

Minutes of the School Council

New Sarepta Community High School

Location: NSCHS

September 13, 2023, 7:00pm

Members must be present to vote. Proxies are not permitted.

*Indicates items for which a written document/report will be attached/provided

1.0 Call to Order 7:08pm and Introductions

Introduction/Attendance: Sherry Krozser (Chair), Diana Doornbosch (Secretary), David Holbrow (Principal), Michelle Haveroen (Assistant Principal), Parents: Maricha Kriel, Jeremy Harper, Michelle Harper

2.0 Review of Agenda

Motion: Moved to approve. Michelle/Diana Carried.

3.0 Approval of the May 10, 2023, Minutes

Motion: Moved to approve. Diana/Sherry Carried.

4.0 Reports

4.1 **Executive** – Sherry will complete the chair report, from the 2022/2023 year, for the end of September due date.

4.2 Committees

4.2.1 **Communications/Engagement** – The council will endeavor to post a short message in the principal's weekly email and post a monthly update by email and on the website.

4.2.2 **Special Events** – nothing to report.

4.3 **Principal** - *Attached

4.4 **Trustee Report** – no report

4.5 **Teacher Report** – Michelle Haveroen

Michelle's focus this year is to make sure that there is a strong in reach program. In addition to the courses offered, there are options that include Aboriginal studies (10, 20,

30) and providing other core courses that aren't offered in class for the first semester to help students achieve their academic goals.

Black Gold negotiated a deal to have 5 spots through the St. Paul society. This means that students can login during live class time and take the courses they need. 2 students have already signed up for that. **GET WEBSITE LINK FOR THIS**

[Dual credit program](#) lead, Danielle Manchak, will come to the school to talk about the program with students and staff. 6 students are registered for the 2023/2024 school year. Michelle will help students register before the deadline of November 10 for the 2nd semester course offerings.

Question – will the school have a mobile trades unit available for the students to get their first year of welding or electrical training like in the winter of 2020?

Answer – the trailer was possible at NSCHS through a government grant that funded the entire cost. The school explored the possibility of having the trailer back again, but the funds were not available. The cost in 2019/2020 was approximately \$100,000 for the trailer, plus additional costs associated with the agreements with the college to provide instructors.

[A Collegiate program](#) will start for the 2024/25 school year in Calmar. This is designed for students who enter the program to finish knowing how to essentially build a house by learning the skills of construction, electrical and plumbing. For students in New Sarepta who are interested, they can accelerate their learning for grade 10 and 11 and then participate in the collegiate program for their grade 12 year.

[RAP Registered Apprenticeship program](#). Students go into post-secondary with grant money after they complete the program. They also get high school credits. Students are responsible to find the job that will help them with the apprenticeship.

[The Black Gold website](#) has various links regarding trades programs.

<https://www.careersnextgen.ca/> possible resource to help students find jobs.

5.0 Standing Business

5.1 Meeting of School Councils Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 7pm in Nisku at the County Office boardroom. Sherry recommends that at least one parent attend. It's great to listen to other councils who deal with similar issues as our NSCHS community. Our next meeting is set for October 11. It's suggested to skip the next meeting for a parent representative to attend.

There will be 2-3 meetings of this group during the 2023/24 year. The council of school communities also meets 1-2 times in a school year.

Maricha Kriel and Michelle Harper are interested in attending the October 11 meeting

6.0 New Business

6.1 Meet the teacher – ballot results.

The school council handed out over a dozen door prizes from local businesses to parents who attended. The ballot had the option of checking boxes of various opportunities where parents are willing to volunteer. 28 parents showed interest because of the ballots. The ballot had the following options to check off: Attending school council meetings, contributing to potlucks, fundraising, volunteering as an executive member, helping with hot lunch, special events, decorating school bulletin boards. There were two offers of help with building and talking about engineering and industry to our students.

This is very encouraging and shows that NSCHS has a strong group of parents who are showing interest in being actively involved in the life of our school that will positively impact our students.

It was suggested for the council to send google forms to parents once a month or so to gain help in specific areas.

6.2 Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) workshop calendar and Alberta School Councils Engagement Grant (ASCE Grant)

ASCA has the workshop calendar posted on their website for September and October. At the AGM, council will decide a workshop that helps the executive members understand their role on council.

David will find out if the council still has access to the grant funds from last year.

6.3 AGM meeting – November 8th at 6:30pm.

There will be one AGM meeting to elect and then vote to mirror executives for both the school council and the Parent Advisory Association

6.4 Next Meeting of the NSCHS School Council: Wednesday November 8 at 6:30pm

Adjourn 8:15pm

School Council Action items:

Secretary/Communications

- Create a message to request donations of Gatorade and granola bars for our sports teams and other groups in the school council update email.
- Reach out to the parent volunteers to run hot lunch once or twice a month.
- Advertise the AGM

David

- Find out if the council still has access to the grant funds from last year.
- Send out a list of all dual credit courses to the NSCHS parents.

Sherry

- Retrieve the best practices document from the minutes for the last council of school councils meeting. There are some great points that could potentially be added to our bylaws.

Michelle

- Compile an Annual Agenda that includes the year's meeting dates, monthly meeting focus, proposed fundraisers, engagement opportunities/workshops. (To create a framework for the year's work and can be presented to the broader school community to help parents plan out which meetings might be a priority for their family)

At the AGM

- Decide on scheduling a workshop that helps the executive members understand their role on council.

Enclosures:

Principal's Report

Principal's Report September 13, 2023

Numbers

- Total, we have 228 students in our system as of September 13.
 - Grade 7 - 53
 - Grade 8 - 35
 - Grade 9 - 38
 - Grade 10 - 33
 - Grade 11 - 35
 - Grade 12 - 35

- New staff: Mrs. Michelle Haveron, Assistant Principal, Social studies,
- Mrs. Cara Auger, counsellor
- Mr. Jonathan Richardson, band/social
- Mrs. Alex Laberge, Science
- Mr. Eric Laberge, Math and Social
- Mr. Murphy's replacement, TBD
- New Role for Mrs. Swanson, LST

- New flooring in a couple of rooms. New outdoor eating spaces

- Meet the Teacher was tremendous. So many families from all grades

- Terry Fox Run will be Friday, September 22

- Truth and Reconciliation Day - Orange Shirt Day September 28, Lil Buckaroo is selling orange shirts.