

October 4, 2023



STEMIA SCHOOL COUNCIL

1204 96 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB
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MINUTES

Deborah Toth, Secretary

AGM

STEMIASCOctober2023(16)

DATE/ TIME

June 7, 2022/ 6.30 PM at the Junior High Campus

FACILITATORS

STEMIA School Council Executive Committee

ATTENDEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Golden (Gurmeet) Bhatia (Chairperson)
Deborah Toth (Secretary)
Josephin Justine (Co-Treasurer)

APOLOGIES

Ibeth Albertazzi (High School Director)

SCHOOL STAFF/ ADMINISTRATION

Kerry Blum (Sr. High School Principal)
Michelle Alberts (Jr. High School Principal)
Cheyenne Fordham (Teacher Representative)

PARENTS

Trish, Rishma, Osake, David, Sarah, KaeLeah, Karen, Lorie, Sadaf, Rebecca, Josine, Angela, Jesus, Michelle, Johannes, Lucy, Soria, Sandeep.




CALL TO ORDER

Quorum declared to be present and meeting **called to order at 6.33 PM** by Golden Bhatia.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

WELCOME

Golden Bhatia introduced the members of the Executive Committee and gave a Land Acknowledgement.

LUNCH DATE	Status	RESTAURANT
Oct 25, 2023	PAID ✓	
Nov 22, 2023	PAID ✓	
Dec 20, 2023	PAID ✓	



All orders close 5 days before the lunch or event.
 Unfortunately, since the order is closed no changes or cancellations can be accepted.
 Lunch Date Cut-Off for Ordering (11:59PM)
 For example: If there is an order taking place on Friday January 31st, the deadline to place an order will be Sunday January 29th at 11:59PM.

Example Table:

ORDER DAY	ORDER DATE	SUPPORT DAY	CUT OFF DATE
Monday	2023-10-23	Wednesday	2023-10-18
Monday	2023-11-06	Thursday	2023-10-31
Monday	2023-11-13	Friday	2023-10-27
Monday	2023-11-20	Saturday	2023-11-17
Monday	2023-12-04	Sunday	2023-11-26

FUN LUNCH

ROLE OF SCHOOL COUNCIL

Roles that are **not** to be taken on by a school council include:

- school governance
- school management
- listening to complaints

(School Council Resource Guide: Alberta School Councils' Association)



YEAR END ACTIVITIES



WELCOME BACK EVENTS



Mental Illness Awareness Week / Semaine de sensibilisation aux maladies mentales

Canadian Institute for Health Information

About 1 in 5 Canadians experience mental illness each year.



Over half of struggling Canadians are not getting the mental health support they need.

Mental Health Research Canada

Mental Illness Awareness Week / Semaine de sensibilisation aux maladies mentales

Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health / Alliance canadienne pour la maladie mentale et la santé mentale

Over 20% of Canadians in any given year will experience mental health concerns. Only a third of those people will seek help or treatment.

Statistics Canada



THANK YOU

- ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS
- SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS
- PRINCIPAL AND STAFF
- SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Volunteer opportunities for parents and students are available at: <https://stemicouncil.ca/volunteer/>

PRINCIPAL REPORT- Kerry Blum & Michelle Alberts

Parent Introductions

Ms. Riddick and Ms. Blum gave an opportunity to each parent in the room to give a short introduction and share a little bit about their STEMIA student.

Clubs (Michelle Alberts)

We are pleased to report that there is a wide variety of wonderful clubs at our Junior High campus. The clubs range from yearbook, chess, science fair, math, and so many more clubs are in the process of being established. We are thankful for our teachers who often give up their lunchtime to oversee these club activities.

Sports (Michelle Alberts)

We had many students try out for the volleyball team and our cross-country season is underway. We're proud to see so many of our children being invested in our sports teams.

Introduction Assembly (Michelle Alberts)

Our first introduction assembly of the year went well; the assembly is done for each grade. Expectations and STEMIA policies are discussed during the assembly. It was a bit of a new experience for our school community. A real assembly hasn't really taken place at our school because of COVID.

Cellphone policy (Michelle Alberts)

We have successfully rolled out our no cellphone policy during classroom time. Our expectations have been clear and well understood by our children. It was a gradual change, but a positive one that needed to happen.

Lockers (Michelle Alberts)

As you can see, our beautiful and shiny blue lockers have been installed. It took a while to teach our many students how to operate their lock, but it was worth it. We're grateful for the students who are sharing a locker with a partner.

Open House at Junior High (Michelle Alberts)

The Junior High Open House will take place on November 30th, 2023. More information will follow soon.

Open House at Senior High (Kerry Blum)

The Senior High Open House will take place on November 2nd, at our Senior High campus located at 3636 Research Road NW. This Open House will be particularly relevant for our current Grade 9 parents whose children will be at our Senior High campus next year.

Year-end celebration in Kananaskis (Kerry Blum)

We are taking our staff and Sr. High students to Fullerton Loop to enjoy a hike. They're pretty excited for this event which will include team-building games.

Students and Staff (Kerry Blum)

we currently have 475 students at the Junior High, and 376 students at the Senior High. We're incredibly thankful to the parents who believe in our vision and who trust our work as STEM Educators. At the Junior High, 18 new teachers were hired along with a full-time guidance counsellor.

October 18- Grade 9 Information Session (Kerry Blum)

Our grade 9 information session will take place on October 18. This is an opportunity for our parents to learn more about how Grade 10 courses and schedules work. I will co-host this meeting with Ms. Riddick.

Extra opportunities for Sr. High kids (Kerry Blum)

Our Grade 10 kids will get to visit UofC and MRU for hands-on activities. There is also an opportunity for 20 female students to participate in a Women in STEM program that will take place at the UofA. Specialty courses are being developed, including classes in neuroscience, DNA analysis, and video editing.

Sports and Clubs (Kerry Blum)

We currently have 19 different clubs at lunchtime. The boys' volleyball team has been formed and the team is doing well. As for the girls' volleyball team, they are also doing amazing and have won their first game!

Grand Opening at High School (Kerry Blum)

Our official grand opening will take place tomorrow at our High School Campus. We will have some esteemed guests participate in this event.

Ms. Blum proceeded to share a clip of what would be shared at the Grand Opening. The clip featured students and teachers engaging in a variety of STEM activities.

TEACHER REPORT- Cheyenne Fordham

Student Council Election

Our student council candidates were very engaged in the election process. They had elaborate campaigns with videos, "pins", and posters that would help get their message across. The Student Council has been formed and will work on events such as Halloween Day and an Announcement page on Schoology for students to receive daily updates.

Orange Shirt Day

On September 28th, our teachers and students participated on some very deep and interesting discussions on Orange Shirt Day.

Terry Fox Run

The participation rate for the Terry Fox Run was high and we collected a total of \$630.00 at the Junior High campus! We're proud of the turnout and our students for being part of this important event.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question from parent: How is disrespectful behavior handled towards the bus driver on the bus?

Michelle Alberts: "In partnership with Mr. Ackerman, our Assistant Principal, we have regular conversations with our students about what respect for our driver means. Our drivers also feel confident sharing what is going on, and we intervene when appropriate. I encourage parents to have conversations with their child about kindness for our drivers. Ridership privileges could be cancelled if we encounter serious and repeated issues with a particular student."

TREASURER REPORT

TREASURER REPORT (Josephin J.)

STEMIA School Council

Treasurer Report: Oct.04, 2023

Period of June 08, 2023 to Oct 04, 2023

			Money Out	
Starting Balance		Community Spirit Account	\$1828.28	
Deposits/Income				
Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Type	Description	Deposit	Expenses
June-18	E-Transfer	Grade-9 Farewell Party		\$492.67
June-21	E-Transfer	T-bill Savings Account	\$726.01	
June-22	E-Transfer	Juice boxes for Fun Lunch		\$93.38
June-22	Cheque	HH Fun Lunch	\$794.18	
June-23	E-Transfer	INTERAC e-Transfer Sent-ASTRO JUMP OF ALBERTA		\$1179.65
July-03	E-Transfer	Payments for Used Uniform Sellers		\$1113
July-07	E-Transfer	Stemia Parent Fundraising	\$1499.98	
July-07	Year End Gift	Gift cards for 9 Bus drivers & 3 Custodians(\$20/Walmart gift card) Lina's Catering for Year end party-Stemia Staff		\$858.93
July-07	2023-Carnival Expenses	Prizes and Gifts for winners and Games		\$186.67
Oct-02	E-transfer	T-Bill savings bank fees		\$2.06
Ending Balance			\$922.09	

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT (Josephin J/ Rebecca O.)

Motion unanimously passed.

UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date for STEMIA School Council will take place on November 1st, via ZOOM.
Ms. Golden Bhatia **adjourned the meeting at 8:01 PM.**

