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## **CCS SCC Meeting** **Tuesday February 4, 2025**

In attendance: Derek Serdachny, Cody Rock, Kellyanne Ostafie, Jill Craig, Lyla Wilson, Lisa Fast, Shannon Leson, Amanda Zbitniff

1. Call the meeting to order at 4:10 pm by Kellyanne Ostafie
2. Adoption of the agenda by Kellyanne Ostafie /2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Fast
3. Adoption of the minutes from our last meeting – by Kellyanne Ostafie /2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Zbitniff
4. Treasurer's Report - Jill Craig presented bank statement balance of \$4972.10 and \$11032.48 in our Kitchen Fundraising account.  
Motion: to reimburse Kellyanne \$852.87 for the groceries for our Christmas Dinner, reimburse \$357.26 to the SRC for hams for the Christmas Dinner and accept the financial report by Jill Craig/2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Fast. All in favour, Carried.
5. Principal's Report – presented by Derek Serdachny – attached.
6. Board Member Report – Shannon stated there was nothing to report
7. SRC Report – presented by Lyla Wilson
8. Old Business
  - a) Christmas Dinner/Christmas Raffle: After all expenses paid for Christmas Dinner, a total of \$539.87 was left from community donations and will be deposited into the Kitchen Account. Christmas Raffle obtained a profit of \$3070.00
  - b) Meat Cutter: A meat slicer, in the amount of \$177.59, was purchased for the kitchen, as per meeting minutes November 12, 2024.

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c) Bus Driver Appreciation – Jill reported \$175 was used to purchase individual gift cards for all bus drivers at CCS, as per meeting minutes November 12, 2024.

d) Hot Meals/Healthy Snacks – it was discussed that Kellyanne will look into options such as chili or soup for purchase by students during lunch time, and will discuss this with Ms. Gordon. CCS still in need of Nutritionist to be provided by GSSD.

## 9. New Business

a) Sensory Room: Derek reported it is of importance for CCS to obtain this and plans are being made; however, it is still a work in progress.

b) Spring BBQ: Kellyanne presented an option of a Spring Barbecue Fundraiser for the SCC. Will be looked into and discussed further at next meeting. As well, it was motioned that the SCC may send cookies to staff at the Gateway Co-op in appreciation for their generous donation of the hamburger meat for the Christmas Dinner. Motioned by Kellyanne Ostafie/2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Zbitniff. All in favour, Carried.

c) Credit Attainment and Participation in Grade Ceremonies: Derek Serdachny to draft a document supporting this.

d) Staff Appreciation Feb 10-14: Motion for Derek Serdachny to organize lunch to be purchased from a local restaurant for the CCS staff during one of the noon hours during this week. Motioned by Kellyanne Ostafie/2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Zbitniff. All in favour, Carried.

e) Hotdogs and juice boxes will be handed out by the SCC during Student Led Conferences on March 20, as they were a success during the Conferences held in November.

10. Next Meeting: March 11, 2025 at 4:00

12. Meeting Adjourned 5:50 pm by Kellyanne Ostafie

# SCC Meeting Principal's Report – February 4, 2025

## **Current Enrollment:**

5A	5/6	6B	7A	7B	8A	8B	9A	9B	10A	11A	12A	TOTAL
18	19	17	20	20	15	17	19	19	38	43	28	273
<b>** Plus FT SDLC Students</b>												10
<b>TOTAL</b>												284

**\*\* Full time SDLC students from our attendance area are cross enrolled into our enrollment for funding purposes**

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## **Staffing**

- Shelby Stefanyshyn is on leave. Jaylee Wilgosh has been named as her replacement and will begin work at the beginning of February.
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## **Important Items to Note**

1. School Newsletter – Derek
2. Basketball Season is in full swing, with all four teams having a full complement of coaches:
  - Senior Boys: Hudson Bailey, Kody Rock
  - Senior Girls: Trish Hauber, Lauren Mentanko, Lindsey Ostafie
  - Junior Boys: Matthew Makowsky, Curtis Baillie
  - Junior Girls: Shanna Hvidston
3. Nathan Seghers, our Itinerant Band Teacher, received the Canadian Music Educators Association/Acme Builders Award for 2024 at a ceremony on November 1st in Saskatoon. This national award recognizes individuals who have significantly advanced music education across Canada through outstanding community building and collaboration.
4. Jacob Lowes and Natalie Kosar (Grade 10) were invited to attend the NASP World Competition in Mumbai, Africa, as part of the Canadian National Team.
5. Thank you to the SCC members and volunteers who helped with hot dogs during Student-Led Conferences in November and the Christmas Dinner.
6. Austin Fehr (Grade 10) was featured in the December 2024 Edition of "Featured Student" by GSSD. He received a framed copy of the published write-up, which he was very proud of.

## 7. Scheduling for Next Year

- A class of 21 students will enter Grade 5. Likely, we will have one Grade 5 class and continue a split Grade 6 and 7 structure.
- Currently, we have a 5, 5/6, 6 split, which has allowed us to provide strong support in ELA and Math.
- Our goal is to continue this supportive structure while balancing limited electives in senior grades.
- Course Offerings Adjustments:
  - Teacher Interest Poll: Staff will indicate which courses they are interested in teaching.
  - Student Poll: Students will share their elective interests.
  - Final Elective Decisions: Based on available staff and student interest.
  - Possible alternating courses: Hockey Academy, Field Crop Production, Life Transitions 30, Psychology 30.

## 8. Grade 9 Parent & Student Introductory Meeting (Spring) to cover:

- Chromebook Use Agreement & Expectations
- Graduation Plan: MyBlueprint, course selection, elective choices, SDLC, apprenticeship credits, special credits, and monitoring Edsby Gradebook.

## 9. Library Discussion

- Addressing Rumors:
  - Ms. Rock wants a bigger office (Rumor) → Fact: We need a larger sensory motor space that includes hydroponics, a washer/dryer, an accessible washroom, and centrally located SST offices.
  - The Town of Canora gave over \$200,000 for the library (Rumor) → Fact: The Town contributed \$100,000 in renovations 30 years ago, and an additional \$162,840 was given to save the gym. However, maintenance and operation costs fall entirely on GSSD.
- Our Reality:
  - School needs have changed over 30 years.
  - School safety. Break-ins have occurred due to the librarian leaving doors open. Patrons at times come into our school and their behaviour is not appropriate for school and students are in these areas. Patrons have access to the school and students.

- The accessible door has been turned off by the public librarian for over 5 years to make room for plants.
- The public library sees reduced use, largely due to technology shifts and scheduling limitations.
- GSSD has offered an alternative building for free to relocate the public library.
- Our priority is student safety and accessibility. Our needs have increased
- We do not want the public library to close, we only want them to utilize an alternative building so we can improve the learning opportunities for all of our students at CCS. Public library also benefits with a new location. They can offer additional programming during the day.
- We would provide students with a sensory motor room and sensory space to meet the needs of our students. This would include an accessible washroom with a lift and change table. We would also improve our library space, utilizing the additional space to provide more seating for students, hydroponics and fish area, washer and dryer for our kitchen and student clothing,
- Cadets would move into a storage room near their current spot. They would not pay rent. Cadets agree with this move. They currently pay rent to the public librarian.

#### 10. Lice and Nits Policy: Discussion

- If live lice OR Nits/Eggs are present, students will be sent home
- Looking for thoughts?

#### 11. Honour Song - Flag Song

- Honour Song- Flag Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7SQdB63Wta8>
- We will play the Indigenous National Anthem in addition to O'Canada.
- Why?: Commitment to reconciliation, inclusion, and recognition of Indigenous history.
- Our drumming group is learning the song and will record it for school use.
- Next Steps: Determine when and how often it will be played.
- This song represents all nations across turtle island, this is known as the indigenous national anthem. This song is sung as acknowledgment and respect to our people, our nations and our warriors. Some of these songs were composed by soldiers that were in the wars; to honor their fallen comrades they would compose songs to honor them and their experience. None of these songs are written down, there is no sheet music this song is passed down from generation to generation

## 12. Indigenous Storytelling Month

- February 27th, 1:15 PM, Auditorium
- Guest Speaker: Sherryl Whitehawk (Mental health professional with over 25 years of experience in suicide prevention, grief/loss, addiction, and empowerment).

## 13. Alternate Schedule Discussion

- GSSD is considering the "Moose Jaw Model": Teachers and students attend 27 extra minutes per day, leading to 10-14 Fridays off.
- Benefits:
  - Staff gain time for prep/marketing.
  - Students can assist on farms without missing school. Less time missed for families hunting.
  - Parents have more vacation flexibility.
  - Improved mental health and productivity
  - Reduced class disruption from extracurricular activities.
  - Potential for flexible start times and shorter lunch periods.
- This would be a multi-year commitment, and we require SCC support.

## 14. Suspension Letter Review: Should we continue using it, or is it no longer relevant?

## 15. Service Recognition & SEASTAR Awards

- Service Recognition Recipients:
  - Koren Baillie – 10 years
  - Nathan Seghers – 10 years
  - Peter Sikora (Bus Driver) – 10 years
  - Cindy Sznerch – 15 years
  - Wayne McInnes (Bus Driver) – 20 years
- SEASTAR Award Recipient (Surprise):
  - Nathan Seghers – High Level of Achievement

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## Upcoming Dates

- January 31 - Turnaround Day (No School for Students)
- February 3 - Semester 2 Begins

- February 9-15 - Staff Appreciation Week
- February 17-21 - Winter Break
- February 26 - Red Cross Pink Shirt Day
- March 20 - Student-Led Conferences (3:30-9:00 PM)
- April 18 - Good Friday
- April 21-25 - Easter Break
- May 19 - Victoria Day
- May 20 - PD Day (No School for Students)
- June 26 - Graduation 2025
- June 27 - Admin Day (No School)