

Sturgeon Composite High School
School Council Agenda
January 18, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Attendees: Melanie Henderson, Bonnie Borle, Sherri Devolder, Taryn Gerlinsky, Trish Murray-Elliott, Amber Spiker, Cherie Speer, Maria Ouellette & Stacey Buga

- Meeting Called to Order 18:04 by Taryn Gerlinsky
- Additions/acceptance of agenda – Bonnie Borle moved to accept agenda as read, Maria Ouellette seconded.
- Review and approval of previous minutes (October & November) – Bonnie Borle moved to approve; Cherie Speer seconded.

News

Grad Update – Planned to proceed as “normal”. Letter will go out end of January early February to grad students and parent re: banquet and ceremony. There will be some group and individual fundraising.

Taryn attended COSC (Counsel of School Councils) Meeting on December 2nd, 2022. This was very informative; Trish will touch on this later. Great to hear updates from different school councils, chatted about sharing emails.

Principal Report

Kim is working on Grad ceremony (school event), parents have voted on grad committee for banquet.

Completed semester 1; hired 4 teachers end of September. Carl Razzolini is retiring was on a leave. Alex Lesko was covering and will also be gone this month as well.

In semester 2 we are offering CALM taught by a teacher and not through modules online. Offering a general psych class taught by the same CALM teacher.

Sherri provided a budget update to the group. Discussed the Annual Operational Budget and the One Time Priority or Contingency Amounts-see attached budget sheet.

Amber – Asked about the financial impacts the recent flooding had on our English teachers and their classes; was there insurance and how will the loss be covered?

Incredible loss, some of it not replaceable. Insurance is covering, however, there is a \$50,000 deductible, covered by the division and not from school budget. Trish confirmed.

Amber asked if there was a chance to donate money etc to teachers to replace personal items. Sherri will investigate the best way to move forward on this and will get back to us. Sherri sent a follow up email.

We were able to allocate four teachers to other rooms @ sturgeon comp. The restoration company was able to move what they could to those rooms and have been great to work with. CST team needed to be moved to Guthrie school.

Timeline for English wing is around 2-3 months depending on deliveries i.e., cupboards; and of course, how COVID will impact this.

Trish was asked about risk assessments that were in place. The insurance company is still looking into the cause. There's a possibility that there may not be a deductible depending on

the outcome of that. Parents and staff did a great job shifting and working through the devastation.

Might move the Friday emails to Monday. The team fully supports the pressures Sherri is under and encourages her to not worry if they don't get out.

Our mask deliveries are great. We appreciate the open communication from the parents when students test positive.

Great basketball tournament in December where fans were let in (two per player). Unfortunately we had to cancel our January tournament due to OMICRON. Keeping an eye on our future field trips. Jan 25th was final day of classes, no final exams. COVID and the weather are wreaking havoc.

Trish – Do we have a venue for grad ceremony and banquet?

The Expo. Huge space even if we are reduced to 50% capacity.

Taryn is on the grad committee. Working extremely hard to go forward as 'normal' as we can. We are very hopeful.

Trustee report

- Old business

Nothing to cover

- New business

We had some school presentation over the last few days.

We were advised by administration we will not implementing mandatory vaccinations. We are following very closely all the provincial government protocols and mandates.

Taryn asked if we will be doing anything in addition to our current protocols or are we satisfied w/ our current practice?

Trish advised that we feel confident in our current practices.

Trish briefly discussed the expenses due to covid for the 2020-2021 school year. This is available on the division website committee of the whole meeting agenda <https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/download/377457>. \$2.38 million in total some provincial and federal funding around \$1.9 million.

Volunteer insurance; fraudulent use of fundraising funds. Volunteers are covered under the policy of the division. Fraudulent use of fundraising funds covered under employee dishonesty policy. As long as they are working within the scope of their role.

There is the notice out for the annual general meeting for parent council meeting.

Trish briefly discussed child and youth well-being report from govt of Alberta. How has covid affected our children and came up w/ 10 recommendations.

Trish briefly discussed Info from trustee recent 2021-2022 plan.

Trish discussed recent comm re: school ventilation and increasing fresh air intake.

Trish briefly discussed the upcoming curriculum which will be English math and gym.

Hours zero program; emerge preparedness program is on the website. Discussing how we deal w/ emergencies should they occur in the school. Lockdown, fire drill & hold and secure is the same throughout the division.

Trish confirmed we have current snow removal contract w/ a contractor. This was in follow to a question that arose. If anyone knows any contractors who want to put their names forward for the updated contract 2022-2023 year she asked them to reach out.

Brought forward From Helen:

- should Land acknowledgment be a part of our meetings going forward? – carried over to next meeting
 - communications officer for PAC/PIA meetings? – Carried over to next meeting
 - do we/should we be getting consent for PAC/PIA members to have their name/email on website? Teri suggested using shorter abbreviated names in the minutes. Carried over to next meeting so Helen can discuss in greater detail.
- Next meeting – February 15, 2022 @ 18:00
 - Adjournment at 19:03 by Taryn Gerlinsky