



SGS School Council

Minutes – October 27, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Via Google Meet

1. Call to order – 7:04pm

Welcome and Attendance

Randy Roszell, Principal
Glenys Edwards, Trustee
Tarah Samuel
Tarra Mitchell
Krystal Jenkins
Carmen Leibel

Chad Rizzato
Janice Eppy
Denise Watson
Sean Neraasen
Kim Bechtold
Judy Krajnak

2. Elections

Chair- Marcus Hoople has agreed to let his name stand and is nominated as Chair by acclamation since there are no other nominations. (Thank you Marcus!)

Co-Chair- there were no nominations for this position so it remains vacant.

Secretary- Krystal Jenkins would like someone else to take over this position. Judy Krajnak is nominated by acclamation as there are no other nominations. (Thank you Krystal for your past service in this role!)

3. Approval of the previous Minutes from May 6, 2020 - This will be done at our next meeting.

4. Reports

- a) School Board Trustee: Glenys Edwards entered the meeting at 7:38pm.

Trustee priorities are usually the same over the four year, but for this year, they have been adapted recognizing this is a unique year.

From the Board's perspective, it has been heart warming to see what is happening both online and in schools. It hasn't been easy to advocate for what we need to meet needs.

The school district did adjust the school calendar. Three days have been added, where schools are operating but children are at home. These extra days allow staff to be in building as well as do a deep clean of building (if necessary) and then adjust to be ready for the next quarter.

There will have a new school site in the capital plan. There is a need for a third high school. Land in northeast St Albert would be ideal for a high school. The site could be partnered with some other community amenities.

- b) Trustee Edwards then shared the Priorities and Strategies for 2020/21.

St. Albert Public Schools' Board of Trustees
Priorities and Strategies for 2020/21



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Given the unprecedented nature of education during COVID-19, the St. Albert Public School Board has adjusted its focus and priorities.

Priority #1

Support Safety and Wellness for Our Students and Staff:

- nurture confidence in St. Albert Public Schools' response to the ongoing challenges of COVID-19
- foster resiliency in our students and staff
- continue to advocate for the necessary resources

Priority #2

Support Engagement with Our Families and Community:

- the board will seek opportunities to be accessible – parents can join Public Board meetings remotely, just email amy.deren@spschools.org to receive the meeting link or visit our district website for directions
- continue the work of our Advocacy Committee
- promote the value of public school education in Alberta
- continue to collaborate with colleagues at Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) and Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA)

Priority #3

Adapt to Growth and Change:

- respond to provincial curriculum
- monitor and respond to the implications of the new funding framework
- monitor and respond to the implications of COVID-19

Priority #4

Explore the Implications of Choice in Education:

- identify and share the good work of St. Albert Public Schools
- explore the implications of strategic growth

c) Administration Report: Randy Roszell

Principal Roszell presented a three month update. July through September have certainly been “interesting”. There has been a lot of changes in the daily routines of schools.

This year, teachers move and students stay put (except for a few exceptions). Things seems to be working well. Three cases overall thus far in SGS.

It is now possible to have teachers “remote into classrooms” when they are required to self-isolate.

On line education mirror what is happening within the school. This allows students who are coming back into the school for Q2 and those who are going online should be able to adapt seamlessly. The partnership with Edmonton Public is working well. Quarterly options will allow for the switch on Nov 12th.

Still Covid fatigue is being felt. Emotionally draining. Quarterly options – switch on Nov 12th. At the time of the Council meeting, approximately 25 students are moving to online and 15 are moving into the classroom.

Some normalcy is possible. Examples have been school pictures and a Terry Fox run (with safety protocols in place.)



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The school's PD day focused on collaborative planning. A humanities approach is being followed (i.e., Social studies and Language Arts). This is working well and research supports this. Staff wellness was also addressed.

Staff improved a lot with regard to their use/comfort with technology.

Moving into the colder weather, jackets will be stored outside of lockers or inside classrooms.

Until COVID is back under control, the school will be keeping the status quo.

There was one question about communication from the school. Do families with children learning online receive the same SGS correspondence that those in school receive? An example had to do with fundraising efforts. Principal Roszell confirmed that yes, families do receive the same communications/updates.

5. Next Meetings:

Nov. 17th, 2020
Dec. 15th, 2020**(If necessary)
Jan. 19th, 2021
Feb. 16th, 2021
Mar. 16th, 2021**(If necessary)
Apr. 20th, 2021
May 18th, 2021

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm