



# May Meeting Minutes

Camilla School Council

**Date: May 18, 2021**

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

Call to order at 6:01pm

Attendees: Shallen M, Dan S, Kelly P, Carol M, Robyn S, Merrilyn S, Darla S, Marla Z, Amy S, Joe D, Lauren W, Trish N, Amber K

No Old Business to report

New Business

- June meeting - if no meeting is needed, we will cancel. AGM will be held in September.

Reports

➤ Principal/Vice Principal Report

- Playground finished - just waiting for final inspection but hope to have it open next week.
- Schedules and staffing for next year - currently working on, next year numbers look good (498 students registered for next year so far, compared to 476 students this year)
- Hope that students will get back to in-person learning next week.
- Demolition starting on the old school. Will be done in sections.

➤ Teacher Report

- Thank you to parents for all your efforts and supporting online learning. Good to see kids present on screen. Understand how challenging it can be for parents, especially managing multiple children at home.
- Happy that so far no changes to Camilla admin team for next year.
- Thank you to Trustee Joe for continuing to show up, be engaged and represent our community and school.

➤ Trustee Report

- Thank you to our teachers for adapting to online again so quickly.
- Draft budget - Joe would like feedback from parents on it (link to budget below):
  - Looking to hire 12.4 full time positions for coaching on mental health & wellness (available for students and teachers)
  - Hiring more learning coaches
  - 1.2M in budget to handle upcoming curriculum changes - curriculum readiness

### ***From SPS draft budget 2021-2022 posted online...***

*“Moreover, the Bridge Funding allows us to assess our Curriculum Readiness, as we plan for Implementation in 2022-2023. The release of new curriculum in September 2022 will be the most ambitious curriculum update ever undertaken in Alberta Public schools. All courses from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will change their Learning Outcomes, and teachers will need to learn new material, and build new engaging unit and lesson plans to support strong student achievement. To support our teachers and students for a successful curriculum roll-out, we will focus resources in three areas: developing teacher competence, providing time for collaboration and discussion, and securing new resources for classroom instruction. To develop or enhance teacher competence, we will expand the successful learning coach program in grades 5 – 9, to include Kindergarten to grade 4. The additional Learning coaches will receive targeted professional development in the literacy progression of the new curriculum and will*

work alongside teachers to ensure students receive a strong foundation in phonics, spelling, and writing. The program includes the equivalent of 5 FTE; the rest of the budget is allocated to critical resources.

We have included \$1.5M to support Mental Health and Wellness for our students. The Division will be building upon the success of the learning coach model and creating Mental Health / Wellness Coaches who will be assigned to schools to work directly with staff in supporting our students in the post COVID learning environment. The preliminary draft includes an additional 12.4 FTE's. The team will focus on the development of key social and emotional competencies that are linked to positive life outcomes, such as healthy relationships, self-awareness and resilience. The support for this initiative will also include an increase to counselling time within schools. The combination of Coaches / Counsellors will enable the Division and our schools to be responsive to the growing needs of the students and families that we serve."

- Feedback/questions from parents:
  - Agree with Joe and not in favour of these proposals, would prefer to see more teaching positions
  - Would money not be better spent reducing class size?
  - Is there a need for a sharp increase in spending for mental health and wellness coaching everywhere ...or just our division? 12.4 FTE is a lot
  - Could we bring in experts for mental health and wellness to work with/train current counsellors?
  - Has anyone asked what teachers want? Maybe what would help their mental health and wellness is more prep time ...more aids ...smaller class sizes?
  - Does the superintendent work with a teacher focus group for consultation on these positions?
  - What does funding for curriculum readiness mean? What does it look like?

**Here is a link to the full draft budget that will be voted on by the board of trustees at their next meeting (May 26th). Please contact Joe if you have questions/concerns.**

Note - scroll down to find draft budget memo...(Page 15)

[https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/documents/general/2021-05-12%20Committee%20of%20the%20Whole\\_Agenda%20Package\\_updated%2013%20May%202021.pdf](https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/documents/general/2021-05-12%20Committee%20of%20the%20Whole_Agenda%20Package_updated%2013%20May%202021.pdf)

- SPS is in good financial shape with budget planning right now. When AB GOV gave every school division money, SPS cautiously budgeted that money over three years in case they did not receive any additional funding.
- **Draft Education plan 2021-2024** is out...please provide any feedback to Joe. Here is the link (starting page 29) [2021-05-12 Committee of the Whole Agenda Package updated 13 May 2021.pdf \(sturgeon.ab.ca\)](https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/documents/general/2021-05-12%20Committee%20of%20the%20Whole_Agenda_Package_updated_13_May_2021.pdf)
- **Next Board of Trustees Meeting** on Wednesday, May 26th. Open to the public for viewing via zoom - [Sturgeon Public Schools](#)

#### Celebrations

- Shallen & family for teacher appreciation notes that were left on teachers cars!
- CSSA team for a successful fundraising year (during a pandemic)!
- Trustee Dwyer for advocating for our parents & community!
- Grateful for our parents and school council team!

Date of Next Meeting – **AGM September 21, 2021**

Adjournment @ 6:30pm