

SCC Meeting Minutes September 18, 2024 at 1900

Attendees:

Emily Ness, Stephanie Grabowski, Megan Pilon, Charity Fehr, Heather Pearson, Chelsey Zimmer, Morgan Slonski, Lyndsay Holinaty, Allison Katarey, Faye Burgess, Tarren Pederson, Kirsten Brouet, Nicole, Lindsey Mitchel, Katelyn Zimmer, Crystal Lyon, Jessica Jones and Amber Gerwing

Welcome: Faye - Chair

1. New members at large - Crystal, Jessica, Chelsey and Katelyn want to join as members at large - Will follow up with at next meeting
2. Nicole Dziadyk makes a motion to adopt meeting minutes from May 9, 2024

New at the school: Kirsten Principal's Report

Thanks for an awesome job on Fun Night and Meet the Teacher

- Staffing—Natalie Houseman and Jill Zak (on maternity leave until March—Kym Lamontagne is covering her maternity leave
- Enrolment
 - around 262 (FTE 242) –pattern of ongoing growth—class sizes –range from 14-26

Upcoming dates and events:

- Live Arts—Sept. 24-26—Bonnie Dahl is hosting, with several other grades participating either virtually or as part of the presentation
- Picture Day—Sept. 27
- Oct. 2—Nestors sale
- Orange Shirt Day activities--tbd
- Terry Fox -- this week
- Turkey Trot—Oct. 17—letter going home after Terry Fox
- Author Visits--Oct. 15—Kristy Jackson (6, 7, 8), Oct. 16--Mary Bishop (3/4, 4/5, 5/6), Nov. 22—Danica Lorer (K, 1, 2, 3)
- AI—teachers are currently doing courses in privacy training as it relates to Artificial Intelligence
- Government cell phone policy—little change for us—just the bus change
- Division is piloting a new literacy assessment program for 1-3 called Acadience, so staff are currently doing training
- PAA—grade 7 and 8 have the opportunity to do 4 blocks of home ec, construction, financial literacy, theatre studies, wildlife management, photography, coding rotations throughout the year
- Facilities
 - Roof repairs
 - Staff room back in use
 - Gym floor was “relined”, but it didn’t go as well as we had hoped—we were able to add badminton and basketball lines that align with middle years sports

- Portable will be ready in the next day or so—it's similar to the one we got last year, with a large hallway and boot racks
 - Ramp being added to new portable
 - Doors and hallways have been a little busy as we're down to the 2 entrances (plus k door) while there's been a lot of construction
 - We've been approved for a K-12 School—division is currently working with the ministry and province to assess what that looks like—the election may throw off the time frame, but we're hoping to have clearer plans over the next 6 months
 - Playground feedback and next steps—see proposal
- Schedule Change—how's it going
 - Construction and the gym has impacted things moderately
 - Morning recess—a bit later and snack is a little more rigorous, but mostly business as usual
 - Noon recess—students seem to be enjoying having more space for sports and the older students are appreciating more access to the playground and forest area (which were a little dominated by the littles!) and we anticipate the hill will be a big hit with more access in the winter months (each class previously got about 3 recesses/week)
 - Outdoor Learning Time in the afternoon—a variety of activities are occurring during this time,—cooperative games, outdoor ed challenges, sports, walks, social learning activities, connections to curricular areas like PE, math, art, ELA, etc. Between PE class being outdoors, some rainy weather, and the learning curve of the new schedule, I don't think we've hit our stride yet, but it's still pretty early in the year and we have a good start. Stu is doing some tracking so we can share more concrete data at another SCC meeting.
- Care partners and assemblies—we're in our second year of the school-wide initiative and things are going well--monthly themes follow the planner themes—students rotate through care partner activities each month (cooperative games, walk and talk, buddy reading, partner activity like a craft)
- ERPP—Emergency planning happens throughout September
- School goals—Math (percent/ratio/decimals), new literacy assessment initiative, self-regulation, “Complexity” Learning time
- School budget—not released yet
- Fundraising—share website info--
<https://blogs.spiritsd.ca/scpschool/2023/04/20/fundraisers/>
- Book Fair— Scholastic Book Fair in October and NU2U book fair in March
- Division “sector facilitator” Mat Vedress
 - Would like to come to SCC meeting to support our work
 - CIF grant--If we want a family info night
 - Community Asset Inventory to help with volunteering and community engagement
 - He asked me to promote division SCC event

Treasurer's Report: Tarren

1. Made approx. \$1000 less than previous year on Fun Night
2. Move money from division to main account to pay for planner's
3. Plan for sub committee's (not just SCC members) for playground etc.

Fundraising: Allison and Nicole

1. Healthy hunger - dates are posted for the year - look at healthy hunger for the next month for Crumbl cookie possibility
2. Total for hot lunches \$4928.50 last year

New Business: Faye

1. Kirsten to follow up with Mitch re: Provincial education plan
2. October 19th - Faye plans to go to Fall Orientation for School Community Councils
3. School snow saw's - Stephanie make motion for 5 saws, Amber second, no one objected
4. Star lodge presentation or OSAC - ask teachers their opinions which they would prefer
5. Lifetouch photo days
6. October 27th - Community Association is planning a halloween event
7. Poles on whatsapp for fundraisers we want to do and have 3-4 members/subcommittee
8. Artwork for classes to sell

Next meeting date: November 4th at 7pm