

Steffie Woima School Council
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Steffie Woima School Staff room

Sept. 24, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

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

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

Those in attendance: Trish Hammond, Angela Eadie-Gyori, Abby Sarkozi, Megan Weiskopf, Kayla Webb, Janine Waldo, Kate Martin, Andrea Merino, Kristen Germaine, John Domalain, Kayla Domalain

1.0 Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

Introduction of Guests and Executive Members

- Several new faces tonight, such a great turnout

2.0 Review of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as is by Megan, second by Kristen

Vote: all in favor, carried

Resolve: Agenda accepted

3.0 Approval of Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting (motion to accept)

Motion: To approve the Minutes from the Previous AGM by Megan, second by Kate

Vote: all in favor, carried

Resolve: Agenda accepted

4.0 Reports

4.1 Financial

4.1.1 Previous Fiscal Year Financial Statements (motion to accept)

Motion: To accept the Financial Statements from the fiscal year by Megan, second by Janine

Vote: all in favor, carried

Resolve: Financial statements accepted

4.1.2 Current account balances:

Opening Balance as of September 1, 2023 \$5,032.03

Total Revenue \$6,310.00

Total Expense \$11,107.18

Closing Balance as of August 31, 2024 \$234.85

4.2 Executive

4.2.1 * Annual Report for previous school year (motion to accept)

Steffie Woima School Council Year in review 2023-2024

This past year we held off on a lot of the council projects and focused on helping fundraising raise money for the playground.

Thanks to the wonderful Steffie staff who maintained our hot lunch program, organized school dances and held read-a-thons, and to Trish Hammond for keeping the breakfast program afloat.

The only big event we put together was our annual Steffie Marathon, which isn't used to raise money, but instead, meant to connect the school and community

Motion: To accept the Annual Report for the previous school year by Abby,
second by Kate

Vote: all in favor, carried

Resolve: Annual Report accepted

4.3 Committees

4.3.1 Fundraising Committee

- **Kate Martin**
 - nothing to report until the fundraising meeting

4.3.2 Hot Lunch Program

- **School Adviser**
 - Angela will check with the office staff if they are continuing with ordering the hot lunch. They will need parent volunteers to help with the delivery of items

4.3.3 Breakfast Club

- **Trish Hammond**
 - Breakfast/Snack Bins started up again last week as there was already a large number of kids requesting snacks
 - BP's is doing a fundraiser right now where they are selling cards for \$5.00 and kids then receive 5 free kid's meals (with purchase of regular meal). They are doing this with all the elementary schools that want to participate in Sylvan. All funds raised at BP's will be split equally among the schools. Any sales in the school stay directly in the school.
 - Received a nutrition grant from Presidents Choice Children's Charity "Power Full Kids- Eat Well Program". We will receive \$13,766.40 in October. This is about \$7000 more then the grant we received last year. Funds must be used in the 2024-25 school year.
 - Received a donation from Sarah G from TECH Heating & Air Conditioning for \$650 and two huge bags of snack items.

5.0 Standing Business

5.1 School Council Annual plan -

To maintain support and connection with administration to help provide the standard of excellence in the education of our students.

Motion: That the Annual plan continue and is still our goal for this year by Megan, second Kate

Vote: all in favor, carried
Resolve: Annual plan is still good

5.1.1 Review Goal and Value ideas mentioned in the May 2024 meeting.

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5.2 Principal's Report

- There will be a meeting or a phone call between the Chair and the Principal to discuss things ahead of the meeting to see what people are hearing and saying to know what to cover for the meetings.
- Want to go over the numbers and share with the council about our standards of excellence results that we have received.
- Discussed what the school councils' roles are.
 - consulting with the principal to ensure students have opportunities
- The school has applied for an Indigenous Art and Residency grant. There is some great planning around this
- Enrollment – we are up, we are now at 485. There are 50 new students this last month. Of this about 30 of them have needs.
- Grade six had a huge increase to 36 students. Asked for additional funding for this
- Budget – we are overspending by \$45 000 and running a deficit. We have a huge importance on literacy so we use every possible means to get this done so this deficit is for Literacy support
 - 95.5% of our budget money is for staffing.
 - the remaining 4.5% amount is for all the other stuff – paper, books, photo copying, gym equipment, etc.
- Alberta Health has asked about doing a vaccination presentation to students. Mrs, Eadie said no to a student presentation but thought she would ask council if they thought the parents would like this. Council has decided to not have this as they don't think there would be enough people to attend. We as a council would be interested in a Healthy eating/nutrition seminar would be more appropriate to tie into the marathon.
- Discussed a Halloween Dance – Angela will check in and see if it will be happening for the grades 4-6

5.3 Receipt of current “Wish List” requests (school, school council) for information only

- Angela did ask staff at the PD Day and received some requests. Some ideas are:
 - Playground
 - Experiences rather than things or treats
 - Ukeleles (35)
 - Cultural Experiences: fund opportunities for performances our kids may not have the opportunity to see.
 - A) Opera company – fairly tales
 - b) symphony performance
 - c) live theatre performance
 - Artist in Residency – not theatre but art experiences
 - Dance – Pound it- week long residency
 - Replacement of some gym equipment – list from inventory

6.0 New Business

6.1 Upcoming Events for School Council involvement: Approved and new for Consideration:

- Tabling for this meeting and will discuss at next meeting

6.1.1 Steffie Marathon - Previously approved, run for another year?

6.1.2 New Ideas:

7.0 Elections:

7.1 Election of New Executive Members:

Chairperson

Previous: Megan Weiskopf

Nominee: Megan Weiskopf

Motion to accept: To re elect Megan Weiskopf as the Chair by Kayla, second by Kate

Vote: all in favor, carried

Resolve: Megan will remain as the Chair

Vice-Chairperson

Previous: Kristen Germain

Nominee: Kristen Germain

Motion to accept: To re-elect Kristin Germaine as the Vice Chair by Kayla, second by Kate

Vote: all in favor, carried

Resolve: Kristen to remain as Vice Chair

Secretary

Previous: Trish Hammond

Nominee: Trish Hammond

Motion to accept: To re-elect Trish Hammond as the secretary by Janine, Second Abby

Vote: all in favor, carried

Resolve: Trish to remain as secretary

Treasurer

Previous: Kate (Thomlinson) Martin

Nominee: Kate Martin

Motion to accept: To re-elect Kate Martin as the treasurer by Janine, second by Abby

Vote: all in favor, carried

Resolve: Kate to remain as Treasurer

8.0 Next Meetings of the Steffie Woima School council will be at 6:30pm

October 22, 2024

November 19, 2024

Off for December

January 21, 2025

February 25, 2025

March 18, 2025

April 8, 2025

May 20, 2025

9.0 Adjourn

-Meeting adjourned by Megan at 7:47pm

Action Items:

1) Chairperson: Notify School Division, in writing, of all new and returning Executive Members

2) Chairperson: Notify ASCA, in writing (form on ASCA website), of new Chair and contact information

3) Chairperson: Meet with principal

4) Vice-Chairperson - Arrange updating of website with new names and contact information (if needed)

6) Secretary: Provide summary (or draft minutes) of meeting to Chairperson within one week.