



School Council Annual Report 2018-2019 Sangudo Community School

The following report reflects the activity of the School Council during the 2018 – 2019 school year.

1. Executive Members:

Chairperson: Kristina Vandersteen

Assistant
Chair: Valissa Thomson

Secretary: Dallas Roth

Treasurer: Yvonne Lovich

2. Meeting Dates:

(Include the number of attendees for each meeting; school personnel and trustees are to be included in this count.)

- September 19th 2018 - 11 (AGM)
- November 15th, 2018 - 9
- January 24th, 2019 - 6
- March 20th, 2019 - 8
- May 13th, 2019 - 12

3. Major Activities:

(Include a brief description outlining the purpose and outcome.)

- The milk program continued this year and the milk was purchased by a teacher or parent on a weekly basis. The different grades or Educational Assistant's organize the milk to go out to the different classrooms and delivered at lunch. The money was counted and

deposited through our Parent Association. The milk was priced fairly, and not to create income, but to provide a healthy alternative drink at lunch.

- A breakfast program was initiated by staff seeing a need from the students. Many students have long bus rides or are unable to eat breakfast in the morning. The staff put out a request to local businesses asking for donations to help fund this program, and had many donations come in. Many of the staff takes turns making toast, handing out donated muffins or yogurt. This has been a great success! They are currently applying for the Breakfast Club Canada grant, which will help sustain and expand this program.
- The ATB Junior program was introduced this year with great success. Our local Sangudo and Mayerthorpe branches came in and helped setup a small banking operation twice a month during lunch. They had different positions that the students had to apply for such as greeter, teller, back cash, marketing, board members, and so on. All students in the school were encouraged to setup bank accounts and make monthly deposits, and in turn were able to win prizes during the ATB assemblies. ATB gives the ATB junior program \$500 for advertising & prizes as well as a grant for \$500 and the students decide what to use the grant money for; they decided on Spike Ball kits and Chinese jump ropes. All the students are enjoying these items.
- Staff and students put in countless hours to host an amazing Dessert theatre. The gym was setup and decorated by the staff and students, and the dessert was planned and prepared by parents. There were 2 plays, and during the intermission, we had the dessert brought out in a self-serve buffet fashion in the gym. Both plays were enjoyed by all and put together with great care. The tickets that were sold paid for the dessert and the rest of the money went towards future drama sets and production costs. The leftover dessert was served by the staff to all the students the next day.
- There was a Fall and Spring book fair that the school hosts. This is held in conjunction with the Learning Showcases to help boost sales while parents are already coming to the school. Parents, students and community members help with the sales desk. The sales of these books help generate a rebate to help be able to replenish our own library books which has been very successful every year.

4. Parental Involvement:

(Include the types of activities and the roles of the parents.)

- The parents had a free welcome back breakfast that is paid for by the Parent Association. The food is purchased by the coordinator and many volunteers come out to help cook and serve pancakes, sausages and fruit in the morning. The whole school takes part in this and everyone enjoys these events.
- The school organizes a run club and had a parent dedicate time to come in and coach on lunch hours. They split the team up for elementary and junior highs. Both competed at the Edmonton Journal games this year with teams advancing to semifinals.
- We continued participating in the Casino program to raise funds for the school. We required many parents and community members to come into St. Albert over a couple days during the summer to help cover shifts. We received approximately \$20000 that we have been using towards helping to pay for bussing and whatever other needs for the

school come up. We ask the staff at the school what kinds of things they need help paying for and vote at our parent meetings to pay for these items, many through the Casino profits.

- The school has a Drama program and the staff has done a Dessert Theatre this year. They asked for a parent to help coordinate food and a preparation as well as serving. This was done in the evening with a large turnout of family, friends and people in the community. Many parents were involved as well as staff to help setup, serve and cleanup.
- We have many hot lunches throughout the year with one hot dog day a month and another hot lunch such as taco in a bag, spaghetti, beef on a bun, perogies and sausage, as well as a pancake & sausage one. We have a coordinator that organizes the amount of food and purchases everything, then arranges for volunteers to help prep, serve and cleanup.
- In February, The CFCW Critters (A Hockey team) came to Sangudo to play our local players for fun. They use this as an opportunity to get the community involved. The Parents helped out that evening doing a 50/50 raffle and brought in over \$300 that night.
- They organize a Jolly Jingle shop every year where we have a local Barrhead Dollar store merchant come in and setup a small store where the students can come in and purchase Christmas gifts for their family and friends by themselves. We have parents go around with some of the younger kids to guide them and help them adhere to their lists. We then have a few tables setup where parents help wrap these gifts for the students to take home.
- At the end of December, we have a Christmas lunch that is arranged and funded by our Parent Association. We have a coordinator that plans and shops for the food, then the morning of, have Turkeys cooked, and the meal made by lunch time. This takes many hands and is usually one of our largest free events. The kids (and parents) look forward to this every year. We purchase from our local Co-op which has generously donated turkeys for us for the past few years.
- After the holidays, the parents put on a free turkey soup lunch and use the leftover turkey and veggies to make a soup. We ask everyone to bring a bowl and spoon from home to cut down on costs and be environmentally friendly.
- In May this year, the parents put on a Staff appreciation lunch and organize supervision and telephone support, so that the staff is able to eat together and relax during this time. They organize a lunch, setup tables, decorate, and cleanup when finished.
- They help organize students during the Picture days, Fall and Spring
- They maintain and continuously update the Facebook page
- They collect CO-OP till tapes and use the money to pay for a fruit basket with apples, oranges and bananas in the office and granola bars for the students that need an extra boost to their lunch. We have found there to be a great need in this area, as many students ask for these items on a daily basis.
- We also have many parents that come in and help teachers in their classrooms, photocopying, reading with students and many other things.
- There are quite a few fundraisers that go on during the year. We do a couple Little Caesars fundraisers that have brought in approximately \$2500 profit between the 2. In November, there was a Poinsettia Fundraiser for Christmas that brought in over \$475. There was also a Mother's Day and Plant fundraiser from our Local Cosmos greenhouse

which brought in \$350. We also held a Cash Raffle where the tickets were sold for \$10 each with 1st prize being \$1000, 2nd place of \$750 and 3rd place of \$250. The draw will be held June 27th. We received \$800 from our local St. Anne Community watch program; this was used for to help out towards fieldtrip bussing costs and many other activities that the school does. This year the school requested funding for the Rocks & Rings instruction and a tournament, bussing for ski trips, Camp Warwa, swimming, Children's festival in Whitecourt, TELUS World of Science. We also paid for some new shelving units in our Learning commons as well as many other things. The Parent Association is consistently raising funds to give back to our school.

5. Major Challenges:

(Comment briefly on why these particular challenges exist, and what action the School Council and School Administration are planning to take to address the challenges.)

- Finding volunteers is always a struggle. When there was a lack of volunteers for a hot lunch, we would ask for a few older students that could help out, and this worked really well. It was really nice to have them step in and help in a time of need. We had tickets to West Edmonton Mall donated last year, to help boost attendance at meetings and volunteering at hot lunches, however did not see much more interest arise from this, so we did not look at doing another type of offering this year. We have just worked with the volunteers that we have, and did the best we could.
- Our meetings still did not always have great turn outs, but I think changing our meeting dates to every second month has worked much better. We have many families that have their children in sports throughout the year which made it difficult to plan meetings around, just to meet quorum, however we were able to. The email voting worked well and ratified the votes at the next meeting. We will still have some earlier meetings and have a few later meetings to accommodate parents that work later. We will be looking at introducing Web video meetings as well, still having them in the school, but for those who are unable to join physically, can still participate.


School Council Chair

June 29, 2019
Date


Principal

June 25, 2019
Date