

**Sturgeon Composite High School
School Council Meeting
May 11th, 2009.
SCHS Staff Room**

Attendees:

SCHS Staff: Brian Brigden, Ron Pollmann, Ruth Kuik

School Board: Careen Fundytus

Student Representative: Connor Schafers

Parents: Irma Zembal, Veronica Lee, Reesa Schafers, Carol Arnold

1. Call to order @ 7:00 p.m. by Veronica Lee.
2. Motion by Irma to accept minutes of last meeting. Seconded by Carol. Carried.
3. Business arising from the minutes: None
4. Reports:
 - 4.1 Student Rep: Connor reported that SRC raised about \$1500.00 by doing the 30 hour famine. Battle of the Bands was today with the top bands being Secorta Justice and Throttle. Elections will be May 28th as will the Spring Breakout event. Two students have been fortunate enough to attend Rotary sponsored trips, one to Ottawa and one to Olds. Rugby teams doing well.
 - 4.2 School Board: working on a tight budget. An inclement weather policy has been sent in for review (one that uses rural temperature readings). Namao school renos to start the end of June as are Camilla gym repairs. Gym not likely functional until late December. Looking at Healthy Food Initiatives. Parents should email the Board with their questions or concerns. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brigden worried that if the students at the Comp can't get what they want to eat here then they will all pile into vehicles and head to the city and he thinks that poses a greater safety risk than the foods they are choosing. All agreed that students/parents should have access to information about healthy eating but maybe the school Board should concern themselves more with education.
 - 4.3 Administration: Brian reported that this is Grad week and as usual it is very busy. There is no school Friday. SCHS has entered into an agreement to offer 2 courses as part of the new Health Pathways. \$1.372 million grant was obtained to support offering the Healthcare Aid course and the Childcare Program. Both are filling up quickly for next year. School has to replace the vans and rather than getting 2 new buses, Brian is trying to find 3 buses in good shape for the same money. The sports teams and music program have gotten so large and are so busy that 2 vans aren't really enough. He is also looking at a very tight budget and wishes the Board would recognize the Comp as being the largest high school in rural Alberta and fund it as such. Sturgeon Night of Music was very good and very well attended. Last band concert is June 2nd.

Ron noted that they are gearing up for Skills Canada which will take place this week. World Skills are being held in Calgary in Sept. and hopefully some of SCHS students will qualify to go. After the World's is over, the organizers will sell off all the equipment they have for the competition. The school is putting in bids on items they could utilize. CTS is changing. The Apprenticeship Board is working with the school and there are plans to allow students to finish their 1st year apprenticeship in some areas. If this goes forward it will be very high profile for the school. Brian and Ron went to a meeting with NAIT to discuss programs etc.

Ruth advised that the PD day on May 15th will see staff taking training on the automatic defibrillator as well as several other learning opportunities. Grad preparations are underway as are registrations for next year.

- 4.4 Chairperson: Irma attended the last Council of School Council. No incoming mail or items to bring forward, however Veronica urged everyone to send their opinions about the Healthy Eating Initiative to the Board. Reviewed a few items of the Bylaws. **The Annual General Meeting and Elections will be held Sept. 14th and will be announced in the June newsletter.**

5. Veronica adjourned the meeting @ 7:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 8th, 2009 @ 7 pm