

**SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, November 19th 2024  
SAM Library | 7:00 p.m.**

Actions

No new actions

**1.0 AGENDA**

**1.1 Land Acknowledgement:**

*We are grateful to live, work and play on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Métis. This land is a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and travelling route for many Indigenous people whose diverse cultures have enriched this land for generations.*

*We honour the Elders, Knowledge Keepers and other Indigenous voices who share their stories and wisdom with us as we work towards reconciliation in a good way.*

*We are treaty people and promise to work towards repairing relationships by showing kindness to each other and stepping gently on the land.*

**1.2 Welcomes and Introductions**

**2.0 MINUTES**

**2.1 Previous School Council Meeting Minutes:**

“The minutes of the previous School Council Meeting ([Oct 15, 2024](#)) have been approved as circulated.”

**3.0 COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**3.1 Review the SAM School Council Purpose Statement**

*As we work to support and enhance student learning at SAM, we will participate in the SAM School Council in an advisory role to the principal where we will foster, develop, maintain, and reflect the culture of the school. To do this, we will create forums for discussion, provide opportunities for families to participate, and, to the best of our abilities, represent our various school community views and voices.*

*Issues with statement? – None noted  
Statement approved*

## 4.0 SCHOOL REPORT

### 4.1 School Report:

- SAM Education Plan - [Parent Feedback](#) - Dawn utilized multiple different avenues to receive information from parents, lots was really positive, mentions of finding a good balance and students and parents feeling connected to the community. Areas of growth – communication isn't consistent across the school. Feedback about resources and support, Dawn states that the school is doing the best they can do with what is provided and government funding models are an issue that isn't controllable, the focus is on students first. Question posed about how other schools with rec programs overcome financial barriers, scholarship program was proposed. A foundation has just been approved from the St. Albert community Fund, possibly could help overcoming financial barriers in the future.
- Online Safety in Schools
- Breach of security - First reported by a parent that their child may have seen some explicit content at school, student had advanced knowledge about AI generated IP address that bypassed the firewall. Still using advanced filtering, leading edge, it's not possible to get ahead of AI and all of the ways that AI can get around certain security features. Not possible to prevent all of it. Education is going to be really important, digital citizenship, AI literacy, if they're able to do it at school they're able to do it from home. Question posed - why are computers even necessary? – answer: learning in a safe environment is key to empowering our children to make the right decisions – digital citizenship communication. Just want parents to know that as a staff, we are talking about it, we're aware of it, supporting our students in age-appropriate ways as best as we can. New digital age. Communication between school and home will always continue. Is there something like the ICE presentation for students?
  - [Online Safety Letter from Division/School](#)
  - [ICE \(Internet Child Exploitation Unit\) Resources](#)
    - Information evening (hosted by ICE) for staff & families on Nov. 27th from 6-8pm.
    - Lois E Hole is also offering the presentation on Nov. 28th from 6:30-8:30pm. SAM families are also welcome to attend this evening.
  - Tech Tuesdays
    - [Common Sense Media](#) (resource for families)
  - [SAPS Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement for Elementary Students](#)
  - Teachers available to speak to (or answer questions about) technology use within the school/classrooms.
- [2024-25 DRAFT School Calendar](#)
  - Feedback to [paul.macleod@spschools.org](mailto:paul.macleod@spschools.org)
- Division Policy Review:
  - [DRAFT Policy Review - December 2024](#)
    - DRAFT Policy X-XXX: Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools
    - DRAFT Policy A-180: Anti-Racism
    - DRAFT Policy A-110: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, Inclusive and Safe Learning and Working Environments

- o [Policy Review Process & Schedule](#)
- o [Division Policy Manual](#)

#### 4.2 Upcoming Events

- Nov. 27 - ICE Presentation for Parents
- Nov. 29 - November Spirit Assembly
- Dec. 2 - NO SCHOOL
- Dec. 4 - Cupcake Day
- Dec 11 & 12 - Winter Concerts
- Dec 19 - Spirit Assembly
- Dec 20 - Half Day (gr. 1-6); No Kindergarten
- Dec 23 - Jan 3 - Winter Break
- Jan 6 - Classes Resume

### **5.0 TRUSTEE REPORT**

5.1 Trustee Report: Trustee Levall-Crouse (see attached)  
Lots of big meetings have occurred – gov has committed to building 24 schools in the next three years – positive opportunity - site shovel ready in 2 years.

### **6.0 OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- 6.1 Correspondence – Nothing new to add
- 6.2 COSC – No reps in attendance

### **7.0 FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- 7.1 Schedule future meeting dates:
  - Tues, Jan. 21 @6pm
  - Tues, Feb. 18 @7pm
  - Tues, March 18 @6pm
  - Tues, April 8 @7pm
  - Tues, May 20 @6pm

### **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

**October 2024 Updates - Trustee Sheyanne Levall-Crouse**  
**Report to School Councils**  
[sheyanne.levallcrouse@spschools.org](mailto:sheyanne.levallcrouse@spschools.org)  
**780.907.3039**

**Board Priorities for 2023/2024 include:**

- Support Wellness for Students and Staff
- Support Engagement with Students, Families & Community
- Adapt to Change and Growth
- Support Connection & Inclusivity

**Trustee & Senior Administration External Meetings:**

October 24, 2024 – COSC Meeting

Nov 4, 2024– Joint Advocacy Meeting

Nov 5, 2024 – SAPS Presentation to the City of St. Albert Council Meeting

Nov 5, 2024 – Wisdom & Guidance

November 13, 2024 – Chamber Luncheon

November 14, 2024 – Student Advisory

Nov 17-19, 2024 – ASBA Fall General Meeting

**St. Albert Public School Board 2024-2025 Did you Know?**

You can find the Board of Trustees edition of 'Did you know?' [HERE](#).

**Policies for St. Albert School Division & links**

All policies for our school division can be found [HERE](#).

Policies in review, the review process, and the planned review calendar can be found [HERE](#).

**Annual Education Results – November 2023**

St. Albert Public Schools has downloadable versions of the Annual Education Results (November 2023), 3-Year Capital Plan 2024/25 to 2026/27, Annual Education Results Report/Report to Our Community (November 2022), and the Four Year Education Plan 2022-2026 on our website.

They can each be found on our [Governance Plan & Report page](#) of the St. Albert Public School Division website.

**Kinder counts for 2024-2025**

Kinder Count as of Sept 27, 2024 was 618 students.

**Budget Update**

The budget came out Feb 2024. In the 2024 budget announcements, for [Alberta Education funding](#).

**SAPS Presentation to the City of St. Albert Council Meeting**

The Alberta Government announced the \$8.6 billion School Construction Accelerator Program to build 90 new schools and modernize/replace 24 schools 2025-2027. Kristi Rouse presented to City Council the importance of having school sites ready and meeting the Governments 'check-list' to have St Albert Public approved for a new school build. We asked the city to

approved the Area Structure Plan in the North East and help us have a school site larger enough for a new high school. The city approved the ASP's first reading on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>.

You can find the [Nov 5 Gazette Article Here](#) and the [Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Gazette Article Here](#).

### **Student Advisory**

The board met with two groups of students (high school and junior high students) to go over the new cell phone and personal device policy and the anti-racism policy, including racism in the schools. They shared their thoughts and opinions. Students also shared about they racism, micro aggression and discrimination they have witnessed and experienced. They also provided ideas and solutions.

### **Upcoming Meetings, Board Meetings and Dates:**

Nov 20, 2024 – Advocacy Meeting

Nov 27, 2024 – Audit Committee Meeting

Nov 27, 2024 - St. Albert Public School Division – Public Board Meeting (1:30 PM)

Dec 11, 2024 – St. Albert Chamber Luncheon

Dec 18, 2024 - St. Albert Public School Division – Public Board Meeting (1:30 PM)

## **OCTOBER 23, 2024 - PUBLIC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **THE BOARD RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

- The board received as information the St. Albert RCMP Community Policing Program - Year End Report 2023-2024.
- The board received as information a presentation on Camp Unity.
- The board received as information a report on student enrollment as of September 30, 2024.
- That the board received as information the 8.6-billion-dollar capital funding announcement in Alberta schools.
- The board received as information the 2023-2024 Division Vandalism Report.
- The board received as information the status report for policies/regulations/procedures currently in development.
- The board received as information a report on the division facilities 2024 summer projects.

### **THE BOARD APPROVED**

- The board approved the division signing authorities to enter into an agreement with the Edmonton Foundation for the establishment of a foundation for St. Albert Public Schools.
- The board approved the regular meeting minutes of the September 18, 2024 public board meeting.
- The board approved the transfer of \$93,743 from the division office amortization reserve to the division office capital reserve. The amount is to be reflected in the year ended August 31, 2024 financial statements.
- The board approved Trustee Armstrong replacing Trustee Levall-Crouse as the board representative for Lois E. Hole Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year and Trustee Levall-Crouse replacing Trustee Armstrong as the board representative for Sir Alexander Mackenzie Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.
- The board approved additional division student fees for the 2024-2025 school year.
- The board approved the transfer of \$86,949 for Hillgrove School from operating reserves to capital reserves. The amount is to be reflected in the year ended August 31, 2024 financial statements.
- The board approved the transfer of \$82,254 for Paul Kane High School from operating reserves to capital reserves. The amount is to be reflected in the year ended August 31, 2024 financial statements.

### **THE BOARD PROVIDED DIRECTION**

- The board provided direction to circulate the draft Board Policy X-XX: Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools and the accompanying regulations.
- The board provided direction to circulate the draft Board Policy A-180, Anti-Racism and the accompanying regulations.
- The board provided direction to circulate the draft Board Policy B-160, Trustee Honouraria and Expense Reimbursement and the accompanying regulations.

- The board provided direction to circulate the draft Board Policy A-110, Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, Inclusive and Safe Learning and Working Environments and the accompanying regulations.