

**School Community Council (SCC)
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, Sept. 16, 2024
School Staff Room



Members Present: Amy Orth, Rachelle Regier, Jamie Wright, Skye Lennox, Stephanie Grey, Grace Wudrick, Trish Menke, Mitch Luchien, Haley Bartsch, Katie Hingston, Kelli White
Community members: Crystal Bideux, Ally Hyshka, Mike Richards, Randy Doige

Members Absent: n/a

1. Welcome

- By Amy called to order at 6:34pm who chaired meeting.

2. Motion to Approve SCC Meeting (June 10, 2024) Minutes

- Skye motioned to approve minutes, Jamie seconded. All in favour.

3. Committee Reports

- School Report: Looking for .5 EA and an evening caretaker and sub EA's and bus drivers.
 - Upcoming events field trips, volleyball, grade 6 immunizations, grade 6 pizza sale (Oct.8), picture retakes (Oct. 15)
 - Facilities Updates: PSSD signed a partnership agreement with Aberdeen Parks 'n Rec to clarify that PSSD operates and maintains the school grounds.
 - Activities underway, SR and JR girls vball, JR boys vball, cross country, golf, SLT, reconciliation committee, SADD, Sr. Football (co-op program with Wakaw Warriors)
 - Sr. boys vball unfortunately couldn't happen as a partnership with Vonda didn't work.
 - Harper Doige and Melynn Livingston are coaching sr. girls vball. Kelli White athletic director.
 - Community interest in supporting a larger scale holiday performance (dramatic production including K-6) soliciting feedback from teachers on the idea.
 - Community members—Brett Kirk has reached out to the individuals to take next steps.
 - Confirmed volunteers for: Marafun, Jr. Girls Basketball, Jr. Boys Basketball, Sr. Boys Basketball, Choir/Drama, Yearbook, Grad, Terry Fox Run, Jr. and Sr. Badminton, Track and Field.
 - Discussion with community members regarding extra cirr—they are wanting to see intermurals with younger grades (grade 3 to 5). Amy hears opinions to get some joint efforts with community members and see what interest there is with kids and staff.

- Farm in the Dell have volunteered to help out with library operations this year along with Laura Kraft and Lenore McMillan
- Personal Electronic Device implementation has been going well. Cell phones have to be kept in lockers during school hours. Grade 7-12 have their own chromebooks for school learning.
- Saskatchewan Flags have been delivered to schools and our facilities department will be working over the next two years to install additional flag poles so that they may be displayed. In accordance with Bill 137 passed last year.
- Course offerings for High School Students: Creative Writing 20, Outdoor Ed 30, Visual Art 10/20/30, Financial Literacy 10, Computer Aided Drafting and Design, Computer Science 20/30, Welding 10/20, Leadership 30, Apprenticeship 30, Special Project 20, Career and work Exploration 20, Ag Production –Equine Studies 20, Ag Equipment Tech 20, Mental Wellness 30, Electrical and Electronics 10, Astronomy 20, Forensic Science 20, Child Guidance 30L, Interior Design and Decorating 30, Law 30, Indigenous Studies 30. ACS offering all core courses with teacher in person and at our school.
- Financial Report: Current balance 1,053.84. Still haven't received yearly allowance from division.
- Division Trustee Report: Budget, Class sizes, Waldhiem getting renovation. Board dedicated to advocating for teachers. 71% got instructional costs.
 - All electronic devices not permitted as per ministry of Education. Not allowed in bathrooms or locker rooms.
 - Ken Crush no longer Trustee as he has moved into city. Looking for nominee for position.
 - Literacy pilot program for 2024-2024 school year starting Sept. 23. \$170,000 for daily instruction with focused individual tutoring. Roadway literacy academy partnership. Two schools will be chosen and two classrooms within those schools.
 - Student to teacher ratio questioned by community member. Mitch spoke that PSSD tries to have about a 20 PTR. Dependent on the situation.
- SLT Report: Katy Hingston and Ryder Boyenko has co president. About 20 members.
 - 3 meetings with most events mapped out. Meeting coming up with map out spirit days and pep rallies.
 - Pancake lunch went well—was chaotic but students liked it.
 - Community members wanting to know spirit days ahead of time either by email or print out.

4. Old Business

- Drop Your Backpack BBQ
 - Was held night evening of August 29 from 4-6pm. Successful evening. Cooked all 400 hotdogs with 50 leftover about.
 - A concern brought up that students finding out classrooms that night is hard for some kids and families. Maybe Edsby notification could be sent out morning of drop your backpack night.

- Classroom splits come with lots of complexity. Amy to try and come up with a document maybe letting the parents know how this is done so there is no stigma.

5. New SCC Business:

- Review of concerns raised in June
 - Testing/Assessment—Kelli White assessment lead. Observation, conversation, product (which product can be tests or papers, projects). Most parents in our school community don't seem to know or understand how students are assessed. *Do an assessment night to educate parents.
 - Class Selection
 - Trades Education—remove stigma from community that trades aren't worthy.
 - Grades on Transcripts—now we know they are provided
 - Grade Inflation—ministry policy will round up to 50% for departmental exams. Teachers will work hard to help students meet outcomes. Credit recovery available.
 - Behavioural Concerns—always privacy piece. Discipline looks different now days than it did before. Schools want to see growth. Doing student leadership awards to recognize the kids who may be "good" kids and fall through the cracks because of misbehavior of others.
 - Enrollment Decline—there are trends, isn't unique to this year. Rural schools struggle with students transitioning. Have to appreciate what families need. Perhaps doing an Alumni Wall to show kids who have been successful from ACS.
 - Academic Preparedness
 - Bullying/Student Safety—locked doors for security reasons. Information is given when needed.
 - Dress code rewording for future review.
- School Goal Feedback—**at next meeting will discuss or contact Amy email thoughts and feedback.
- Playground update— help from Parks in Rec we are able to move ahead with project. Two playground structures with saucer swings and accessible area. Further discussion needed to resurface basketball court.
- School Lunches—Trish asking about hot lunches. Many restaurants didn't continue with Healthy Hunger because not enough people ordered. Crystal and Trish can help pick up and distribute to the school.
- Selection of positions for 2024-2025
 - Chair—Skye Lennox
 - Vice Chair—Jamie Wright
 - Secretary—Rachelle Regier
 - Members at Large: Lindsay Sutherland, Kristin Walter, Crystal Bideux, Megan. Motioned by Steph and seconded by Skye. All in favour.
 - 2024/2025 SCC: Skye Lennox (Chair), Jamie Wright (Vice Chair), Rachelle Regier (secretary), Trish Menke, Steph Grey, Crystal Bideux, Lindsay Sutherland, Kristin Walter. Meaghan Mazzei, Grace Wudrick, Katy Hingston.
- Question and Answer

- 6. Meeting Dates for 2024-2025:** Tuesday Oct. 1 @ 6pm, October 29 @ 6pm, December 2 @ 6pm, January 7 @ 6pm, February 4 @ 6pm, March 4 @ 6pm, April 1 @ 6pm. Book May and June once election dates are known.

7. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:55 p.m. by Amy Orth