

**Sturgeon Composite High School
School Council Meeting
Nov. 17th, 2008
SCHS Staff Room**

Attendees:

SCHS Staff: Brian Brigden, Ruth Kuik

School Board: No representation

Student Representative: Connor Schafers

Parents: Irma Zembal, Veronica Lee, Reesa Schafers, Jan Wilson, Carol Arnold, Norma Cartwright, Patti Selman

1. Call to order @ 7:05 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:

-Late start days- No resolution to the bussing problem as of yet BUT Mr. B. does have a few ideas & needs to check feasibility of same; both budget and traffic patterns are issues. It was noted that Camilla IS trialing having an earlier out on Weds.

4. Reports:

4.1 Student Rep: Connor reported that SRC had Cowboy Days for rodeo week, with several activities such as boots/jeans day and cowboy karaoke. The school dance was a success and many participated in an interactive display about the effects of alcohol; driving under the influence. Miss Oktoberfest was a lot of fun. The Remembrance Day service was special again this year and had great attendance. Nov. 20th is Superhero Day and on the 27th the band "Throttle" will be playing in the gym from 4-6. Several X-mas activities are in the works.

4.2 School Board: No rep. The Board Highlights from the Oct. 22nd, 2008 meeting are available from the office.

4.3 Administration: Ruth noted the dance was great- excellent turn out, plenty of chaperones- including 3 RCMP officers and 1 canine. Gave compliments to all who participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony and thanked all who attended for their good behavior. Brian is looking @ upgrading software that will allow students to keep up with the quickly changing programs available, such as robotics. Proud of the accomplishments that were acknowledged @ Awards Night- \$167,000.00 was given out. Working on exam schedules. Parent Teacher interviews this week. Reports that as a whole the year is going well- there have been a few problems with 'skipping' mainly by the grade 10s, but he feels a letter that went home to each student, noting their % of attendance/class, may have an impact on rectifying this situation . Was again in awe of the Remembrance Day service- well done.

4.4 Chairperson: Veronica presented the incoming mail- newsletters are available for review @ the office. Looked @ the Learning Clicks website- ambassadors will come out to the school to speak to students and staff about post secondary opportunities. Brian feel this is already being done but asked that the info be passed on to the counseling office for them to review. Nominations for the Award of Excellence are to be brought forward @ the next meeting. It is a tedious process but many staff are deserving. Irma & Veronica went to the Council of School Councils where they discussed the 3 year plan as well as concerns about the proposed highway expansion/changes. Requested to look @ plans closer as it WILL have a great impact on the school as well as emergency access. Brian thinks that even though the Council should voice their concerns, it will carry more weight if the MLA and School Board trustee were on side so will contact Tracy Nowak and invite her to come to the next meeting to discuss same.

5. New Business: None

6. Old Business: Veronica shared a newspaper ad showing the dates/times for the information sharing session about setting the direction for special education in Alberta. This is part of the Dialogue with Albertans that was introduced earlier. For further info or to provide your input online, go to www.settingthedirection.alberta.ca

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

NEXT MEETING: December 8th, 2008 @ 7pm