do so. New DVR cameras operating nicely- pictures very clear and can go back 2 weeks- a month. 16 cameras total- inside & out.

Brian expressed condolences to the families of the 2 former students that passed away in a tragic crash near Gibbons. He attended both funerals and he was very pleased with the way our students conducted themselves. Counselors are available if needed.

Ruth discussed the AISI initiative that has been funded by the government for the last 3 years. More funding has made available and they are looking for new projects. Ideas need to be measurable, data driven, research based and sustainable. The Division is collecting ideas and each school has been asked to bring forward 3 ideas. Forward your ideas to Ruth ASAP if you have a project in mind. Ruth will look @ and forward the top 3.

4.4 Chairperson: Veronica presented the incoming mail- newsletters are available for review @ the office, annual report highlights, performance measures report- filed with minutes. Council of School Councils is meeting Wed. Jan. 21 @ 7 pm @ Sturgeon Heights School. Veronica will try to go. Open House is March 10th with Grade 9 tours March 11. School Council will need to set up a display table.

5. New Business: Question re: what to do if a student is failing or experiencing difficulty with a course. 1st step is to speak to the classroom teacher, 2nd step would be to work through the Counseling department to look @ the individual situation and possible causes of same. Concerns can be emailed to the school and forwarded to the specific teacher. If you feel your concerns are not being heard and /or the responses are not as quick as you would like- feel free to contact Mr. Brigden and he will follow up on your concerns.

6. Old Business:

7. Meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson @ 8:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING: February 9th, 2009 @ 7 pm