

Stettler Elementary School Council Meeting Dec 2, 2024

Attendance: Jaime Comchi, Nikki Anderson, Kate Syson, Ashley Hunt, Jolene Kobi, Greg Hayden, Nicole Ghesquiere, Becky Scott, Chelsea Bellair, Amy Dorn

Your Council: Chair – Jaime Comchi; Vice Chair – Nicole Ghesquiere; Secretary – Nikki Anderson for Maria Cara

Call Meeting to Order 7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes for Nov 4, 2024 Meeting: Jaime proposed the approval of the meeting minutes for Nov 4 meeting, Nikki approved and Nicole seconded

Presentation and Approval of Agenda: Nicole approved and Amy seconded

Clearview Representative Report: Visited Erskine and Donalda Schools. Attended Fall General Meeting, met with Premier and Minister of Education. Communication is good and seems like they are listening. The policy committee is doing an awards revamp and is looking for nominations and input. Currently dipping into budget reserves, there is little additional money available with 30 new schools a year plus renovations. Issues include complex classrooms, curriculum development, vaping, charter schools, EA needs, transportation needs, staff retention. Base funding increase based on inflation, Alberta is currently 1000 below the national average. Director of Facilities, Russ McKay, is retiring. He has been on staff since 1991.

Principal's Report: Raised \$2424 so far with WaterFirst.ngo. Looking for someone for installation of tetherballs – Winter Market funds purchase.

There has been an increase in the use of racial/sexist/homophobic slurs used in the school. Administration is making a plan to educate students and parents on the issue and would love any input from the community. Dr. Syson will be visiting classrooms to have discussions on why these words are NOT ok, what the history of some of the words (particularly the n-word) are, and what the consequences of continued use will be. The disciplinary policy is available online in the student handbook. There was a unanimous decision at council meeting that serious action be taken to ensure this is stopped immediately. Ideas such as joint effort with sports coaches, posters with information, and a Q&A session with BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, and other marginalized members of the community were put forth. Further information to come in January.

Please attend council meetings! It is the best way to have a say in what happens at your child's school!

Fundraising Society Report: Perogy fundraiser a success! Sold \$1890. Pickup is Dec 5.

New Business:

1. PE Class. Concern expressed about weights being used in PE. Will be discussed at Dec Staff meeting. Different equipment can be obtained if necessary.

Old Business:

1. ASCA engagement session – see attached
2. Bake Sale – All parents to bring 2 dozen baked items to Christmas Concerts for fundraiser.

Next Meeting January 13, 2025

Meeting Adjourned 7:55 pm