

Stettler Elementary School Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting
January 13, 2025

Attendance: Kate Syson, Natasha Gonda, Samantha Copeland, Alix McDonald, Greg Hayden, Becky Scott, Jaime Comchi, Nicole Ghesquiere, Maria Cara, Candace Boxma, Nikki Anderson,, Jolene Kobi, Joe Huraj, Ashley Hunt, Dawn Volmer, Cindy Brilz, Amy Dorn. Weslee Hoekstra, Amanda Hawkins, Stephanie Nixon

Regrets:

Your Council: Jaime Comchi: Chair
Nicole Ghesquiere: Vice Chair
Maria Cara: Secretary

Agenda: Call Meeting to order 7:02pm

Meeting Minutes for December 2024: Jamie proposed the Approval of the Meeting Minutes for December 2024:
Nikki Approved and Dawn Seconded

Presentation and Approval of agenda: Jamie proposed the presentation and approval of agenda
Nikki Approved and Dawn Seconded

Principal's Report: Kate discussed about the following:

1. Uptake in racial slurs – plan to deal with this
 - a. Update – positive feedback for addressing the issue
will get diverse panel, classroom visits, more education, more information on the plans coming up/sometime March
2. School photographer next year – SMART?
 - » parent council has agreed with renewing with SMART
 - » a suggestion from a parent - ask if we get discounts if we lock in for a number of year
3. Dad's at the Door – featuring Grandpas (on January 28)
 - » inviting all dads, uncles, grandpas to attend
 - » Dads and Grandpas will be in school from 8:45am – 9:05am
4. Bake Sale \$70 per class (for prizes, class money, fancy art supply, cushions, etc.)
 - » a suggestion from a parent - maybe the school can provide a list of the craft supplies that teachers need and maybe the parents/community can donate

5. Nutrition Grant – free lunches in January
 - » Tacos in a bag «
 - January 7 – For Grade 4 & 6
 - January 9 – For Grade 3 & 5
 - January 13 – For Kindergarten & Grade 2
 - January 16 – For Grade 1

6. Winter Market: (waiting on Tetherball quote) – money (leftover) \$4860 to give a portion to the library for losses in flood

7. Weights in the gym
 - » demonstrated
 - » explained to the kids which ones to use and which ones NOT to use
 - » put the bigger weights out of sight when able to

8. Feedback on school year 2025-2026 draft learning calendar
 - » a suggestion from a parent – explain what the Professional Day (PD) means to teachers so parents can understand more
 - » teachers truly need Professional Days to have time for planning lessons
 - » [revisit subject for next month's discussion](#)

9. GSA Presentation by Ms. McDonald
 - » Gay-Straight Alliance – is a student-led club where children can come together to build an inclusive and supportive environment. This will start ASAP (January)
 - » Will have adult representation/role model
 - » Kid friendly discussions and lessons on acceptance, kindness and the value of diversity to have a strong foundation for respect and empathy

PLEASE NOTE:

As per the parents' discussion a full list of all the student-led clubs will be posted in the Stettler Elementary Cubs facebook page this January. If you have any inquiries regarding the clubs, please call the office.

SES Hot Lunch Schedule

Jan. 8th- Subway
 Jan. 15th- Pizza Hut
 Jan. 22nd- Pita Pit

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 10th- Monochrome Day
 Jan. 13th- Start bringing used books in
 Jan. 24th- Last day to bring used books
 Jan. 29th- PD Day
 Jan. 31st- Caps 4 character
 Feb. 3rd- School council meeting with Board
 (community engagement)

Teacher
 Representative
 Report

Samantha discussed:
 » Shoutout to the gym teachers assisting in the drop-in activities & options for the

- indoor kids for the first recess. Kids love and appreciate it!
- » After school basketball just started for Grade 5-6
- » SES Book Swap going on. Students to bring in used books until Jan 24 and the actual book swap will be on February 3-6
- » 3T testing (2nd round) just started for literacy skills
- » Behavior Pilot Program for Grade 5 – just started – 3 strike rule
 - **list of criteria has been established and explained to the Grade 5 students
 - **students wrote a letter to the Principal that they agree to be part of the change
 - **a form (list of strikes) is available so students can be accountable

Clearview

Representative
Report:

- Becky discussed the report.
- » Planning for the New Year
 - » Enrollment numbers went down
 - » Opening for school board trustee position

Fundraising
Society
Report:

- Nicole discussed:
- » Fall fundraiser for Perogies is finished. Will get the literacy supplies. Kate's wish list will be discussed and will approve some things
 - » Potential switching to Cosmic Pizza for lunchbox – will Cosmic have individual boxes? Parents opinion: Whatever is easiest, boxes with label
 - » Planning Teacher Appreciation in February
 - » Start discussion for the Spring Fundraiser (March)

New Business

1. Teacher Appreciation Week
 - a) Lunch for staff and volunteer supervisors – NEED help with volunteer supervisors for lunch recess. A sign up sheet will be up, if you are able to assist - PLEASE register.
 - b) Open to ideas to make it extra special

Old Business

1. Jo Phillips February 10, 2025
 - a) All parents from all grades as well as the community members are welcome, however, only students from Grades 4-9 will receive a presentation
2. Feedback from the letter that went out in December

Adjournment: 8:06pm

Next Meeting to be held on February 3, 2025 at 7:00pm