

SPRUCE VIEW SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 12 , 2023

1.0 Call to Order A meeting of the SVS Parent Advisory Council was held on June 13, 2023 in Spruce View. It began at 6:34 and was presided over by Carly Hansen with Suzie Sveinson as secretary. Members in attendance included Suzie Sveinson, Carly Hansen, Colleen Pipke, Carrie Klassen, Claire Funk, Linda Wagers, Rick Dunnigan, Jen McIlwain, Kim Cyr, Amanda Lougheed, Kevin Velthuis Kroeze, Reba Buhler, Ashley Sawyer, Andrea Sales, Jill Blocksom, Scott Stephanek, Brandi Hoszouski and Cathryn Robin.(18 attendees)

2.0 Approval of Agenda Reba moved the agenda to be accepted, Brandi seconded the motion.
Carried

3.0 Approval of Minutes Jen moved the minutes to be accepted, Reba seconded the motion.
Carried

4.0 Reports

4.1 Trustee's Report (Linda Wagers)

- There were 163 students who participated in summer school in three communities - Sylvan Lake, Innisfail and Olds.
- The division offered the Jumpstart program to give high school students a head start with understanding the google environment. 174 students in Jumpstart completed at least one credit, while 123 students completed six credits and earned a Chromebook.
- 88 Chinook's Edge students participated in work experience over the summer. Some students from SVS participated in the above.
- It was seen as a successful summer. Flourishing Stories and Innovation is still happening in CESD so there is an opportunity for new projects to be submitted to the Board to be supported through funding if it is accepted.
- SVS now has a new bus and extra route added to the rural delivery of students

4.2 Principal's Report (Claire Funk)

1. 3 new teachers at SVS this year:
 Kristen Densmore - grade 7
 Kailey Lebsack - grade 4
 Caleb Johnson - grade 3
2. Enrollment - we have had a few new families move into our catchment area/community. We are on par with last years numbers.
3. Picture Day today...they will be back for Retakes in October 26, 2023.
4. Volleyball season has begun: practices start this week - Wednesday 3:15 pm. - 5:00 pm.

5. Meet the Teacher - Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 5 pm. Hot Dogs, chips and a water/juice.
6. AAA Awards - Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 6 pm.in the gym.
7. X-Country Running has also started...running at noon, grades 5 -12 will be going to Meets. Practices Tuesday and Thursday - noon hours. A letter to parents/guardians will come out shortly with information on the dates and times for upcoming runs. Mr. Stefanek and Mrs. Funk will be coaching.
8. 6 students earned Chromebooks through the Jumpstart summer program with Mrs. Baragar at Central Office. Completed module projects for High School CTS credits in: Mindful Digital Habits, Plan a Budget in Google Sheets, Plan & Promote an Event
9. Summer Work Experience - Spruce View School was asked to pilot this project through our Career Connections Team in CESD. It was a great success and many students earned Work Experience credits towards graduation or trying jobs they may be interested in.
10. Sam Demmer - Guest speaker coming on September 29, 2023 10 am. - 11 am. For grade 7-12.
Here are two of his videos that share his message and why he created the Empty Your Backpack Tour.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHs16jswAws>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34Q77S0EAK4>

A signature keynote message that inspires self-belief, encourages positive decision-making and reminds your audience about the power of small, consistent actions. Book this program if you want your audience to recommit to themselves, take action that positively impacts the world, and boost their overall hope and optimism.

Everyone has a giant invisible backpack strapped to their shoulders – and surely your students, staff and members are no exception. In these backpacks, we carry the thoughts and opinions that other people place on us. Things that stop us from loving ourselves and expressing who we truly are. This program aims to help your students, staff and members remove the mental burden on their shoulders and provide them with an empowering outlook on the past, present and future.

Sam Demma is a best-selling author and one of the most in-demand keynote speakers in the Education and Association sectors. He co-founded the volunteer organization PickWaste, delivered two TEDx talks, and—as a result of his exceptional contributions to Canada—was awarded the prestigious Queens Platinum Jubilee Award.

His work is often featured on national news shows like Marilyn Dennis, Breakfast Television, and most notably, his mom's Facebook profile. Sam delivers hundreds of programs across North

America annually, and his entertaining presentations address the topics of Mental Health, Leadership and Kindness.

11. Options Classes - adding a couple new ones for gr. 7,8,9 and High School.
 - a. Year Book
 - b. Sports Performance
 - c. CTS - Psychology, Forensics,

12. Add/Drop - Sept.15, 2023 is the last day to make changes in high school courses . Mrs. Leinweber has been meeting with students every lunch hour, checking credit counts for graduation.

13. September 21, 2023 Terry Fox Run, Toonie for Terry - donations, there is also a link for donations to the cause. Last year we raised over \$550. Our goal for this year is \$600. Terry Fox Run will be between 12:30 - 2:30 pm.

14. September 29, 2023 - Every Child Matters, wear an orange shirt on this day to recognize Truth and Reconciliation.

15. Sept. 21 - Hot Dog Sales/lunches begin. Mrs. Abraham is looking after this.

4.4 Parents Matter Report (Warren Thompson) None

4.5 Snack Program (Kim Brown) None

5.0 Correspondence

5.1 Received None

5.2 Sent None

6.0 New Business

6.1 Crosswalk Great news! Spruce View is getting 2 new crosswalks with flashing lights. See Red Deer County website for details.

7.0 Business arising from the minutes None

8.0 Date of next Meeting Oct 10, 2023

9.0 Adjournment 7:18