

Stettler Elementary School Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

May 5, 2025

Attendance: Nicole Ghesquire, Cindy Brilz, Joe Huraj, Kate Syson, Samantha Copeland, Grey Hayden, Becky Scott, Jolene Kobi, Candace Boxma

Your Council:

Jaime Comchi: Chair (missing)

Nicole Ghesquiere: Vice Chair

Cindy Brilz: Secretary

Agenda: Call Meeting to order at 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2025: Candace approved and Dawn seconded

Presentation and Approval of agenda: Jolene approved and Dawn seconded

Clearview Representative Report:

They had a meeting with Nate Horner- still trying to get new elementary school.

Budget – tricky this year, but working with it. Bulk purchasing.

Teachers and EAs have been proposed a 3% wage increase.

Greg's position on the board is open- info packs available.

Teacher Representative Report:

Collective Bargaining- voting ended to accept or reject current mediation- still unknowns for now. (since the meeting, it has come out that the majority voted to reject it)

Enjoyed recent PD day- common writing assessment- looked at student's writing from different grade and compared to other students to try and mark without bias.

May and June are fun, busy months. Taco in a bag, Track and Field- still looking for volunteers

Kids love the new recess equipment that was bought with fundraising money- with more to do there is less conflict.

Principal's Report:

57 kinders currently registered- expecting at least 10 more

100 grade 6's leaving which impacts budget

Pre-sale for yearbooks is on KEV

Voting on covers for yearbook cover is on now

Becky Baltimore (Librarian) is going on leave for surgery so Library books need to be in by May 30. Kids will have library class, just not take out books- Encourage kids to use public library

Mental Health awareness week- lots of activities

Last 6 Fridays of the year, they get extended recess because the cubs president advocated for that

Looking at needing to reduce number of teachers based on number of students based on budget. Step one is they have met with staff and see who if there is anyone who is willing to transfer to a different school or retire early. Still keeping class sizes between 18-23.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

May 5 - May School Council meeting

May 6- Free hot lunch for gr. 4 & 6

May 7- Show Choir field trip

May 8- Free hot lunch for gr. 3 & 5

May 9- Formal day (dress to impress)

May 16- PD day

May 20- Free hot lunch for gr. 1

May 23- Free hot lunch for Kinder & gr. 2

June 2- School Council meeting

TRACK MEETS:

June 9- Gr. 4-6

June 16- Kinder & Gr. 1

June 17 - Gr. 2 & 3

Fundraising Society Report:

Recap of 2024/25 – Ran open house, fall fundraiser/perogies (bought financial literacy kits), teacher appreciation week, spring fundraiser/track concession (towards reflex for school 2025/26?), uptown supply fundraiser (towards teacher appreciation 2025/26 & class resources) and hot lunch program (for operational costs and extras). Casino funds bought docking cams and filled room buckets. General funds bought diversity in hockey speaker, Jo Philips motivational speaker with WEH and society insurance.

New Business:

Debrief on ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) attended by Nicole

Hot Lunch Discussion by Cindy:

Check that Cosmic Pizza has gluten free crust, what the options will be, and if it will be one big slice or a personal pizza

Ask if Pita Pit can change to no tomatoes for all. Look into us purchasing packs of ranch and mayo as sometimes the pitas are dry.

Look into a Hot Dogs and chips/veggies and juice offer. Check if there is an option for 2 hotdogs.

Old Business:

None

Adjournment: 750pm

Next Meeting: June 2, 2025