

Spruce Grove Composite High School September 17th, 2019 - 2020 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Cheryl Otto, Principal; Linnea Nielsen, Assistant Principal, Rhonda Stewart, Chairperson/Secretary, Anne Montgomery, Board Trustee, Tracy Shanmugam, Shauna Sak, Leanne Tobert, Kelly Kennedy, Ashley Richardson, Jessica Sardi, Colleen Bouwmeester, Patty Mackay and Spouse

1. Introductions and call to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Approval of the May 21st, meeting minutes, tabled until next meeting due to only having Tracy S. here this meeting to approve the minutes. Minutes will be sent to participants of this meeting for approval.
3. PSD Trustee report by Anne Montgomery, Board Trustee Chairperson
 1. Thank you for allowing us as Trustees to attend you school council meetings. We attend at the invitation of the school council and we appreciate the opportunity.
 2. Our board has had a change in leadership. Trustee Lorraine Stewart has been voted in as board chair and Eric Cameron has been voted in as vice-chair. The position of Chair is provided with more knowledge of the operations of the division. She has an office at the Center for Education Office and is kept in the loop on all of the matters involving the board. While Board Chair does not get involved in operations, she will have more insight into daily activities.
 3. Last year, the division amended our Vision and Mission Statement for the division. This was done with a great deal of input from teachers, staff, stakeholders, students and parents.

Our vision is the GOAL: What does success look like in 5 years. Our new vision is:
Our students possess the confidence, resilience, insight and skills required to thrive in, and positively impact, the world.

The Mission Statement is the pathway to the vision; the roadmap. HOW will we get to our goal? The new mission statement is:

We assure supportive learning environments, meaningful experiences and healthy relationships that create opportunities to develop resilience, to gain diversity in perspectives and to achieve enduring success.

We measure our success and guide our pathway via the vision and mission statement. So throughout the year, we should continue to look back and measure our division using these guides.

4. School Council Report by Rhonda Stewart.
 - Elections will be next meeting. Details of the positions will be available upon request and will accompany the agenda for next month's meeting.
5. Canadian Parents for French Report by Rhonda Stewart
 - CPF Parkland Chapter AGM will be October 17th here at SGCHS in the Conference room.
 - The CPF Falling into French Family Fun Weekend will be on October 24th – 26th in Canmore. Please go to the CPF Alberta Website for more information.

- CPF Alberta has connected with the new Minister of Education and she is very interested in meeting with Michael Tryon.
- The Annual French Toast will be on November 20th. This is where CPF Alberta will meet for a petite breakfast to chat about CPF and issues it is working on with Ministers and Dignitaries.

6. Administration Report by Cheryl Otto

Drama

- The Lion King will be this semester's Musical Theatre Production. Miss Rebecca Forbes will be joining our Teacher/Director, Mrs. Carol Gilchrist, as Musical Theatre Assistant.

General

- Start-up has been smooth.
- Our first newsletter was posted prior to school starting; if you didn't get it, please check your email address on PowerSchool.
- Seminar training for grade 10's – Large group on grade 10 Orientation, Study Skills and computer technology use. Block 1 – 4, A-B sessions with all their teachers.
- Today September 17th and tomorrow, September 18th, Josten's Ring sales at lunch hour in Students Lounge, as well, Parent Information from 3:00 - 5:30 pm in the Student Lounge on September 18th.
- Thursday September 19th is Meet the Teacher Night for New students and Parents at 7:00 in the gym.
- DLR starts next week, Monday September 23rd.
- The first TCT day is Tuesday September 24th; Block 1 starts at 9:55 am.
- Orange Shirt Day is on Monday, September 30th.
- Monday September 30th at 6:00 pm is the post-Secondary event which will be held at the TLC.
- The first PLT Day is Tuesday October 1st.
- The MacEwan presentation and 1 -1's is at 11:00 am on October 9th.
- The Concordia Lunch and Learn is at 11:00 am on October 9th.
- The Fall Awards Night is in the Gym at 7:00 pm on Wednesday October 9th.
- The UBC Lunch and Learn is at 11:00 am on October 17th.
- School Photos are done and ready to be viewed. Retakes are Wednesday October 23rd.

Student Council

- Great Welcome to our Grade 10's on September 3rd. Lots of games and a hot dog lunch before a shortened schedule.
- Week of September 9 - 13th was WOW (Week of Welcome) including Bring your own Banana, Student vs. Teacher Dodgeball Game, Open Mic and Panther gear Friday.
- October 8th is Plaid Day.

Sports

- Football is up and running.
- Volleyball has four teams, Junior and Senior Girls and Boys.
- Cross Country Running has started training.
- A potential Swim team might happen.

Staffing Updates

- Mrs. Linnaea Nielsen is our new Assistant Principal and Grade Twelve Coordinator
- Miss Rebecca Forbes is our new Musical Theatre Assistant.
- Mr. Nick Bell is our new Mechanics/Fabrication Teacher.
- Mr. Brock Growenwegen is our new Math teacher.
- Miss Rachel Finnigan is our new Math teacher.

Further Discussion was had on the following topics:

- Discussion of SGCHS priority on the PSD Board's remodeling plan. The school is still on the top of the list but will not be in place until funding is established.
- Question about the Band meeting. The Band has a separate meeting as it is a fundraising society.
- Discussion of School Council Note for Panther Press
- Fundraising for trips. The Panther Auxiliary may be able to offer options. Their meetings are on the calendar for those wishing to attend.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Next Meeting is October 15th, 2019 at 7:00 in the Union Café (Library)