



SGS School Council

Minutes – February 18, 2020

7:00 p.m. School Library

1. Call to order – 7:03pm

Welcome and Attendance

Randy Roszell, Principal

Nancy O'Shea, Teacher

Stanley Haroun, Trustee

Tarra Mitchell

Krystal Jenkins

Carol Poulin

Denise Watson

Marcus Hoople

Donna Nilsson

Michelle Neraasen

2. Review of the Agenda. Tarra Mitchell motioned to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Denise Watson. All in favour.

3. Approval of the January 21, 2020 Minutes. Motioned by Denise Watson. Seconded by Tarra Mitchell. All in favour.

4. Reports

a. School Board Trustee: Stanley Haroun

At the last meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the authorization of Mental Health Literacy 15 for 3 credits, for high schools until August 31, 2023.

Trustee Haroun provided a budget update reporting that the new funding model is not based per student but now a weighted moving average. If your school population is declining, this might work out in your favour, but if the school population is increasing, it is going to result in a shortage. This system poses a problem for growing schools. Every system is flawed but this will allow schools to know their budget numbers by spring.

There are 18 schools in the district and 50 teaching positions will be cut in the fall. The regulations do not provide a cut and dry method to decide which teachers get cut.

We can expect class sizes to increase, as an example physical education classes may increase from 24 students to 30.

The exact budget comes out on May 27. There will be a 5M deficit next year. Everyone is encouraged to write to your MLA expressing your concerns. The ATA has a letter writing campaign regarding class size and parents' concerns. To access this document visit

<https://www.teachers.ab.ca/SiteCollectionDocuments/ATA/Campaign/Letter%20Writing%20Templates/COOR-162-1%20MLA%20Letter%20Writing%20for%20Parents.pdf>

b. Administration Report: Randy Roszell

February 20 the district is hosting the 4th Annual Ilead Conference. 40 students attending.

March 14- is Pi day so lots of activities, some competitions and some pie eating planned for Friday,



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March 13.

Annual staff vs students basketball game- was a lot of fun for all.

Parent-Teacher interviews – There was discussion debating the pros and cons of both arena-style vs booked interview slots. Randy thinks arena style is still the best way forward, but will think on it.

Bells – There was a question about whether the bell after the 7 minute break has been eliminated. It hasn't, but it is difficult to hear the bells in some parts of the school.

Cafeteria hours – There was a question asking why the cafeteria was closed for half of the lunch period. It isn't closed, but at the half way mark, the doors are opened and IF you want to go out, you can, but you can also stay or go the library etc. In nice weather, students are encouraged to go outside.

c. Chair Report : Marcus Hoople

The COSC meeting was held on January 23. The budget and concerns around the budget were discussed, but nothing that hasn't already been mentioned here.

The Superintendent also reported on the budget and that the Paul Kane rebuild is progressing. The plans are expected to be completed by spring with completion set for September 2022.

The Wildrose/Robert Rundle update. Not everyone is happy with these changes, but there could be a positive implication for SGS as it would potentially provide more space.

April 26 is the Alberta School Council Association AGM. They will have a list of topics and we can send 1 person to vote on our behalf, but must discuss all items/topics before we send someone to vote. Marcus could be interested in going. He will bring the topics to the next meeting for discussion.

COSC members discussed the possibility of creating a common set of by-laws for the whole district.

The next COSC meeting is May 7 2020, 7:00pm at the District Office. Everyone is welcome.

5. Next Meeting: April 21, 7:00pm in the library.

6. Meeting adjourned 8:01pm. Motioned by Michelle Neraasen, seconded by Denise Watson. All in favour.