

Stettler Elementary School Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting
March 3, 2025

Attendance: Jaimie Comchi, Cindy Brilz, Dawn Volmer, Sheena Strangward, Hayley Leschert, Nicole Ghesquiere, Scott McKenzie, Dustin Stauffer, Joe Huraj, Josh Huraj, Dane Graham, Lorna Gillespie, Kate Syson, Samantha Copeland
Online: Candace Reinbold

Your Council:

Jaime Comchi: Chair

Nicole Ghesquiere: Vice Chair

Cindy Brilz: Interim Secretary For Maria Cara

Agenda: Call Meeting to order at 7:01pm

Meeting Minutes for February 3, 2025: Nicole approved and Dawn seconded

Presentation and Approval of agenda: Nicole approved and Joe seconded

Clearview Representative Report:

No Clearview rep here tonight so will update in April.

Teacher Representative Report:

It's report card week so it's busy.

Teachers convention went good. They are looking at moving it to Red Deer.

Grade 5 doing hockey hookey day on Mar 12- counts as their field trip

Principal's Report:

If an emergency happens like a gas leak or active shooter, when safe they evacuate to united church and parents pick up from there. Teachers are practicing this during a PD day just to be prepared.

25/26 calendar is out

Enrolment is down in the school from 556 last year to currently 513 which affects funding.

Is there anything we can do to help? Send info to preschoolers (including share bear).

Share on stettler connection. Maybe due to population changes? We are also losing biggest ever grade 6 class and the incoming classes are some of the smallest.

Aimee Sharpe, Rachel Bently, Kaylee Knight, and Jordyn Hansel are all returning teachers.

SSR room has been super helpful for teachers and students to give dysregulated kids a place to go where they are taken care of- put on schedule for April to give more of an update.

Grade 4 parents make sure to do assurance survey.

Parent teacher interviews are coming up by request by either party.

Social Media Presentation by Jo Phillips Takeaways

- not a device problem, It's a people problem
- kids are hesitant to tell their parents about negative experiences online because they are scared they will lose their privileges even if it was an accident.
- kids are pleading with their adults to put their phones down- put your devices down when a kid enters the room and be present.
- first generation of children raised by adults with an addiction to screens
- give kids space to wrap up what they are doing online vs snatching it away from them
- come up with solutions WITH them for device use
- use "keep" language- keep telling me when you're having trouble vs don't do that

3T data results were good

Discussed New Motto Options. Liked ROAR- respectful, outstanding effort, accepting, resilient

Fundraising Society Report:

Uptown fundraiser for school supplies has been successful in the past. It supports local, is convenient, and a great fundraiser for the school. Get rolling end of April led by Hayley. Approved.

Planning to switch from Pizza Hut to Cosmic Pizza next year for 1 of the hot lunch options because Pizza Hut has dealt with some staffing issues.

New Business:

ASCA Spring Symposium is virtual this year to help with expenses and allow anyone to attend.

April 26, 2025.

The clearview AGM is on the 27 and also virtual

3 Meetings away from SC AGM. Secretary position is open. Dawn nominated Cindy for secretary

Dustin seconded.

Old Business:

Teacher appreciation- they liked it as they are not picky about food so Subway was great and love having supervision covered by parents.

Jo Phillips social media presentation was worthwhile. Attendance was lower than hoped, but that is normal and buses were cancelled that day due to the snow.

Adjournment: 7:50pm

Next Meeting: April 7, 2025