

Annual Report
For the 2016-2017 School Year

Dear Parents, School Community and Administration,

Our School Council elections nominations saw a total of nine (9) people who wished to participate in this school years' school council. As per our by-laws, we could have up to nine (9) parent member, so we did not require an election. The parents that make up our new school council provided good coverage of both Elementary and Secondary family's.

The Sturgeon Creek Alternative School Council had a very rewarding 2016-2017 year. The school council held 5 meetings on:

- September 22, 2016
- November 4, 2016
- January 26, 2017
- March 23, 2017
- May 29, 2017

These meetings were open to the public to encourage input from members of the school community.

2016-2017 Goals:

1. Work with Teachers and Administration to address concerns from parents regarding: the new Health Curriculum; the use of computers during both class and break time; current dress code.
2. Encourage students to live a life that reflects their beliefs by:
 - a. Working in the community (be a servant to others)
 - b. Building community in the school (inter-grade connection and support)
 - c. Striving for high standards in education (both secular and faith based education)
3. Engagement of our students and parent's involvement in school activities and special events.

These goals were met and surpassed by the following activities:

- Continued to address parental concerns over the new Health and Phys. Ed Curriculum – following up with our new Administrator. We were very pleased that both the Elementary and Secondary Administrators worked with us on these concerns. Letters were sent out to all SCAP families with dates and subject matter to be covered this year.
- Computer usage was looked at and Student Council started to offer alternative activities in the gym to encourage students to decrease "screen time". Council encouraged teachers to enforce existing policies on computer usage.
- School Christmas Caroling field trip to the retirement and nursing home
- Highway clean up
- Students participated and performed in two concerts – Fall and Spring, in association with CPA events
- Students planned and participated in Fast For Them, learning about and raising funds for those around the world who are starving
- Students and families worked in association with the CPA for Scapple Pie Day
- Buddy days – elementary and secondary students participated in inter-grade activities
- Several students participated in cross cultural mission trips
- High school field trip to ACSI leadership seminar
- Shari planned & ran the Mental Health/Math Night with support of other School Council members & Administrative Staff
- Events: Elementary Science Fair, Literacy Day, Grandparent's Day, Graduation and Field day – organized the food and helped with events.
- School Trip to Chicago which included cultural events (museums) and ministry activities (working with underprivileged youth) for students from grade eight through twelve

At our last meeting, a schedule / timeline for next school year school council elections was approved along with election packages that will be sent out with the first school newsletter in August/September. If needed, an election will be held either at the SCAP open house, or by ballots sent home, depending on scheduling of Open house by next year's administration.

The school council chose not to do any fund-raising activities, but encouraged and offered assistance to the Student Council fund-raising activities.

We wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the many individuals who volunteered their time to contribute to the success of the school council last year. Special thanks are due to the following members of the 2016-2017 school council:

Council Members

Steve Sinclair (Chair)
Shari Peters (Vice-Chair)
Nancy Gamache (Secretary)

Parents Reps

Kors Pater
Kirsty Sinclair (PIC Rep / PIC CO-Chair)
Matthias Marx
Ed Dykstra
Terri Anne Lundgren
Jason McQuaker

Community Rep

Lori Wilson

Teacher Rep

Lee-Anne Hines

Student Rep

Katrina Petkau

RRDSB Administrators

Michelle Mosbeck – Secondary VP
Kelly Forbes – Elementary Principal

Finally, we would like to wish the best of luck to candidates in the September 2017-2018 school council elections. Issues that we foresee as being important matters for the consideration of the new school council following the September 2017 elections include:

- Ensuring to reflect SCAP Philosophy in all our events
- Follow through on the outline of concerns and option for the new Health Curriculum
- Defining working relationship and area of responsibilities with CPA
- Work with CPA to improve communications
- Safe School policy implementation

Thank you for this opportunity to serve

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