

Senator Joyce Fairbairn School Council Meeting

Held in the conference room at SJF

September 23, 2024, 7:00pm

Attendance: Craig DeJong, Rachelle Neville, Raj Mathur, Sharon Williams-Lang, Leah Heidinger, Michelle Harding, Meg Fester, Jaden and Karla Wright, Jen Bosch, Stephanie Beakman, April Gedlaman

1. School Council Position Elections:
 - a. Council Chair: Jen Bosch
 - b. Council Vice Chair: Michelle Harding
 - c. Secretary: Fiona Kirkby
 - d. Division School Rep: Meg Fester

2. Admin Report (Craig)
 - a. 612 students, small group of e-learners, 215 new grade 6s
 - b. NEW: 7 period day; literacy and numeracy embedded throughout other classes, each class is 7 minutes longer than last year plus a 10 minute break was added
 - c. Grade 6: 29-20 average class size
 - d. Grade 7: 29-30 average class size
 - e. Grade 8: 27 average class size
 - f. Microwaves- not for student use, not enough electrical capacity or time at lunch
 - g. Garage is complete and now full

3. Admin Report (Raj)
 - a. Personal device legislation implemented; devices must be kept in lockers. Students have adjusted well, staff pleased. Phones, tablets, smart watches and ear pods all included. Students can check device at locker during breaks or lunch. If devices are confiscated, they are kept in the office (haven't had to do yet).
 - b. Cross country almost complete, Zones are in Medicine Hat Oct 9
 - c. Volleyball- rep and development teams had tournaments this weekend, busy with practices and league games, SJF hosting Oct 18-19.
 - d. Bussing- Work in progress, 1 new bus added

- e. New philosophy: SOAR- will be embedded throughout school activities
 - i. Show empathy
 - ii. Own your Actions
 - iii. Accept Differences
 - iv. Responsible for Learning

- 4. Admin Reports (Sharon)
 - a. Inclusive education- positive start to year, sensory room started, adjusting to meet individual student needs, working on hiring EA
 - b. Parent-teacher interviews coming at end of Oct, teachers always willing to meet out of scheduled interview times
 - c. No school Oct 24-25

- 5. Parent question: What is the structure of lunch break?
 - a. Kids can eat during the entire 30 minute lunch break, kids can go outside after 10 minute bell, kids are allowed to eat anytime throughout the day
 - b. Canteen: stays open entire lunch break, line is supervised, will soon offer trolley of snacks over break with student leaders