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Namao School Council

Monday, September 8, 2025
6:00pm

• **Attendance:**

- Iain Jamieson
- Sonia Baroudi
- Mandy Gillespie
- Jaclyn Miller
- Stasia Quillian
- Tasha Oatway-McLay
- Lauren Dillman
- Marlo Johnson
- Danielle George
- Kaitlin Eyestone
- Leanne Schneider
- Theresa Bell-Landon
- Candice Norlander
- Erin Pruden
- Radika Jackson

• **ON-LINE Attendance:**

- Tina Daniels
- Kori Lakusta

• **Call To Order:**

Meeting called to order by Jaclyn Miller at 6:19 P.M.

• **Approval of October's minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes of October's meeting made by Jaclyn Miller

seconded by Leanne Schneider.

- **Meeting Decorum**

-Engage fully by participating with active listening and keeping side conversations to a minimum. All opinions are welcome and valid. This is a safe place to have healthy conflict, be open to possibilities and perspectives. Please ask questions.

Chair Report:

- *Reviewed and highlighted purpose of Parent Council see link to review 3 pages that cover the guidelines*

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/181387>

- Office Snacks- the school has funding in order to provide snacks for students that require extra help. NSC is extending an olive branch and informing administration that we can help with financial donations if required— —Principal and vice-principal elaborated on the subject. Council was informed that the grant that the school receives is adequate at the time however, stocking the shelves and diving out the snacks is a full time job for our incredibly hardworking office staff. A new system of diving out the snacks is in the works. Possible solutions: -Homeroom Teachers will be distributing snacks to students in the homeroom.
-A nutritional coordinator would be great but that requires a volunteer.
-Credit system is an idea for junior high as these grades need more accountability
- Teacher asks is something that council wants to offer to teachers. Previous years each teachers is allotted some funds to buy what they feel their homeroom classrooms require.

- **Proposals**

Motion made by Jaclyn Miller and seconded by Radika Jackson for NSFA to fund the Teacher Ask program for the current school year with final allocation details to be determined by the principal, after funding amounts have been confirmed by NSFA

All in favor,
motion carried

Motion made by Jaclyn Miller and seconded by Sonia Baroudi to establish two planning committees, a Volunteer Appreciation Committee and a Teacher

Appreciation Committee. Each committee will be responsible for planning appreciation events/days and motioning to request funding to proceed once the planning has been done. Invites to join the committee will go out in a school wide email/social media post asking for parents to join.

All in Favour

Motion Carried

New Business

- Stasia Quillian spoke as a parent and wants to start the conversation with respect to a grade committee. Principal elaborated on the previous coordinator having issues getting back into the school at a position that will allow her to help out not these sort of activities. High hopes that it will work out and a committee is a topic to be addressed. Stasia was floating an idea for the junior high to leave a legacy by means of fundraising for a bench/swings for jr. high park, etc.

Principal Report

- Hired 2 new teachers for Junior High. Ms. Russell will be joining us as one of our Grade 8 homeroom teachers. She will be teaching 7K Math and 8R, 8L, 9W and 9S Science as well as Junior High Options
 - Mrs. Kelada will be joining us as one of our Grade 7 homeroom teachers. She will be teaching 7K, 7R, 9S and 9W ELA as well as Junior High Options options
- Namao is looking for more supports. Namao currently has 2 EA's and 3 CYC's. Namao has had funds approved for an E.A. Administration is currently working on placing the new E.A. where the position can be valued and need are high. Principal highlighted that support allocation is very complicated and administration hopes to meet the needs of the children that require the most help as a priority.
- Staggered start was brought up as feedback required and council recommended a survey go out to parents

Trustee Report (Tasha Oatway-McLay)

- Informed council that the up to date trustee talks on sturgeon website are full of important information see link : <https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/download/531303>
- Tasha informed council of some Trustee policies, highlighting the that the trustees are in place to direct parents with the correct resources that can address the concerns.
- Potential Teacher Labour Action:
 - Informed council that Alberta is the teachers employer and read off a letter that covered the reality of the situation where the board is concerned link attached <https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/division/labour-action-updates>
- Announcement about the nominations and upcoming election for school board of trustees.
- Discussion about ministerial order to have sexually explicit books removed from libraries. A meeting held earlier in the day gave the schools an extension on previous order. All sexually explicit material shall be removed by January 5/25

- Parent asked about details in respect to the Superintendent's discretionary budget for the current school year?

Tasha informed council that the budget has been allocated to the discretion of the principal at each school and is not the responsibility of the Superintendent this year. It was passed by the board of trustees with a majority vote.

Adjournment Next Meeting Date - October 6, 2025 at 6:00pm

- Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30pm made by Jaclyn Miller , seconded by Theresa Bell-Landon.