

## St. Paul School Council Meeting Minutes

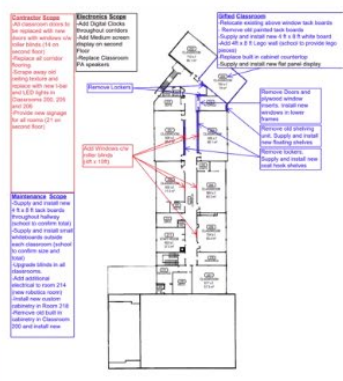
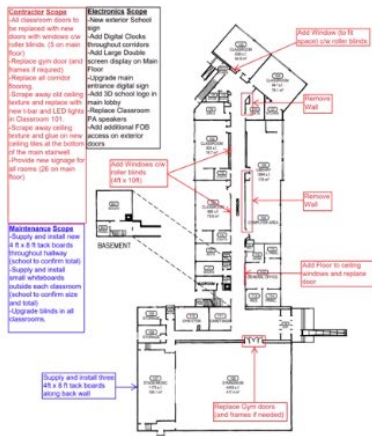
Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:30 pm via TEAMS

**Administration:** Crystal Jones (Principal), Kerry Carr-Jeschke (Vice-Principal),

**Attendees:** Ryan Sporns, Christine DeRose, Teryl Sporns, Jenelle Gartner, Miranda Jones, Alicia Dmytruk, Erin Kirby, Crystal Jordan, Christina Bossio, Christine Meadows, Troy Masterson, Carri Boulton, Jenna Sdao, Laura Fraser, Wanita Moroskat, Anne Nicholson, Jennifer Hudon

1. Call to Order at 6:33 – Ryan Sporns
  - Prayer – Kerry Carr-Jeschke
  - Treaty 6 – Crystal Jones with help from students in recorded video
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes – Ryan Sporns
  - Approval of Minutes (November 24, 2021)
    - i. Motion: Teryl Sporns; Seconded: Miranda Jones. Approved.
  - Approval of Agenda (January 26, 2022)
    - i. Motion: Christine DeRose; Seconded: Teryl Sporns. Approved.
3. Administration Report – Crystal Jones
  - Covid Protocol Update – Kids and Staff are very happy to be at school. New messaging is that all communication is transparent. New masks and testing kits should be received within the next few weeks. Mask sizing – Government will adjust masks for the second round.
  - Grant will be used towards the online workshop: A mindful approach to parenting. First session is scheduled virtually for March 9, 2022 (6-8:30pm). Presented by a psychologist team from our community.
  - Assurance Survey extended to January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please complete the survey if possible. It is a chance for your voice to be heard.
  - Christmas Recap – The Trees of Need was extremely well received and appreciated by the Jasper place Resource Center. St. Paul will continue to support this organization. Pancake breakfast was well received, and kids & staff enjoyed it. Outdoor Christmas Concert was a great event that was enjoyed by kids, parents and staff. The Christmas Card initiative – also well received.
  - Upcoming: Kindness week, Pink shirt day, Shrove Tuesday
  - Mrs. Hudon: The grade5/6 leadership team has been working on the “Bell Let’s Talk Day”. All classes took part in learning about mental health, talking & listening with empathy.
    - i. The Meaning on Home Project: in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Students in 4, 5 & 6 were invited to do creative writing in what their home means to them. Each entry is \$10 donation for Habitat for Humanity. Over \$300 was raised for the initiative. The writing pieces can be found at the Habitat for Humanity site under the 2022 entries.
  - Specialized Programming Updates: Marketing & Branding, Teaching, Learning, Environment
    - i. Marketing Plan: Road signs, community media, Edify editorial, bus shelters, maildrops, promo items
    - ii. New Logo & Branding: Website has been updated. New logo & school colors. Handbill promoting St. Paul is available. Open House is on February 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Virtual Meeting.
    - iii. Teaching: Changing the way staff are approaching our learners. Teacher pedagogy based upon an Inquiry-Mindset; being open to puzzlements & wonderments. Tap into teachers’ natural curiosity. Nurture students’ passions & talents.
    - iv. Environment – Create spaces that are conducive to the new learning program. Alternate learning spaces etc. Open concept learning spaces, windows, hybrid of instructional labs (makerspace etc.), make use of hallways for learning.
    - v. Server room project will be underway during Spring Break 2022. A full environment upgrade will be happening at St. Paul. Include new exterior sign, paint, floor, ceilings, lightings, doors, smart boards,

teacher computers, robotics, open concept design. Bathrooms are still in discussions. It is separate from this remodeling. Gifted classroom is under construction – East side – second floor. All students will be welcome to use the space.



## ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADES INCLUDE

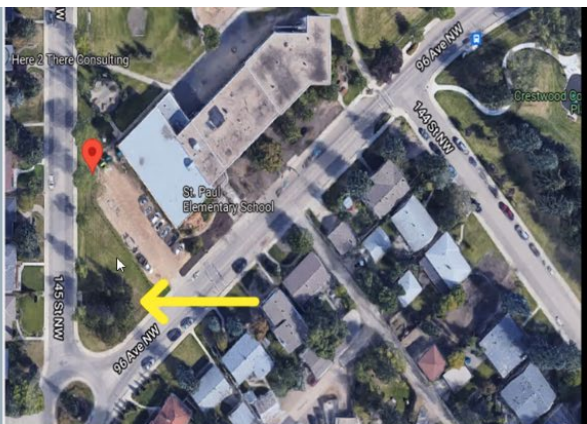
- New Exterior School Sign
- New Paint
- New Floors
- New ceilings and lighting
- New doors and windows
- All new technology – smartboards, digital signage, digital clocks, etc.
- New signage throughout school
- Open concept design
- Resources – teaching and learning
- New carpentry and upgrades to shelving and break out spaces in all classrooms
- New window coverings
- New whiteboards and bulletin boards

- Approved is the outdoor classroom. Still in the works but very exciting and more news to come on this. September 2022 is when it is scheduled to be completed. An example of what it can look like is pictured below.

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

- Provides concrete experiences to clarify abstract concepts
- Provides motivation for the reluctant learner
- Adds variety to teaching and learning
- Helps increase student achievement
- Is compatible with current practices in education
- Provides easy access to the outdoors
- Makes field trips more meaningful

- Adapted from Schoolyard Enhanced Learning by Herbert Broda and Ten Minute Field Trips by Helen Russel.



- Calendar of Events (January, February, March 2022)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

**25** Division Kindergarten Information Evening – Virtual

**26** SAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm  
Bell “Let’s Talk” Day

February

**1** Quarter 3 begins

**14-18** Random Acts of Kindness

**14** Valentine’s Day

**21** Family Day – No School

**23** St. Paul Open Virtual House  
**Pink Shirt Day**

**24** Student Led Conferences

March

**1** Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Lunch)

**2** Ash Wednesday

**3 & 4** Teachers Convention – No School

**9** Online Workshop Presented by SAC – A Mindful Approach to Parenting

**14** Parent Council Division Engagement

**24** Full Day of Classes

**25** Half day of classes (dismissal 11:57 pm)

**28 – April 1** Spring Break

**April 4** Students return



- Valentine’s Day: no food items to be shared. But Non-consumable treats can be shared – cards, stickers, pencils. Teachers may have each child bring in their own snack (not to be shared with others).

4. Old Business - Ryan Sporns

- N/A

5. New Business – Ryan Sporns

- Committee Reports:
- Casino Report (Ryan Sporns): 20 More volunteers are required – Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> & Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. \$60,000 to \$80,000 is typically raised – still short volunteers for this important event. Please contact Ryan or Heidi or go to sign up directly at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e48acaf2daafc1-2022>
- Pancake Breakfast (Teryl Sporns): Kids and staff were excited for the event. It was well received.
- Hot Lunch (Miranda Jones): Healthy Hunger is set up until the end of March. They have added Monday’s – twice a month. Thanks to the grade 6 students for helping distribute the lunch. Healthy Hunger is set up as a fundraiser as well. A portion is given back to the school.

6. Adjournment at 7:28 pm – Ryan Sporns

- Motion to Adjourn: Teryl Sporns; Seconded: Jenelle Gartner. Approved.

Next School Council Meeting: March 14, 2022