



SGS School Council

Minutes – December 15, 2020

7:00PM via Google Meet

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.
2. Welcome and Attendance

Randy Roszell, Principal	Marcus Hoople, Chairperson
Glenys Edwards, Trustee	Judy Krajnak, Secretary
Shima Zonneveld	Krystal Jenkins
Tarah Samuel	Denise Watson
Tarra Mitchell	Michelle Neraasen
3. Approval of November 17, 2020 Minutes
Tarra Mitchell motioned to approve. Seconded by Denise Watson. All in favour.
4. Agenda modifications and addition. No additions/modifications were made to the agenda.
5. Reports
 - a. School Board Trustee Report: Trustee Glenys Edwards

At a recent city council meeting, the Board spoke against a potential cut to the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) funding that would be included in the next City budget. The District's Family School Liaison program is funded by both the schools and city. There was concern was that this would disrupt the services to vulnerable families in St Albert.

The Board advocated to the provincial government regarding the need to bring in the national COVID app/alert.

They have also advocated that the provincial government provide dedicated funding to support contract tracing as it is not possible for the school district to keep up their contract tracing efforts moving forward without more support. Contract tracing support was promised by the government when the re-entry plans were announced in the summer through AHS.

The Board has also requested dedicated funding for rapid testing.

Superintendent Sumners reported that when AHS inspectors came out to the school, they have been very impressed by the District's safety measures and the District re-entry plan.

The calendar for the 2021/22 school year has been approved. Considerations may need to be made should COVID continue to impact school activities. Wednesday, September 1st will be the first day of school. The staggered entry that was put in place this past fall was viewed as successful and so this process will followed next year for all grades.



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Chairperson Hoople thanked Trustee Edwards for the Board's support and continued advocacy for our District needs.

b. Administration Report: Randy Roszell

Staff missing seeing the students. Student moods seem down.

Principal Roszell is preparing for his new role as principal of both Robert Rundle and Sir George Simpson (SGS) after holiday break. Principal Roszell has made a request to move our parent council meeting as it does overlap the meeting at Robert Rundle. School Council has agreed to do this.

The two schools have very different cultures as one is elementary and the other is a Middle School. How might the two cultures be melded? On January 29th, the staff will switch schools to brainstorm how to allocate space, etc. Students at SGS will see very little difference over the next 18 months. When the kids who are now in elementary school are in middle school, campus projections are estimated to be 950.

Question was asked about whether the plan will be to combine the two School Councils at some point? The plan is to consider this in about 3 years, but nothing is set in stone.

c. Chair Report: Marcus Hoople

Reach out to Marcus if anyone would like to attend the District's Council of School Council meetings.

Marcus thanked SGS teachers and staff for all their excellent work over these difficult months.

A decision was made to move the School Council meeting to the 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be January 26, 2021.

Question Period

A question was posed about school expenses. Have they been affected by COVID? The sanitation part has been covered by the District. About 10 students a day forget their mask and so additional disposable masks have been made available in the school. The District is tracking all the additional costs that are part of this COVID year. Federal grants have been used to cover the costs to date. Moving forward, COVID's impact on school expenses will be tracked.

There was a question regarding food supplementation for kids who may come into school hungry. The District has received a grant to subsidize the students/families. SGS has about \$8k to help cover this cost. Staff use quiet ways to observe and find those who need this support.

Meeting adjourned