

STA School Council Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2025

Parents: Victoria Kuras, Melissa Gibson, Sarah Palmer, Tina Mtshiya, Rachel Siderius, Chelsey Howat, Danielle O'Neill, Jayson Buck, Carol Caines, Janice David, Vivienne Toupey,
STA staff: Ferdinand Filiplic, Nicole Stang, Christine McKee, Anna Gomez.

Call to order 6:05 by Sarah.

Prayer

Land acknowledgement

Approval of previous minutes. Approved by Victoria and Sarah.

Principal report

Introduction of new assistant principals, Nicole Stang and Ferdinand Filiplic.

Current enrolment of the school is 1345.

Current Kindergarten classes have very high numbers. There will be a fifth Kindergarten afternoon class. We will have two portable classrooms in December. In the second semester we will have one portable and washroom arriving. Two older grades will move to the portables and the fifth Kindergarten afternoon class will stay in the main building.

Staff updates

Mr Palladino came out of retirement to teach construction.

Mrs. Bissoondatt resigned, currently the school has two substitute music teachers.

Mrs. MacDonald has returned (Grade 1 teacher.)

School events

Meet the teacher night had a great turn out.

STA had the Terry Fox run, and the fundraiser. Total donation amount has yet to be determined.

A new website is up and running for parents to access school information.

Staparentsconnect.com

School council

The purpose is to be the bridge between the school and the community and to focus on what is best for all students in the school. Legislated under the Education Act.

Member roles were reviewed and members were voted in.

Chair-Adam

Co-Chair-Sarah

Treasurer-Danielle

Sports directors; Jayson, Carol, Adam and Tina

Secretary- Rachel

Open floor

Question: Could we arrange a buddy system with older kids to help younger students off the bus? As it is a busy and congested time during arrival, some of the younger students would benefit from a buddy helping them get to their classrooms. Mrs. Gomez will look into the buddy system.

Question: Could we put speed bumps on the road in front of the school? Could we look into a light for the crosswalk? With a Walmart coming the traffic will get busier. Crosswalks are being monitored as the traffic is very congested. The pylons have helped.

Question/concern about school fees: A parent expressed concern regarding the high amount of school fees for her son in junior high and didn't see a clear breakdown of the fees. It would be helpful for families to know the exact breakdown and clear explanation of the fees. Parent also shared concern that some families might not be able to afford this amount. Admin shared that if families are unable to pay school fees, the admin helps as this is within the budget.

Christmas Concert anticipated date; December 11th for students Grades 5-8. Younger grades will have their own concert in the spring.

Next meetings; October 27th, November 24th.

6:50 meeting adjourned