

**Sturgeon Composite High School
School Council Meeting
Nov.9, 2009.
SCHS Staff Room**

Attendees:

SCHS Staff: Brian Brigden, Ron Pollman, Ruth Kuik

School Board: No representative

Student Representative: No representative

Parents: Reesa Schafers, Bianca van der Schaaf, Veronica Lee ,Carol Arnold, Chuck Lamarre, Ellen Lamarre, Norma Cartwright

1. Called to order @ 7:0 p.m. by Veronica Lee.
2. Minutes of the last meeting reviewed. Accepted by Ellen Lamarre, Seconded by Carol Arnold. Carried.
3. Business arising from the minutes:

Veronica spoke with the Trustees as to why they are not in attendance at our meetings. She was advised that they would only plan attend 2 meetings (months to be named by Council in advance) and others only by request. Mr. Brigden also got this response when he spoke with the Superintendent. Council agreed that this representation is not acceptable and Veronica will write a letter to the Board re: same. All areas are represented by the students @ SCHS so the Trustees could alternate attendance and be available to pass on information or answer questions.

As to the concerns raised about the course selection guide, it is on line, so parents can review selections with their student prior to registration and as well Administration is looking at a different way of registering the students so they have all the info they need to make the correct choice. The Counseling office always has the most up to date information as to prerequisites etc.

4. Reports:

4.1 Student Rep: N/A

4.2 School Board: Minutes from the Sept. 23rd meeting were available for review.

4.3 Administration: Mr. Brigden is pleased with the way the year is going thus far. No great increase in student absenteeism this flu season, up from 7% to about 10 – 12%. The Remembrance Day service will be held in the gym tomorrow and he noted that he is always proud of the behavior of the students and the respect they show.

Mr. Pollman reported that both football and volleyball teams made the playoffs, with the Jr. Boys going into Finals this week end. Good job teams! Basketball will be starting soon. Work continues to improve the lighting outside (not the sign yet...) and a lot of electrical has been done around the school to enable the installation of 20 -25 LCD projectors. The money for this came from a Government grant and only the 3 CTS classrooms will need to be paid for out of

school funds that were previously set aside for this project. There is a new guest parking area in front of the school, across from where the buses park. There are 6 stalls, soon to be numbered. Drive or back straight in please. As noted at an earlier meeting, the Resource Officer will be on leave until the New Year. We look forward to meeting his replacement and wish him well on his adventure with the Musical Ride. Mr. Pollman also advised that in the New Year, the computer system would be changing to 2007 Version in order to allow compatibility with Alberta Education. He attended a meeting at NAIT and noted that about 70 students /year enroll from SCHS.

Mrs. Kuik apologized for the Oct. newsletter going out so late BUT the Minister of Education had changed the diploma exam dates and not given out the new ones until Oct. 29/09 and the school did not want to send out the wrong dates. A Reminder that Awards night is Nov. 24th @ 7 pm and that the Education Expo is Nov.12 from 7-9. Lots of work is being done to get grad organized-info on the website.

4.4 Chairperson: Veronica reviewed the mail-invite to Council of School Councils, which she attended, the Learning Team Newsletter and the Alberta School Council's Association newsletter. All will be on file with minutes. There was also a letter requesting feedback about the proposal to standardize school and playground times and signage. If you wish to know more about these proposed changes, go to trans.driver.prog@gov.ab.ca Deadline is Dec. 11/09.

5. New Business: Veronica passed along a big thank you from the Willis family for having the Memorial service @ SCHS and also one from the Namao Fire Dept for the use of the school for their banquet and for the lovely music provided by the jazz band. She had a request about the possibility of the school forming a Cheer team. Mr. Pollman discussed the amount of time and training involved and the need for a trained coach as well as staff involvement, if the Coach is a community member. Mr. Pollman welcomes a proposal by the interested parties if they wish to pursue this possibility.

6. Old Business: Still working on getting power to the sign...

7. Adjournment: Veronica adjourned the meeting @ 800 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: December 14th, 2009 @ 7pm
Christmas Snacks**