

MINUTES

Sam Livingston School Council (SLSC)

January 23, 2025
6:30-7pm - Online

In Attendance:

Sanghamitra M, Rayna B, Jenna M, Tosca N, Charmaine C, Jai T, Lana L, Jillian H, Alison T, Abigail M, Amber-Celene M, Valerie C, Cassandra W, Dayna, Tracy E, Hope, Jacquie R, Kourtney T, Laura B, Lisa L, Tiffany P, Vicky W, Francis M, Neil, Yvann C, Winter P, Chris K, Alicia O, Lanny, Nell

Welcome & Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm
- Quorum for meeting has been met: **Yes**
- Land Acknowledgement by Tosca.
- Guidelines for the virtual meeting were presented.
- Brief Introductions from Council and Admin.
- Motion and Approval of **January 23, 2025 Agenda**
 - Motion made by Charmaine C.
 - Seconded by Jillian H.
 - Approved**
- Approval of **November 21, 2024, Minutes** (with amendment to Key Communicator section. Charmaine attended ASCA meeting in November, not COSC).
 - Motion made by Charmaine C.
 - Seconded by Jillian H.
 - Approved**

School Admin Updates

- Tracy Evans from David Thompson attended to speak about David Thompson School:
 - There are opportunities to meet with new teachers regarding the transition from Sam Livingston to David Thompson.
 - They have deliberately grouped Grade 5 kids together (classrooms, breaks, etc.) to create a sense of community and belonging.
 - Lots of clubs for the kids to get involved in. Student driven, so children can find a teacher-sponsor to help start a club if interested.
 - They offer a “zen den” to provide coaching, regulation, or a calm space if needed.
 - Question from parent about the transition of an IPP.
 - Teachers from David Thompson meet with teachers and families at Sam Livingston to discuss IPP and any issues.
 - Question from a parent about “options”:

- Grade 5 kids can choose four options courses. The list of these will be sent out to Grade four families soon (via paper and PowerSchool).
- Question from a parent about schedule transition from Grade 4 to Grade 5.
 - Grade 5 kids do not have a morning or afternoon recess. The teachers are aware that young children need to move around, and they plan classes with that in mind.
- Question about deadlines for bussing and registration.
 - Sam Livingston children are automatically registered for David Thompson.
 - Tracy does not have the answer regarding a deadline on bussing but will communicate with Sam Livingston admin and that information will be communicated to parents. Bus stops change depending on the registrations (and the addresses of all students), so there are congregated stops.
- Envirolab – Coordinator Position will be available in the new year. There may need to be some succession planning, so that the new coordinator can learn from Val during the springtime cleanup.
- Report Cards go live on Monday (Jan 27). They are viewable through Power School.
- Sam and Walter video shared with us.

Update

- Key Communicator Update:
 - ASCA did not have good reviews for the early childhood tests that are now mandatory.
- Volunteer Update:
 - Volunteers with police clearance are desperately needed right now.

Chair Update

- Meeting dates:
 - Feb 27 (online) 6:30 – 8:30
 - Apr 22 (online) 6:30 – 8:30
 - May 12 (online) 6:30 – 8:30

Parent Questions

- No questions.

Next General Meeting:

February 27, 2025

Meeting Ended: 7:31 PM - Motioned by April B and Seconded by Charmaine C.

All parents are encouraged to attend and take part in the decision-making process at our school. Please email ecolesamchair@gmail.com with any questions about or additions to these minutes.