

**St. Albert Catholic High School
Minutes of School Council Meeting
September 20, 2011**

Attendees: Christine Annich, Sheri Bellerose, Carol Beztilny, Dave Caron (Board Liaison), Leanne Clark, Patti Durocher, Suzanne Findlay, John Kociuba, Kathy Krystofiak (Staff Liaison), Sharon-Marie Mavko, Darlene Pysyk, Cathy Rasmussen (Principal), Christina Roth (Student Representative), Bailey Sadowsky (Student Representative), Sandra Shelemey, Cathy Stefner

Regrets: Garret Doll (Principal)

A. Annual Meeting

1. Call to Order – 7:02 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved by Sharon-Marie, seconded by Cathy S.
3. Approval of minutes from Annual General Meeting September 21, 2010 – Moved by Sandra, seconded by Cathy S.
4. School Council Chairperson's Report – Christine presented the School Council Annual Report from 2010-2011.
5. School Council Elections:
 - Chair – Christine Annich
 - Vice-Chair – Cathy Stefner
 - Secretary – Carol Beztilny
 - Members at Large – Sheri Bellerose, Sharon-Marie Mavko
 - Holy Family Parish Liaison – Suzanne Findlay
 - St. Albert Parish Liaison – Patti Durocher
6. Presentation of New Executive
7. Adjournment – 7:08 pm

B. Regular School Meeting

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. MOTION: Moved by Sharon and seconded by Leanne, to use the "Town Hall Model", which empowers non-council SACHS parents and gives them the right to participate and vote at regular school council meetings. CARRIED |
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2. School Council Meetings – this year will be held at 7 pm in the Hawk's Nest on:
 - October 18, 2011, November 15, 2011, February 21, 2012, April 17, 2012
 3. Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2011 – moved by Cathy S.
 4. Reports:
 - 4.1 Student Representatives:
 - Grade 10 Orientation – was held August 24 and was a great success.
 - Welcome Back BBQ – was held September 9. Grade 10's ate for free. Everyone enjoyed "Fly on the Wall", where grade 12 students picked a grade 10 student to duck-tape to the wall.
 - Student Council Organization – will be a little different this year. The focus will be on fundraising. Starting in October, there will be a charity project each month. Each month there will be 2 project managers, heading up 2 teams, who will compete to see which team will raise the most money for the charity, similar to the TV show "The Apprentice". The first 2 project managers will be Stephanie and Vanessa.
 - Redecorating – Student Council is redecorating the council room. Furniture donations will be graciously accepted. If parents have anything to donate, please contact Ms. Di Panfilo.
 - 4.2 Principal:
 - Registration – approximately 630 students, about 15 more than last year.
 - Enrollment:
 - 175 in grade 10
 - 225 in grade 11
 - 230 in grade 12
 - Staff – down about .75 of a teacher from last year.
 - Football Game – Kudos to our students at the September 15th football game against Bellerose. They were excellent ambassadors. The next day a call was received from a Dad of a Bellerose student regarding how impressed he was.

- School Spirit – working hard to promote school spirit this year. There are a number of initiatives such as assemblies, celebrations, student recognition, student performances and student testimonials.
- HAWKS – 5 students spoke about what it means to be HAWKS at the school opening celebration on September 8. See attachment.
- Staff Focus – Staff has already begun identifying focus for the upcoming year. There is overwhelming support for finding ways to enhance a positive environment focusing on student engagement, success and recognition. Staff want to foster positive student/staff relationships and identify individual needs. They are also very aware of student retention and have indicated a desire to work on a marketing plan including revamping the SACHS Open House in March. Staff will continue this work on Friday and then, in a smaller group, flesh out the 3-year Education Plan in October and November. Council members are encouraged to email Garret or Cathy with thoughts and ideas.
- Fire Drill and Lockdown Drill – both took place last week and were very successful. RCMP Members were here for the lockdown and were impressed.
- ATA Institute Day – is October 11, the day after Thanksgiving.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews – The first night is October 20, and the second night will be November 24th.
- School Dance – will be between now and Halloween – no date as of yet.
- Question – Is there morning prayer at SACHS?
Answer – The expectation is that the first block teachers do morning prayer. From the office there are morning announcements and Grace before lunch.
- Question – The Awards Night is November 3 at the Arden Theatre. Why is it so late?
Answer – The school cannot release the Diploma or DIP results until October.

4.3 Chairperson:

- Learning Team Publication - was distributed to council members.
- Alberta Gaming License - SACHS School Council still has one, but is not on the waitlist for a casino.
- Post-Secondary Information Night – in the past council has hosted a Post-Secondary Information Night in lieu of the October council meeting. The council has made handouts inviting parents and handed them out at the October Parent/Teacher Interview night. This year council decided to hold the Post-Secondary Information Night in November. Cathy will advise SACHS staff, who will be presenting the Post-Secondary information.

• **MOTION:** Moved by Sheri and seconded by Sharon-Marie, that council hold a very short meeting on November 15, followed by a Post-Secondary Information Night, offered by SACHS staff. **CARRIED**

4.4 Board Liaison:

- Board Liaisons – have not been chosen yet, as some schools have not yet identified their meeting dates. Each Trustee is assigned a couple of schools. The role of the Board Liaison is to listen to the council and present Board activities. Dave was the SACHS Board Liaison last year, and may not be assigned to SACHS this year, but in the interim is attending as liaison.
- Alberta Education Census – All residents of St. Albert, Morinville and Legal will receive the census by mail, which will be followed up by phone. Alberta Education is trying for an 80% participation rate.
St. Albert residents will be asked, “Are you Protestant, Catholic or neither?”
Morinville and Legal residents will be asked, “Are you Catholic or Other?”
Alberta Education is trying to address a governance issue, and is looking for baseline data only. It is not yet know what solutions Alberta Education may come up with. This is in response to the request for secular education in Morinville as well as the unique challenges in governing Catholic education in our region. In no way would responses to the survey limit the education choices that have always existed for parents in St. Albert.
- Morinville Protestant School – is being run by the Sturgeon School Division. There are approximately 40 students in grades K-4. They are in a temporary location, and it is hoped that modulars will be ready for them in December. GSACRD has had virtually no drop in enrollment in Morinville at this time.
- GSARD Stakeholder’s Meeting – will be December 8 - further details to follow.

5. Next Meeting – October 18, 7 pm in the Hawks Nest

6. Adjournment – 7:45 pm

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Attachment

HAWKS

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Hi, I am Nathan Pytel and I am a Hawk!! I have HEART! HEART is what gives us the strength to carry ourselves with pride, passion, dedication and the determination to take on any challenge life may give to us. HEART lends us the ability to be great in times of trouble. HEART gives us the courage to be leaders when no one else is willing to step up. But most of all, having HEART will make you a Hawk too, and that makes us, at SACHS, a family.

A

My name is Ryan Wasylkiewicz and I am a Hawk!! I have a good ATTITUDE and I love my school!!

W

Hi, I'm Bailey Sadowsky from the SACHS leadership team and I am a Hawk!! At SACHS we WORK hard, whether we are in the classroom learning, on the streets doing mission work, planning school events or on the sports field. Our WORK ETHIC is something to be proud of. We WORK hard on a project until we are satisfied; we do not give up or quit half way through.

K

My name is Daniel Roth and I am a Hawk!! KNOWLEDGE ... KNOWLEDGE isn't just being able to do math or spout book quotes or history facts at will. KNOWLEDGE is being able to distinguish between right and wrong, being able to make decisions that are right for you and for the world around you. KNOWLEDGE guides us in our daily lives and helps us to harness our full potential.

S

Hi, I am Hannah Mason and I am a Hawk!! SPIRITUALITY has been eminent throughout my time in SACHS, and will continue to be if we journey to Nicaragua this year. Last year I was blessed to go on the New Orleans mission trip, which for many students, created a revitalized relationship with God. SPIRITUALITY not only carried us toward our mission, but also lifted us to a whole new level of religious sensibility. St Albert High teaches me my religion not by preaching, but by allowing me to carry out service in the name of God. I have had, and continue to have, several blessed opportunities in this school to foster my SPIRITUALITY, and I hope that all who come after me may do the same.