

“School Council is a collective association of parents, teachers, principal, staff and community representative(s) whose purpose is to advise the principal and the board respecting matters relating to the school. It is a means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning.”

School Council is not:

“...there are limits that can be done by a school council. Roles that are not to be taken on by a school council include:

- school governance**
- employment issues**
- school management**
- listening to complaints.”**

Taken from the Alberta School Council Resource Manual

School Council Annual General Meeting September 18, 2024 6:00 pm Meeting Minutes

Those in attendance: Trish Hammond, Jenn Bahler, Tracy Lynn, Don Rattray, Jackie Swainson, Courtney Morgan-Armstrong, Kate Douglas, Aaron Rath, Anna Henry, Gerri Macrae, Christa Currier, Julie Maplethorpe, Susan Lavoie, Crystal Willetts, Stan Willetts, Naomi Morton, Abby Sarkozi, Janine Waldo

1. Call meeting to order

- Meeting called to order by Jenn Bahler at 6:03pm

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: To accept the agenda as is by Jenn Bahler, second Trish Hammond

Vote: All in favor

Resolve: Agenda excepted as is

3. Introduction and Welcome of Everyone

- good turn out for our first meeting, several new faces

4. Treasurers Year Financial Report

- No money ran in or out of the account recently. Account balance is sitting at \$860.87
- We will pay out all but \$100 to fundraising to pay out all the activities we did as a council (ice cream etc.)

5. School Council a year in review 2023-2024—Jenn Bahler

- see additional notes from Jenn Bahler

6. Board Highlights— Mrs. Jackie Swainson

- Elections next October for trustee as she is wanting to step down
- Chinooks edge received \$1.1 million from the provincial government to help with enrollment pressure.

- \$600,000 to help with over crowded schools and specific pressure points in the schools. This equates to approximately 3.5 full time equivalent staff and 5 full time educational assistants.
- \$ up to 140,000 to support K-3 teachers to be able to do their testing
- \$350K to help purchase new chrome books for schools (since the new no cell phone policy has been rolled out)
- \$15000 to increase the time of the safety coordinator to support the implementation of the hour zero emergency training.
- Increased use of summer school was incredible this year – had 191 students do summer school. This was an increase from 163 students from last year.
- 236 students did off campus work experience programs dual credit programs. This was up from the 184 students last year.
- 186 students did the jumpstart program this year to earn 6 credits and a Chromebook. 142 earned the credits and Chromebook.
- six new staff members at division office
- They are pressuring the government in regards to getting the new school here in Sylvan. All of the schools are above capacity right now (HJC is at 104%). Everything is ready to go on the land/resources part of a building just need to get the go ahead to break ground.
- For the new school they are looking at a collegiate model with CESD, Red Deer Catholic, Town of Sylvan Lake and some post secondary institutions and careers.

7. Administration Report—Mr. Rattray & Mrs. Lynn

- Fox Run did benefit from the funding that CESD got.
- Able to make 2 new classes and hire 2 new teachers to help bring down some class sizes.
- had a couple of other new hires in the school as well
- Part of a pilot program with HJC
- Communication – social media, Facebook, Instagram, alerts, Fury news,
- Hour Zero communication – they are using these terms now across the board
- Every teacher has a yellow backpack with their class lists and all emergency protocol stuff (vest, papers, cards)
- Parking – pilons have been put up for the staff parking lot to keep parents out of there
- School culture - There are a number of clubs starting up again this year with a lot of them happening at lunch time versus after school. Some of these clubs are: Eco Club , Breakfast club, corner store, choir, strategic games, cross country running, volleyball, encouraging kids to get involved in things.
- Indigenous learning we have 2 new leads in the school this year.
- Mr. Rattray has received an email that there are some parents that are concerned that there is not enough time for eating at lunch time. Currently kids only have 15 minutes to eat. Admin will survey the kids to see what they think about the amount of time they have to eat and can look at making adjustments accordingly. After they do the survey with the kids they will come back to council and let them know the results.

8. Correspondence Received

- nothing received other then the email about lunch time

9. Elections of 2024-2025 School Council Executive

Chair- (previous Jenn Bahler)

Motion: To have Jenn Bahler remain as Chair nominated by Trish Hammond

Vote: All in Favor

Resolve: Jenn Bahler will remain as the Chair

Vice Chair-(Previous Karyanne Caines)

Motion: To nominate Christa Currier as Vice Chair nominated by Trish Hammond

Vote: All in Favor

Resolve: Christa Currier will become the new Vice Chair

Treasurer- (Previous Trish Hammond)

Motion: To have Trish Hammond remain as treasurer nominated by Jenn Bahler

Vote: All in Favor

Resolve: Trish Hammond to remain as the treasurer

Secretary – (Previous Trish Hammond)

Motion: To have Trish Hammond remain as Secretary, nominated by Jenn Bahler

Vote: All in Favor

Resolve: Trish Hammond will remain on as the secretary

10. Discuss signing papers for the Signing authority for the bank accounts.

- Jenn will figure this out and let us know who needs to be added/Removed

11. Year Dates for School Council & Next Meeting

- Meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm.

Oct 16th, Nov 20th, Dec- No meeting , Jan 15th, Feb 26th, Mar 19th, Apr 16th, May 21st

12. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm