

**Sturgeon Composite High School
School Council Meeting
November 15, 2010
SCHS Staff Room**

Attendees:

SCHS Staff: Brian Brigden, Ron Pollmann

School Board: no representative

Student Representative: no representative

Parents: Maria Campbell, Patti Bradley, Jeff Bradley, Veronica Lee, Norma Cartwright, Jacqueline Tighe, Lorie Chretien, Bianca vanderScheef

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

Thank you to the Bradley's for manning a table at the parent teacher interviews and helping to recruit new parents to the council. Welcome to the new parents here tonight.

2. Motion by Jeff to accept minutes of last meeting. Seconded by Maria. Carried.

3. Business arising from the minutes: The presentation regarding the results from the High School completion rates survey will be given at the next council meeting.

4. Reports:

4.1 Student Rep: not available.

4.2 School Board: not available.

4.3 Administration:

Brian Report cards went out using the new Powerschool system. As in any new system there are still a few growing pains. Looking to have changes made to include raw scores and possibility of weights showing as well. Some parents are still having problems with access to the portal and occasional problems with the server not being available. The parent portal has been accessed 2280 times by 43% of all parents. The goal is to have 67-70% of parents accessing the portal. The system can now also send out messages to all families ex. used to remind parents of parent teacher interview nights. Staff still finding that parent teacher interviews are not always used by those that need it most. Awards Night will take place next week. 33% of grade 10's received honors. 34% of all kids at SCHS average 75% or better. Also more important is that kids are ready for the next stage in life. SCHS is a true composite school with 35-40% of students taking a CTS course. 250-275 students graduate each year. Approx. 75 go on to a college or university, 75 to NAIT, 75 into the work force and another 30-40 return for another semester.

Kari away

Ron There was an awesome Remembrance Day ceremony. Mary Kieftenbeldt sang her new song “Hero to You and Me” accompanied by the choir. Students sat quiet and attentive. The school is always proud of how the students handle themselves either at school during ceremonies or on school trips or away for sports. The sports teams have all done well this year. They are competitive and both students and parents show good sportsmanship. The junior girl’s volleyball took silver in Cities. Junior boys and senior girl’s volleyball teams made it to playoffs. The senior boys were playing tonight to see if they make it to provincials. Facility – working with Rob Frank to set the next 3 year plan, setting which projects are priority in helping the aging building. The plan is to eventually move the office to the front entrance of the school.

4.4 Chairperson:

Veronica No mail received. Council of Council meeting was held Tuesday, November 2 at the Board offices in Morinville. Lillian Schick and Landing Trail did presentations on their health and wellness programs. Information requests by the board will come during the year. One of the topics will be, “What do we want our lunch hours to look like?” The parents at this meeting discussed some of the options and effects of each. The board will once again fund AHSCA membership for councils who wish to join. The draft 3 year plan and results from the last 3 year plan are available on line at www.sturgeon.ab.ca/News/PublicationsandReports/ThreeYearEducation/tabid/115/Default.aspx The schools make their 3 year action plans to line up with the boards and provinces 3 year plans. SCHS will be focusing the AISI on assessment and differentiation, ensuring students are in the right stream, continue to focus on things that are working and continue with music, sports, and CTS. **Action Item:** What types of information do we want from the board, which might also help to encourage attendance?

5. New Business:

November 23 - 50 students from SCHS have been asked to attend Speak Out. It will take place at the school from 8:45 to 12:00. The students will have the opportunity to talk about their concerns, what’s important to them, what’s working, what’s not and what they need, etc. A report will be sent back to the school with the findings.

6. Old Business:

Action item: Results from the survey regarding High School completion rates will be presented at the next meeting with any actions taken or any strategies being considered.

7. Meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson @ 8:10 pm.

NEXT MEETING: December 13th, 2010.