

STA School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Call to order at 6:43 by Adam Brown.

In attendance: Courtney Unrah , Jayson Buck, Janice David, Adam Brown, Danielle O'Neill, Allen Matari, Carol Caines, Tracy Willow, Akeba Cummings, Faith Ochei, Melissa Gibson, Victoria Kuras, Rachel Siderius, Nnamdi Raymond Emoka, Sarah Palmer.

STA staff: Anna Gomez, Dan Pagnucco

Review of previous minutes; approved by Courtney U and Sarah P.

Adam shared information regarding the Alberta government grant for parent engagement. He has been exploring different learning opportunities and shared the possibility of navigating powerschool, google classroom, online safety, and social media for parents. Other learning opportunities could focus on financial literacy.

Future meetings scheduled:

December 17th

January 21

Feb 18

March 18

April 29

June 3rd

*A MLA will be invited to attend a future meeting.

Principal report

Teachers continue to learn about online portfolios, called spaces EDU. Teachers can share students' learning progress digitally on a regular basis with parents.

The school had a number of special days this past month including November 4th (superintendent came for a visit) as well as Remembrance Day. Students also engaged in a mental health symposium to increase awareness of positive mental health.

Portables have arrived, but are not currently in use as they are sorting out some issues. No exact known date of when they will be ready.

Each class has over 30 students. Mrs. Gomez continues to look for ways to alleviate the high number of students. Some students will likely form a new homeroom this year to alleviate some of the high numbers. Nothing is determined yet.

Due to the high population at STA and limited seating at St Theresa Parish, families will be given two tickets only for the Christmas concert. (December 5, 2024)

Open Floor questions

Is there a cap on student classrooms? No cap right now, as the school is required to take any student within the catchment area if they are Catholic. Although our numbers are high, they are within safety measures. Two new Catholic schools within the area are expected to be built in 2026.

A parent shared a concern about the cleanliness of the student washrooms. Students are encouraged to talk to the office if the bathroom requires additional cleaning. There is no funding available for an additional janitor.

Parents are encouraged to share concerns with MLA that will be invited to a future school council meeting.

Landscaping-shale will be provided to the high traffic areas (currently that bring in a lot of mud) in the spring. A parent expressed an interest in the possibility that students/families could plant trees/shrubs and maintain them.

Adjourned at 7:34