

# Tofield School Council Meeting Minutes

## Oct 2, 2024

Attendees: Lisa Priestly, Zenovia Lazaruk, Alana Kropielnicki, Jessica Woodruff, Heidi Fisher, Stacey Hawkins, Leann Strilchuk, Megan Appleby, Lyle Albrecht, Tara Cummings, Jennifer Erick, Karen Gartner.

1. **Call to Order:** 6:35pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** - Motioned by Leann S., seconded by Heidi F.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Motioned by Heidi F., seconded by Megan A.
4. **Old Business** -  
FoTSS mtg to follow School Council tonight
5. **Principal's Report**
  - a) **New Staff Welcome** - Dr. Karen Gartner, assistant principal, Jordynn Pennington, part-time JH teacher. Welcome to Courtney Borton in her new position as administrative assistant. Jennifer Erick, (assistant principal), is back part-time mostly T-W-F. Sharnelle Umphrey returns in a Cosmetology role. Brooklyn Gates, Red Seal hairdresser has been seconded to assist cosmetology students have their hours count towards apprenticeship hours.
  - b) **Enrolment** - 464 students as of Sept 27 (down 10 from last year). NSO has 30 FT and 43 PT students. 5 International students this year from Belgium, France, Japan
  - c) **Registration Verification/FOIP** - 160 students still need parents to fill out these forms on the Parent Portal. Reminders will be going out. Technology access will be removed if not completed.
  - d) **Timetable** - Good feedback. Less students making changes.
  - e) **Hot Lunches**- all hot lunches are scheduled for the rest of the semester and are loaded into the PowerSchool parent portal where they can be ordered.
  - f) **Respect in the Workplace** - Our athletic director has put together a Spectator Code of Conduct and Treaty 6 Acknowledgment that is read before each athletic event. BRSD has also adopted a scent free workplace policy.
  - g) SGF report shared (see attachment 1). Funding is now centralized through BRSD.
  - h) **Cell Phone Policy** - There have been some positive things come from the new cell phone policy, in particular a total of 33 courses being completed in NSO - more time being spent on school work! We started the year out well, but we are noticing the number of warnings beginning to increase. A google meet happened with grade 7-12 classes and admin today to reiterate expectations. Admin has found that there has been support from parents when having to address cell phone infractions. Karen shared a report on the correlation between cellphone use and anxiety (as well as other mental health issues) which was included in the September newsletter. <https://secure.smores.com/n/x67gg> She suggested that the School Council would maybe like to fund a presentation from Saffron on social media for parents to attend.

\*Leann commented at the end of the Principal's report that she felt there should be consistency in the expectation to change clothes for gym between all the grades and teachers who teach gym. Zenovia acknowledged and took note.

**6. Trustee Report by Lyle Albrecht**

CW Sears is still at the top of the list of capital projects in the division. Administrative policies on cellphone use for students and staff have been developed. At the board meeting, Madison, a highschool student from Daysland, presented on the Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology (WISEST) program she attended at the U of A during the summer. A fall flyer will be coming out showing a pie chart of how the division funds are allocated. A 4yr contract was ratified with the bus drivers, giving them a modest raise.

**7. Staff Report by Alana Kropielnicki - (attachment 2)**

**8. Student Report - none given.**

**9. New Business - Elections will happen in November. Most of the executive is willing to stay on, but nominations are still encouraged and sought after. Email will be sent out with a special invitation to attend the election meeting.**

**10. Move to Adjourn: 7:24pm.** Motioned by Megan A., seconded by Alana K.  
Next meeting November 7 @ 6:30pm.

See Attachments on next page.

Attachment 1

Date: 27-Sep-2024 10:55

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SGF Category Total Report

G.L. Period Selection: 202412 End Date: AUGUST 31, 2024

	Current Month	Year to Date
ATHLETICS	0.00	-463.02
BADMINTON - JR	0.00	-23.34
BADMINTON - SR	0.00	51.35
BASKETBALL - ELEM	0.00	0.00
BASKETBALL - JR BOYS	0.00	-454.24
BASKETBALL - JR GIRLS	0.00	-371.10
BASKETBALL - SR BOYS	0.00	-373.57
BASKETBALL - SR GIRLS	0.00	-266.17
CONCESSION	3.30	-12,520.44
CROSS COUNTRY - ELEM	0.00	-98.52
CROSS COUNTRY - JR	0.00	-84.10
CROSS COUNTRY - SR	0.00	-81.36
DONATIONS	0.00	-580.48
DONATIONS - ATHLETIC	0.00	-98.31
DONATIONS - AWARDS - SR	0.00	-1,980.91
DONATIONS - BREAKFAST PROGRAM	0.00	-3,781.31
DONATIONS - DRAMA	0.00	4.58
DONATIONS - GRAD	0.00	0.00
DONATIONS - JAM CLUB	0.00	-1,594.76
DONATIONS - SR VOLLEYBALL GIRLS	0.00	0.00
DONATIONS - TRAVEL CLUB	0.00	0.00
DRAMA	0.00	-1,274.81
FIELD TRIPS - GR.5	0.00	1,242.09
FIELD TRIPS - GR.6	0.00	555.33
FIELD TRIPS - GR.7	0.00	-126.15
FIELD TRIPS - GR.8	0.00	-107.90
FIELD TRIPS - GR.9	0.00	-33.10
FIELD TRIPS - GR.10	0.00	-163.26
FIELD TRIPS - GR.11	0.00	10.00
FIELD TRIPS - GR.12	0.00	-28.25
FUNDRAISING	0.00	-2,960.77
GOLF - JR	0.00	-178.11
GOLF - SR	0.00	7.11
GRAD	0.00	-2,400.11
GRANTS - BREAKFAST PROGRAM	0.00	-454.08
GRANT - JAM CLUB	0.00	0.00
GRANTS - OTHER	0.00	-16.19
LIBRARY	0.00	-639.09
RECYCLING	0.00	-1,538.06
SKI TRIP - ELEM	0.00	202.64
SKI TRIP - JR	0.00	228.52
SKI TRIP - SR	0.00	22.32
STUDENT UNION - ELEM	0.00	-1,799.25
STUDENT UNION - JR	0.00	-430.27
STUDENT UNION - SR	-10.00	-207.47
STUDENT WELLNESS	0.00	0.00
SWIMMING	0.00	-7.12
TRACK & FIELD - JR	0.00	-88.12
TRACK & FIELD - SR	0.00	34.15
TRAVEL CLUB	0.00	0.00
VOLLEYBALL - ELEM	0.00	-8.76
VOLLEYBALL - JR BOYS	0.00	-532.76
VOLLEYBALL - JR GIRLS	0.00	-1,009.28
VOLLEYBALL - SR BOYS	0.00	207.67
VOLLEYBALL - SR GIRLS	0.00	-291.56
YEARBOOK	0.00	-1,352.64
Grand Total	-6.70	-35,852.98

## Attachment 2

### School Council Oct 2/24 Staff report:

**CTF / CTS - Trades & Technology Program** - Students are busy working on modules and projects. The **CTS** High School program has students working in the following trade areas: automotive, fabrication, welding, carpentry, cabinet making, electronics, and robotics. We have five high school students who are interested in participating in the Alberta Skills Competition in May. We are also currently organizing a presentation from Dacro Industries who has offered to do a presentation on the topic of B Pressure Welding to our students. Tofield School would like to thank the following local businesses for their continuous support at our annual awards night and investment in the trades and technology sector. Dacro Industries, FXD Automotive, NAPA Tofield, PHW Fabrication Shop. The **CTF** -Middle School program students are currently studying in the areas of carpentry, drafting and design, aeronautics and dragster cars. We are planning for our grade 7's to attend the Provincial Skills competition again in May 2025.

**Travel Club**- Tofield Travel Club is going to Italy in March of 2025. The final day to enroll for this exciting opportunity will be October 31. So far 16 students in grades 10-12 have enrolled. A fundraising committee has been started to help with the substantial cost of this experience. Stay tuned for some exciting fundraising ideas coming shortly. Parents are welcome to join us for the tour (the adult fee is available online), but due to the international nature of the experience, parents must become agents of the board. The next parent meeting is scheduled for late October.

**The Jam Club** - The Jam Club has started up again this year with practices occurring every Tuesday, after school for the majority of the year. We have 9 members, each playing an instrument or singing. We look forward to preparing for another year-end performance for the school, with many new songs! Our community sponsor, "Wild Oats and Notes Festival" was very appreciative of some of our families volunteering at their festival this summer.

**Athletics** - Our Athletic Seasons have begun and some have already finished. Senior High Golf has ended with our players going to the Zone Championships. Cross-country races have been completed and there are still more to come like the Junior High Regional Championships and the Senior High Zone Championships. Volleyball Leagues have started and both Junior High and Senior High teams have been going to tournaments and still have more to come.

#### **Coaches for Golf, Cross-Country Running and Volleyball are as follows:**

**Senior High Golf:** Gilles Daigle

**Cross-Country Running:** Danielle Nicolaescu, Avery Thurston, Jennifer Erick, Carrie Le Blanc and Michael Cole

**Grade 7 and 8 Girls Volleyball:** Adam Madsen

**Junior High Girls Volleyball:** Diana Woode and Sarah Berglund

**Junior High Boys Volleyball:** Kaden Doerksen and Kyle Sieben

**Senior High Girls Volleyball:** Leanne Stilchuk, Sharnelle Umphrey and Nav Dhillon

**Senior High Boys Volleyball:** Stephanie Hosker, Allan Broemeling and Marcel Flasha

Thank you coaches for donating your time and effort to our Athletic Program at Tofield School.

**Senior High Boys Volleyball**

Good turnout for Senior Boys Volleyball this year. The boys have purchased uniforms and hoodies which they received last week. Our league schedule has begun. We lost our first match of the season to Sedgewick.

The boys have tournaments coming up in New Norway, Hay Lakes, Stettler, and Vermillion. Here's to a good season boys.

32 students are participating in cross-country running this year and we are having a blast. We've already raced in 3 races: Hardisty, Bashaw and Camrose. We have one race left in New Norway (mud run).

We're excited for our high school athletes and we have 8 students going to zones next week in Camrose!!

- We are also going to be running a soup fundraiser (selling pre-packaged soups that you add water to) in the next couple of weeks to raise money to offset the cost of buses.
- A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who come out to the races to cheer on the racers.