

MINUTES

New Sarepta Community High School

NSCHS School Council

September 10, 2025 | 6:55pm | Meeting called by Sherry Krozser

Board members

Sherry Krozser, Chair | Tamara Morris, Vice-Chair | Michelle Kadatz, Treasurer | Michelle Kadatz, (Acting)Secretary | _____, Fundraising Chair | _____, Casino Co-Ordinator |

Welcome/Call to order - 6:55pm - Sherry Krozser, Michelle Harper, Tamara Morris, Kayla Soch, Michelle Kadatz, Michelle Haveroen, Lorelei Steffler attending

Review/Approval of Agenda - Sherry proposed to move communications/engagement to the PAA agenda as it falls under the parent advisory capacity better; Kayla approves, Michelle Harper seconds

Meeting Minutes/Additions/Omissions/Approval - Minutes from June meeting not available; will go over at the next meeting

Reports:

- 1) Executive - No report to give
- 2) Trustee – not in attendance, no report given
- 3) Principal report -

Past/Current Enrollment:

September 2023 - 228

September 2024 - 245

September 2025 - 250

- We have had an estimated 20 students move in/out from the school, in most cases due to location and program availability from other schools; we have been receiving many requests for out of division transfers into the school, but we have had to pause these transfers in order to maintain our current smaller class sizes and level of academic excellence for our students; we have a good reputation as a school with students who excel and hope to maintain that reputation

Current Student Distribution

Grade 7 - 40

Grade 8 - 48

Grade 9 - 55

Grade 10 - 40

Grade 11 - 35

Grade 12 - 32

New staff:

Miss Krista Erdmann - Teacher

Miss Courtney Schroter - Teacher

Mrs. Jennifer Willson - Secretary (AM)

- We are currently at 13 teachers total for the school; Mrs Jennifer Wilson is a welcome addition to our secretarial staff and she will also be filling in at the library when Diana is not available; she is quickly learning how to update the website and will be assisting council with updates to our section of the school's website to help keep parents informed and up to date

Updates:

- Meet the Teacher Evening with the Elementary School Staff had a fantastic turnout, 2nd year as a joint event. Big thanks to Mr. Froland, Jayme Hiller and Cara Dirks (NSCHS) for continuing a fantastic partnership and tradition.
- NOTES from the OFFICE - Friday afternoons seem to be working well; Lorelei will continue with the current schedule and updates
- Cell Phones - At the back to school assembly there was a review of the school's cell phone policies according to the ministerial order from the Alberta government; if a student pulls out their phone during class, a letter will be sent to the parents outlining the consequences as follows - 5 days in phone jail held in the office or 5 days leaving the phone at home; the school has acquired a phone jail that is lockable (nicknamed Victor) to keep phones secure in the office; so far students have been good with complying with the phone rules; teachers have noticed much more engagement and fewer distractions in classrooms; occasionally teachers will request phones be brought out for learning engagement opportunities - ie, plant identification in science class
- Volleyball tryouts / Teams formed - Tournaments and league play to follow.
- School upgrades
 - a. Sound bars / woofer - added for extra clarity in classrooms that only had rudimentary desktop speakers; used as teaching aides and learning enhancement for students; will be adding to a couple more classrooms as needed
 - b. Classroom furniture - many of our desks/chairs were very old and needed upgrades; several classrooms have new furniture and more will be coming at the end of September; current desks/chairs were sorted and each classroom has corresponding sets of furniture; Tanya Sawchyn's classroom has standing desks at the back and the students seem to flock to those spots - noticeable improvement in engagement during class
 - c. South entrance / North Entrance - new concrete has been poured at the south entrance of the school as the previous pad was cracked and was becoming a tripping hazard; there is a plan for a new concrete pad at the north entrance of the school to be poured, hopefully before snow falls

- d. The track will be getting tilled and leveled this week; this is ongoing maintenance that we share with the elementary school so our students have a safe space to train
- September 30th - Schools closed for National Day of Truth & reconciliation
- New Business:
 - a. Start time - Lorelei proposed to the board that council meetings will start at 6:30pm, rather than 7pm; all in approval; future meetings will start at 6:30pm
 - b. Winter months - suggestion that council meetings will be held online in times of inclement weather; as we meet throughout the winter months whether there are blizzards/squalls or not, it was deemed safer to move meetings online when needed; a message will go out to all members if the meeting is changed.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- September 15th Senior High Golf Zones at Drayton Valley Golf Club
- September 18th LDAA Junior High Golf Tournament at Montgomery Glen G.C.
- September 19th PD Day (No Classes)
- September 25th Terry Fox Walk/Run
- September 29th **Orange Shirt Day**
- September 30th National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Schools Closed)
- October 3rd Sr. Drama Field Trip to the Citadel Theatre - Life of PI
- October 13th Thanksgiving (Schools Closed)
- October 14th PD Day (No Classes)
- October 16th Picture Retakes
- October 31st Last Day of Quarter 1
- November 4-6 NSCHS Book Fair
- November 6th Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm -7:00 pm
- November 20th ELAA Post Secondary Fair - 1:00 pm
- January 29th Last Day of Semester 1
- February 6th Class of 2026 - Grad Photos
- May 21st Gr. 9 PAT ELA Exam Part A
- June 18th Gr. 9 PAT ELA Exam Part B - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 19th Gr. 9 PAT Math Exam Part A - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 22nd Gr. 9 PAT Math Exam Part B - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 23rd Gr. 9 PAT Social Exam - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 24th Gr. 9 PAT Science Exam - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 12th Grad 2026 Commencement (Tentative Date) 7:00 pm

4) Teacher report - Michelle Haveroen

- had first grad meeting with the 2026 grads; Jacob Kadatz, Katie Doornbosch and Rayner Beerwort are working on designs for the grad hoodies, students will vote for their favourite design; grad is tentatively scheduled for June 12th to help keep student motivation high for diplomas; diplomas are usually at the end of the year so having grad at the end of the year would interfere in teachers last days at the school. Teachers have been working with the various school groups (ie. band, sports, drama) to not overwhelm grads with too many activities before writing their last diplomas; first grad meeting with parents TBA, usually sometime in October; parents will be notified of date when set
- Teachers have been using an 'out of sight out of reach' policy with phones - this means kids are allowed to have their phones with them in a purse or pocket rather than sequestering in a locker; students are not allowed to bring phones out, and have been instead writing out notes more with pen and paper; approach is more of a learning expectation rather than policing behavior

Standing Business

- 1) AGM Meeting of Council of School Councils – October 6, 2025 @ 630pm, Leduc County office - Monday before our next council meeting; Sherry is planning on attending and will report at next meeting

New Business

- 1) ASCA website: nschs.council@gshare.blackgold.ca
Nschs.Council2024
- 2) NSCHS Council Website updated - Jessica was updating the website but is continuing to be on leave. There was a change in software and replacement; Jen Wilson is undergoing training to update the website; will be adding council information as needed; send updates for council to Lorelei and she'll get it to the site

Next Meeting of the NSCHS School Council: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Adjournment 7:30pm