

GENERAL STEWART SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA
Monday, September 16, 2024, 7:00pm
Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

7:04pm

Attendees: Nadine Bosma, Rachel Hague, Ainsley Croil, Kenten Grunau, Jessica Robinson, Erin Basso, Heather Keith

1. Welcome! – Nadine Bosma **(We would like to welcome Ainsley to her first General Stewart School Council Meeting! Next month the agenda will be emailed out prior to meeting)**
2. Adoption of Agenda **(Heather)**
3. What is School Council? PowerPoint Presentation **(Adopted by Ainsley from Park Meadows)**
4. Election of Officers
 - a. Chairperson – **Nadine Bosma**
 - b. Vice Chairperson – **Kenten Grunau**
 - c. Treasurer – **Rachel Hague**
 - d. Secretary – **Heather Keith**

Hot Lunch Coordinator – **Jessica Robinson**

Division School Council Rep – **(We do not typically fill this roll due to the size of our school/school council. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings, occurring on the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm)**

Room Reps? **(We used to have room reps in years prior, to represent each classroom, wondering if there is an interest in this. Council agreed that it doesn't seem necessary at this time, and parents can approach council members or staff with anything at this time)**

5. Annual Report – **(Has been sent off to the division)**
6. Adoption of May 28,2024 Minutes **(Rachel)**
7. Business Arising from May 28, 24 Mins.
 - a. Staffing **(All staff and roles can be found on the website. No music teacher for this year, as it was cut. Jenna Shilliday has stepped into this role lovingly)**
 - b. Bussing- New Signs **(Three students are taking the bus, and this has caused much excitement with the school!)**
 - c. Grade 5 Farewell Feedback **(Went very well, the gym was preferred, all students attended, Gr 5s were given giftcards from school council)**

- d. Kindergarten Grad Feedback **(Went very well, gym was preferred. Siblings of kinders were in attendance with their families)**
 - e. Sports day M & M Meats Hot Lunch **(Council spent \$670.39 on this hot lunch. Sports/activities were very good, parents and students expressed their enjoyment compared to previous year's activities)**
 - f. Swimming Party cancelled Yearend Henderson Park Feedback **(Disappointment, but grateful that staff later planned a day at Henderson Park with activities in lieu of)**
 - g. Community Meal, Kids Market, Cultural Fair Evening Feedback **(This evening was chaotic, too much going on. Going forward we will plan just a cultural fair evening)**
 - h. Kona Ice – School Council Treat for students & staff **(Great gift from council! Cost council \$270 which was a slight increase from previous year. They have been booked again for June 23, 2025, from 10-11am)**
8. Treasurer's Report – Rachel – School Accct. **-\$720.06**
 School Council Acct. **-\$2862.34 (Division has switched to RBC and many schools have combined the two accounts, so something to think about)**
9. Hot Lunch Report – Jessica - Hot Lunches Set up? how many would we like to do for this year? Panago Pizza vendor, Home made ideas? Volunteers to help on hot lunch days? **(Starting October 2nd we will have Subway, then every other meal will be put on by parents (\$5) like hotdogs and chips, taco in a bag. Aiming for two hot lunches a month starting October. Boston Pizza is booked the first Wednesday every month, might change the hot lunch days to Mondays. Panago and Teriyaki Madness were also very good vendors. (Price for these ones may need to increase to \$9.) Will update Candice with that as soon as they are booked, and when we will need parent volunteers to help)**
10. School Report – Ainsley Croil -Principal
- a. Ed Centre Liaison – Morag Asquith – Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services
 - b. School Board Liaison – Genny Steed – Vice Chair
 - c. School Population – **(100 students this year)**
 - d. Field Trips – Plans **(They are to be set tentatively by teachers for November)**
 - e. Enrichment Days 24/25 **(Planning on in the fall, and one in the Spring)**
 - f. School Orange Day Shirts **(Designed by Chris Harris and former General Stewart indigenous students. They will be distributed to the students on Sept 18th, to be worn Sept 27th)**
 - g. Terry Fox Walk – Sept.13 – Henderson Lake **(Great turn out, and the donations keep coming in! Over \$1200 as of today)**
 - h. Picture Day – Oct.16
 - i. Teacher Counsellor-Kerry-Lynn HaneyVanderberg **(Tuesdays)**

- j. Nutrition Funding (**\$15,000 grant. Food carts that were in the hallways last year, have now been moved into each classroom, for accessibility and easier monitoring**)
- k. Weekly Update (**Parents love this so far**)
- l. School Clothing Order (**thoughts on bringing in a vendor with samples for families to look at, possibly plan for book fair week**)
- m. Back to School BBQ for 2025-2026 School Year (**To plan this with meet the teacher night for the start of next school year**)
- n. Personal Device Policy for General Stewart (**Will be posted to the website. Main takeaway is that phones are to stay in backpacks or at home**)
- o. Christmas Concert (**Ainsley asked council how they'd feel about doing this every other year, as this year would be difficult without a music teacher. Council expressed love for the concert, and that we don't think music is necessarily needed, suggested stories, poems, artwork in lieu of. We don't want to overwhelm Mrs. Shilliday with the music! Sticking to a short and sweet concert, 1-2 things prepared by each grade**)

11. Division School Council Report – Meeting Dates -Oct.7,2024, Nov.4, Dec.2, Jan.13,2025, Feb.4 Town Hall, Mar.3, Apr.7, May 5 & June 9

9. Correspondence-

10. New Business

a. Fundraising Ideas for 2024-2025

Panago Pizza Night, Boostma Texas Donuts, Sugar Cookies @ Christmas, Bake Sale, Popcorn, Bacon, Boxes of Fruit, Legacy Wall, Bunny Bingo, Movie Night, etc (**Kernels Popcorn Bacon, and Boxes of fruit look good. Booking Sugar Cookie boxes for Christmas time. We will do the Panago fundraiser again. We will make a goal for fundraising this school year in November**)

b. Halloween Carnival – Grade 4/5 will be putting this on, afternoon of Oct 31st. **More structure, one or two grades entering the carnival at a time. Parade in the gym, as the hallways got very congested between students and parents.**

11. Adjournment **8:51pm**

Next Meeting – Monday, October 7th, 2024, 7pm

Building Bridges to a Higher Level of Student Success

Important Dates

Sept. 27 – Division Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School