School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes January 19, 2021 (4:00-5:00PM)

Attendees: Jen Shukalek, Sherry Pfannmuller, Sherry Jeffreys, Paige Duplessie, Mike Tavarolli, Kim Hagman, Tammie Vanderwolf, Shelly Reid, Jenn Kerr, Vallissa Thomson, Deanne Harapchuk, Tammy Ethier, Debbie McRobbie.

Via Google Meets

Call to order: 4:05 pm

Topics	Lead	Points to Cover	Discussion Outcomes
Call to order	Jen Shukalek	Additions & motion to approve agenda Motion to accept previous meeting minutes (If no amendments)	 A motion was made to approve the agenda (additions) by Paige Duplessie. The motion was seconded by Sherry Pfannmuller. A motion was made to accept the previous meeting minutes by Paige Duplessie. The motion was seconded by Sherry Pfannmuller.
Trustee Report	NGPS Sherry Jeffreys	 Current topics and highlights <u>Sherry.jeffreys@ngps.ca</u> PHONE: 780-898-0404 Next NGPS Division Meeting January Feb 9th, 2021 @ 10am <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8</u> <u>KOILn6QMxQ</u> 	The Sangudo Community School will remain open for the 2021/2022 school year. Letters of concern addressed to Northern Gateway Public School trustee board in regards to the school closure would be greatly beneficial from all Community members. On February 2nd and 3rd There will be a NGPS board meeting to discuss ideas on how to maintain the viability of Sangudo Community School.
		Letters of concern to NGPS trustee board for School Closure <u>https://www.ngps.ca/trustees/meet-our-</u> <u>trustees</u>	 In the SCS Advisory council meeting many ideas and opinions were discussed, that both were for and against the closure of the Sangudo School. Here is the discussion; and emailed in ideas/topics. Some parents thought the small size impeded the school ability to provide the options a larger more populated school could provide.

Some parents thought it would be beneficial to ask the parents that have moved their children to other schools or to online learning why they have chosen to do so, in an attempt to rectify the situation. (previously, a huge issue was the 2017 administrator and the numerous changes of instructors for one class in previous years and the lack of jr/sr high sport teams) The idea of moving grades 7,8, and 9 to Mayerthorpe and remaining an elementary school was considered, but was deemed not viable, S.C.S has too few students already, moving the Jr. High grades out would only further harm the school. There was also a concern that the divide between Sangudo school and Mayerthorpe school was still an issue and "kids can be incredibly cruel" and the Sangudo students may be seen as "The weird Sangudo kids" The idea of having grades 7,8, and 9, meet at a different ٠ school within the district 3 times a year for one week would give the students the opportunity to experience option classes they would not have the opportunity to. This would also give the students of S.C.S. the opportunity to socialize with other students in the Northern Gateway Public School system. It must be said that within the Northern Gateway Public • School system no other school offers as many options to their students as Sangudo Community School. The students are able to suggest topic of interest they would like to learn more about the staff do their utmost to accommodate. Combination of local junior high sports team with westerly schools in division. The idea of moving the Sr. high, grades 10,11, and 12, back into the school to bolster the number of students, as well as introducing new teachers into the school was brought up. Eliminating majority of bussing issues. Viable numbers for Junior/Sr Sports Teams. School Start/End Time could be altered.

	 Trying a K-7 for the 21/22 year, before making a closure decision. Moving two grades to Mayerthorpe, wouldn't reflect on a school closure. And would give SCS a chance to experience the change to see if even possible. It may bring the younger student population back to Sangudo, with the jr/sr Mayerthorpe bus being available. No structural changes to be made. Cost of structural changes compared to running deficit of school operational budget after 21/22 for a K-7 platform. Can we sustain a K-7 with a building wing torn down? Cost of building change? Loss of rotating teacher at SCS Split grades- multi-grade teaching has so many beneficial factors on children; less competitive and more cooperative than in same-grade classrooms, older students develop by helping younger students and younger have the opportunity to learn from role models, building positive bonds across all age levels. Split grade- multi-grade teaching takes more administrative efforts; teachers have an additional workload of instructional planning. online learning format for Jr/Sr SCS students; their base would still be SCS but program would be strictly online. 22/23 year -Lose of grade 7 as the last junior high grade at SCS; all jr high students could start their schooling together. Bussing- having an extra fee for bussing Jr/Sr high to accommodate another bus. Promote community to open up small business within. More events. The concern of all students being separated amongst the Division to neighbouring schools. Current Homeschool numbers? Rise in homeschool numbers due to school closure. The idea of a semi-famous, and successful alumni speaking on behalf of Sangudo Community School was suggested.
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			 A fair evaluation for the 83 students that choose regularly to attend SCS in person/online. Decisions for rural school funding expanding budget from the Alberta Government 21/22 year? Sherry Jeffreys will bring these topics up to the board of trustees. All agreed the faculty at Sangudo Community School was of excellent caliber, it was also expressed in relation to the small class size, it being an asset to facilitate one on one teaching, as well as greater flexibility in curriculum.
Principal Report	Ms. Pfannmuller	 *Updates on Covid-19 School regulations https://www.ngps.ca/about- us/news/post/alberta-government-announces- new-series-of-enhanced-covid-19-health- measures Singing updates – National Anthem Current Topics & highlights Draft Calendar https://www.ngps.ca/download/319302 SCS Advancement Plan https://www.sangudoschool.ca/download /317441 Upcoming Calendar Dates: https://www.sangudoschool.ca/about/cal 	 *All items coming into school must be held in isolation for 72 hours. Singing of the National Anthem in the mornings while wearing masks and observing social distancing practices has be reinstated. Suggestions for the 2021 draft calendar should be in by February 22, 2020. SCS Advancement Planning- A summary was posted just before Christmas. The 4 mail goals of the Advancement planning are: Building capacity in literacy and numeracy. Instructional support plans. Addressing the needs of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students. Building capacity in collaborative team meetings. In essence meeting once a month to collaborate and create strategies that will help benefit the students. Mrs. Hagman is the representative in our school for the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit. She meets with other school representatives periodically to discuss ways to advocate for our First Nations students. This year the students of SCS are learning the seven teachings. This month the students learned teachings 1 & 2. Humility and Respect.

		endar Pink Shirt Day- Feb 24 th Book Fair- Feb 22 nd -26 th Dr. Seuss Day- March 2 nd No Classes- Jan 29 th No Classes- Feb 4 th , 5 th Teachers' Convention No Classes- Feb 15 th Family Day No Classes- March 5 th Brief on; Trickster update- March 8 th -12 th Science in motion-Telus Centre VOTE in PASS Hot Lunch – Delivered/Pick up- coordinate/AHS Basic food handling cert. VOTE in PASS Step 1: https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/as sets/wf/eph/wf-eh-foodsafety-training- requirements-in-alberta.pdf Step 2: https://ahs.myabsorb.ca/	 Brief on- Trickster update: Trickster will be held starting on the 8th of March, the program will run for 2-weeks instead of the previously thought 1-week. The extra week is due to the cost efficacy of holding the Trickster program virtually instead of in-person. Green screens will be delivered to the school and staff will be educated in their use. Links will be sent to view the videos produced. Science in Motion- A vote was held in the P.A.S.S. Meeting where Sherry Pfannmuller made the motion to fund the Science in Motion in the amount of \$1250.00, the motion was seconded by Tammie Ethier, the motion was passed. Hot Lunch- Both Miss Duplessie and Mr. Tavarolli have obtained their Basic Food Handling certificated from Alberta Health Services. Guided reading Books. The cost would be Scholastic Books- \$5000.00, or Fountas and Pinnell- \$6500.00. A motion was made by Debbie McRobbie to purchase Guided reading books for the grades K-4 for a Maximum amount of \$6500.00 from Fountas and Pinnell or Scholastic Books, out of the Casino fund. The motion was seconded by Jenn Kerr. The motion was voted on and passed.
Teachers Report	Mrs. Vanderwolf	 Current updates -literacy program/ music festival 	 Parents please remember to check student progress online: <u>https://ps.ngps.ca/public/</u>

		 Christmas Concert: <u>https://www.sangudoschool.ca/home/new</u> <u>s/post/virtualchristmas-concert-2020</u> 	 Mrs. V met with Cheryl to discuss literacy and how it can be improved in the school. A book club was suggested for grades 4-9. The book club would be enveloped into the current Language Arts curriculum. Books may be assigned to small groups and have small goals such as - Partner discussion, or comprehension questions. A theme may be set revolving around the theme of the book. The Whitecourt music festival- Mrs. Vanderwolf will be entering a group for the festival playing Ukulele, the festival coordinators have even created a new category to accommodate the entry. There may also be individual speaking and vocal entries. Notes will go home. March 31 is the video deadline, with April 15 being the adjudication, and results being released towards the end of April.
Community	Jen S./ Jill Dewdney & others	Ways to stay connected and get involved within the community: Concerns/ Topics/ & Events	 Remember Blitz Christmas book- Coupons to use all year round! Keep Me Journal <u>www.keepmejournal.ca</u> Sangudo Minor Sports – Virtual planning meeting + AGM/Tues Feb. 2nd
			 @ 7pm Please check SMS FB page + <u>http://www.sangudominorsports.com/</u> Contact Matt (780)713-5512
			 Sangudo Horticulture Club Contact by email: sangudohortclub@gmail.com Sangudo & District AG Society Contact David (780)284-8033

	 Sangudo Public Library – check in and see all the fun take home activities for kids. (780)785-2955 sangudolibrary.ca Young Agrarians AB Apprenticeship Program – LSAC <u>https://youngagrarians.org/apprentices hip-program/</u>
	 Sangudo Opportunity Development Cooperative <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INacrPFx6B4</u>
	 A little bit of Nostalgia: Have a watch <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2Mc&tSNOwo&t=1</u> <u>0s</u> 2021 Sangudo Summer Tail Gate Party @ Sangudo Sports Grounds – Contact Shelly Starman

Next Meeting: March 16, 2021 4:00 PM via Google Meets

Meeting adjourned: 5:22 PM

How to stay informed with SCS:

Resources :

- https://www.sangudoschool.ca/
- <u>https://www.facebook.com/Parent-Association-of-the-Sangudo-Storm1489857747906220/</u>

SCS Remind App/Email SET UP https://www.sangudoschool.ca/parents/remind-messages

<u>https://www.facebook.com/Sangudo-Community-School-536429416531608/</u>