

SGCHS School Council MINUTES

April 20, 2021 | 7:00pm | Online

Meeting called by SGCHS School Council

Facilitator Brenda Cryer--chair

Note taker Nicole Buchanan--secretary

Start: 7:08

Adjourn: 7:39

Attendance: Cheryl Otto, Tracy Lebel, Brenda Cryer, Nicole Buchanan, Linnaea Nielson, Anne Montgomery, Sam Sinclair

Approval of Agenda: Tracy Lebel, Nicole Buchanan

Approval of Minutes: Brenda Cryer, Tracy Lebel

| School Board Trustee Report | Anne Montgomery

DRAFT Curriculum will NOT be piloted at PSD: The Superintendent has decided NOT to pilot the draft curriculum. This is not a statement about the content of the draft curriculum. The decision of administration was primarily based on the nature of learning in the upcoming year (with the likely COVID restrictions still in place in some form) still being fluid and NOT conducive to running a pilot program.

WE STILL NEED YOUR FEEDBACK: PSD will now take the full year to provide feedback to the Government of Alberta regarding the proposed curriculum. The board will receive information and feedback from our education experts and stakeholders and will create an advocacy plan to respond to the government. Parents, please continue to provide your thoughts to the board so that we may take all feedback into consideration.

Quarterly Financial Report: The board received the 2nd quarter financial report. 3.2 million surplus is projected for the year due to some Federal Covid funding and expected clawback (related to decreased enrollment) not happening by the provincial government. The board will consider how to deal with the surplus, being cautious in case of a claw back next year.

Student Advisory: Once or twice a year, the trustees get to meet with students to hear directly from them about "how we are doing" at PSD. Small groups of students from grade 9-12 met with Trustees to talk. Common feedback was - we are looking forward to in person learning & gratitude for the teachers developing their technology skills to make online learning possible.

Should our Committee of the Whole meetings be open to the Public? The board withdrew a motion to make our PSD Tomorrow committee meetings open to the public. As there is currently a fulsome review happening of all board committees, the decision of whether to make this and any other committee meetings open to the public will be decided as part of this review and will be looked at again in the fall.

Policy 5: Board Chair - The board approved this updated policy to incorporate the Education Act (and remove reference to the School Act that is now repealed) and to better clarify the added responsibility of board chair. Our current board chair is Dr. Lorraine Stewart.

| *School Council Chair Report* | Brenda Cryer

- next COSC meeting is May 6
- ASCA AGM is this weekend (April 23-25)—Brenda is carrying 5-6 proxies
- Education Planning Engagement
 - Brenda attended
 - information will be coming out shortly about what was discussed

| *Canadian Parents for French Update* | Tracy Lebel

- next meeting is May 4
- encouraging people to attend and invite friends
- meeting link is on their Facebook page
- fundraiser for all of May
 - TruEarth laundry detergent
 - funds will go to future Franco-fetes and other events happening in Parkland

| *SGCHS Administration Report* | Cheryl Otto

General

- Parents/Guardians and Students survey showed a preference for semesters if there is a change in Covid and cohorting protocols for the next school year; at this time, we are not sure that will happen in which case, quarters will have to continue due to these protocol requirements.
- Now that we are starting Q4 this week, we will be having our 10s and 11s complete their course selections for next school year. Returning Grade 12s will happen shortly after and their placement is subject to spacing in programs.

Grad

- SGCHS, Memorial and SPA will all be hosting Drive-In Grads at the Expo Centre; June 11 for ours and June 12 for SPA and Memorial. More details to come.

Student Advisory

- We've invited students to assist us with supporting our Student Body with creating a more inclusive learning environment. We are initiating this with a Student Advisory Forum April 21. This event will include both small group discussion and individual input for these students to help influence school procedures and culture.

Up for Conversation—

- Parent/Teacher Interviews—teachers and a small amount of feedback we've received have indicated that there is a preference to stay with online/phone with pre-booked times. Thoughts?
 - desire to keep this year model with set times
 - suggestion to use google meets vs phone call instead

- Reporting Next Year—currently, we have arbitrarily shut down PS approximately midway through a semester/quarter so that teachers can update marks and comments; teachers are feeling this is a very artificial way to do this as it may not be the best place to break for marks and to reflect on progress for comments. We have been in discussion with teachers regarding having individual teachers determine their timeline for midpoint evaluation where they can provide more meaningful commentary. Marks would need to be updated within a week of all major assignments and/or units. Thoughts?

--think it is a good idea but would need to inform parents clearly

--maybe in course outline or built right in to PowerSchool

[Link](#) to May 18, 2021 School Council Meeting...last meeting of the 2020-2021 School Year.