



Parent School Council Annual Report 2018/2019

Prepared for: SCSS Board of Directors

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School Council

Suzuki Charter Parent School Council held 8 meetings during the 2018/19 school year, alternating between morning and evening meetings. The Council welcomed a new vice-chair and 2 co-secretaries and saw increases in attendance at several meetings. We were pleased to see new Suzuki families also attend regularly.

Highlights:

- APEGA Science Night was once again held with a very large attendance. There were many geologists in attendance this year.
- Parent Council chair and parent volunteers ran the 3rd year of the month-long literacy program with grades 3-6. National Novel Writing Month took place in November 2018 with many students, staff and parents participating to write and meet a word goal of their choosing. At the beginning of the month, one of the parents and one of the students were invited to give an interview about NaNoWriMo on the CBC Radio Edmonton morning show. They also returned for a follow up interview at the end of the month. The links to both interviews are listed below. 2 Write-In evenings were hosted at the school. Both were very well attended. SCS's 3rd Young Writer's Program book featuring excerpts of students, staff, and parents was laid out and awaited printing to be available at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year. We are hoping to incorporate the classroom aspects of the YWP into the Suzuki NaNoWriMo experience next year.
- The Alberta School Council Association held a workshop for Parent Council in December that focused on the Purpose of School Councils and was well attended.
- In January another Math workshop was held – Box cars and One-Eyed Jacks.
- In March, Parent Council hosted an internet safety workshop. This was very well attended and supplied a lot of pertinent information for parents. The workshop was highly appreciated, and recommendations were made to make this a yearly event.
- Parent Council created and presented picture frames with a music quote for the music faculty. We also created hand-crafted appreciation gifts for the teaching faculty.

- Members gathered parent volunteers, and organized the End-of-the-Year Community BBQ.
- Throughout the year, parents provided discussion and feedback on a variety of school topics including: Winspear concert, silent auction, evening family events, winter concert, fundraising, budgeting, and increasing parent involvement. Traffic flow was a continued concern brought up by parents.

CBC Interview links:

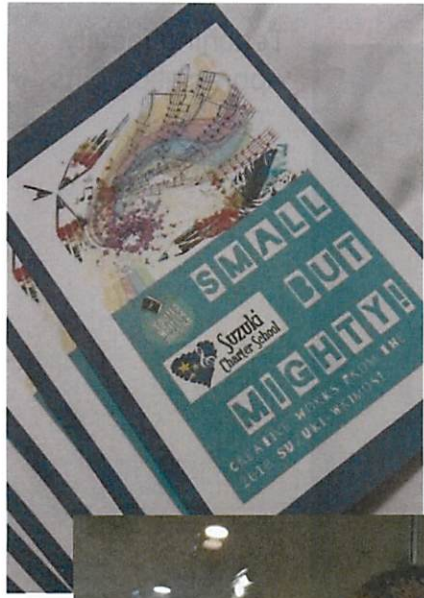
<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/edmonton-am/segment/15627730> - this is the first one

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/edmonton-am/segment/15640900> - this is the second one

Below are pictures from the 2018/19 activities of Parent Council.

The cover of the
2018 NaNoWriMo book

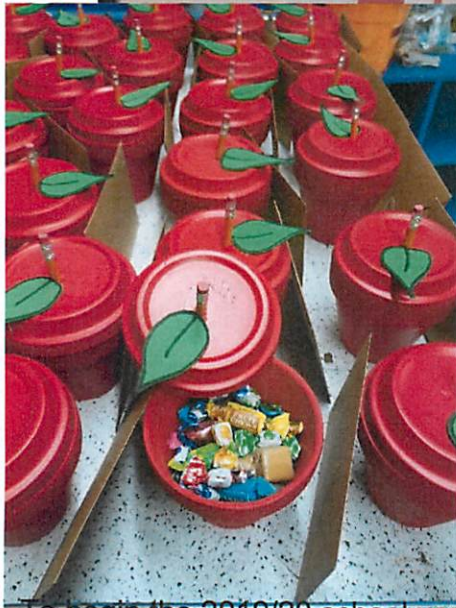
Suzuki Student at CBC
Radio



Music Teacher Appreciation
Gifts



Teaching faculty
Appreciation gifts



To begin the 2019/20 school year, Parent School Council is once again planning a meet & greet for parents on the first day of school. We look forward to another exciting year of learning, music, and school community.



**Suzuki Charter School
Parent School Council Meeting and AGM
Thursday, October 4, 2018
10-11am in the SCS Learning Commons**

Council Chair: Kelly Komm
Vice Chair: Danielle Goodleaf
Secretary: TBD
Principal: Karen Spencer

1. Call to Order: At 10:00 am

- a. Welcome: Danielle and Karen
- b. Attendees: Naomi Arndt, Maria Lyrintzis, Anjali Loyer, Chris Baptiste, Rachel Dueck, Lana Bazelewick, Christine Garcia, Kelly Komm, Danielle Goodleaf, Karen Spencer
- c. Approval of Agenda: Moved by DG and seconded by NA.

2. Matters for Discussion

- a. Welcome - Danielle
- b. Annual Report: Year in Review - Kelly
- c. Overview of school values, purpose of parent council and parent reps - Karen

3. Matters for Approval

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Moved by DG and seconded by KK.
- b. Parent Council Elections: Karen
 - Call for Nominations for Parent Council Executive members - Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary for 2018/19 term: Karen
 - Chairperson: Danielle Goodleaf
 - Vice-Chair: Chris Baptiste
 - Secretary: Rachel Dueck and Christine Garcia

4. Matters for Noting

- a. Principal Report: Karen
 - Upcoming events and Meeting dates
 - Special focus report on Active Citizenship

5. Other Business

- a. Items for Consideration for November Agenda: Danielle
 - NaNoWriMo succession planning
 - AERR and 3YEP
 - Parent Council Goal Setting

6. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment of the Meeting at 10:45am: Moved by DG and seconded by AL.
- b. Future Meeting Dates in the Learning Commons:
 - Thursday, November 1, 2018 @6pm
 - Thursday, December 6, 2018 @10am
 - Thursday, January 10, 2019 @6:30-8pm Family "Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks" Math Workshop
 - Thursday, February 7, 2019 @10am
 - Thursday, March 7, 2019 @6-7pm - Internet Safety Workshop

- Thursday, April 11, 2019 @10am
- Thursday, June 20, 2019 @10am



**Suzuki Charter School
Parent School Council Meeting
Thursday, November 1, 2018
6-7pm in the SCS Learning Commons**

Council Chair: Danielle Goodleaf
Vice Chair: Chris Baptiste
Secretary: Rachel Dueck and Christine Garcia
Principal: Karen Spencer

1. Call to Order: At 6pm

- a. Welcome: Danielle
- b. Attendees: Karen Spencer, Danielle Goodleaf, Rachel Dueck, Chris Baptiste, Irene Perri Beth Hunter, Wei Wang, Audrey Ren
- c. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Danielle and seconded by Chris.

2. Matters for Discussion

- a. APEGA Family Science Night: Danielle/Karen
 - Told originally 1/10 years; yearly event last 4 years
 - Was well attended; many geologists this year
- b. NaNoWriMo Family Writing Event and Succession Planning: Danielle
 - First writing event on Nov.2 @6 - 8pm (gr 3-6) in Learning Commons
 - Danielle & Kelly running, but looking for help to run from parents from younger grades to learn the ropes and take over responsibilities - contact them for details
 - 2 writing events in November; next event Nov.16
 - NaNoWriMo started 15 years ago by one man...now international event/organization, learning kits provided, adjusted for younger writers
 - Compile excerpts from students and create a book available in Learning Commons @SCS (kids love it!)
 - "Word Wars" very motivating
 - Different formats involved (comics,graphic novels, use computers/handwriting)
- c. December Council Workshop "School Council Purpose" @10am by ASCA: Danielle
 - Talk about info session for what kind of workshop
 - Parent Council - What is it? What does it do?
 - Handouts/information to come

3. Matters for Approval

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Moved by Danielle and seconded by Chris.

4. Matters for Noting

- a. Principal Report: Karen
 - Upcoming Events and Meeting dates
 - Special focus report on Annual Education Results Report (AERR) and 3 Year Education Plan (3YEP)

- Parent Council goal setting to support 3YEP
 - SRC - Student Representative Council - kids share goals
 - "Aiming for Excellence" presentation (Capable and Confident Learners)
 - Instrument Music Curriculum - updated
 - Inclusive Education Supports -- working with AHS, ERCSD to support individual student needs
 - Active Citizenship - music shared in the community
 - Digital Communication - Google Classroom, getting easier and very inclusive
 - Admin Procedures and Risk management - locking doors/safer
- Accountability Pillar Overall Summary
 - Looking Ahead 2019/20
 - Changes in K-4 curriculum; Teacher Quality Standard
 - Music Curriculum has not changed since 1984!
 - Including Indigenous Content
 - Technology regulation etc
 - 3 Year Ed Plan 2018/21
 - Literacy, Numeracy and Music Achievement
 - Indigenous Perspectives
 - Staff Retreat
 - Orange Shirt Day
 - Partnership with Mother Earth's Children's Charter School
 - Calgary Arts - Research partner school
 - Inclusive Supports
 - Inclusive Ed funding for students has increased with our changing demographic
 - Professional Development
 - Teams on Staff, PLC's supporting student learning strategies, brain-based strategies, music/academic teachers collaborate
 - OH&S and Research with University of Alberta
 - Curriculum Portfolio Team Goals
 - Teachers working on different aspects action research
 - Will share collaboratively in April
 - Questions/Comments:
 - Brain-Based Strategies
 - Growth Mindset (struggle, succeed)
 - Retrieval Practice, Spaced Practice, Interleaving, Feedback
- Junior High Expansion (pg 3)**
- Board submitted proposal to Alberta Education for approval
 - Ask Board for parental advocacy ideas
- Board advocating/video info to educate others re: Charter Schools

5. Other Business

- a. Items for Consideration for future Agenda: Danielle
 - Junior High Info
 - Sum up NaNoWriMo

6. Adjournment

a. Adjournment of the Meeting at 6pm: Moved by Danielle and seconded by Chris.

b. **Future Meeting Dates in the Learning Commons:**

- Thursday, December 6, 2018 @10am "School Council Purpose" Workshop by ASCA
- Thursday, January 10, 2019 @6:30-8pm Family "Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks" Math Workshop
- Thursday, February 7, 2019 @10am
- Thursday, March 7, 2019 @6-7pm - "Internet Safety" Workshop
- Thursday, April 11, 2019 @10am
- Thursday, June 20, 2019 @10am



**Suzuki Charter School
Parent School Council Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2019
10-11am in the SCS Learning Commons**

Council Chair: Danielle Goodleaf
Vice Chair: Chris Baptiste
Secretary: Rachel Dueck and Christine Garcia
Principal: Karen Spencer

1. Call to Order: At 10am

- a. Welcome: Danielle
- b. Attendees: Anjali Loyer, Rosemarie Siever, Christine Garcia, Danielle Goodleaf, Karen Spencer, Maria Lyrintzis, Lana Bazelewick, Irene Perri
- c. Approval of Agenda: Moved by DG and seconded by SL.

2. Matters for Discussion

- a. NaNoWriMo Celebration
 - Extended submission deadline
 - Celebration upcoming involving students reading excerpts and celebrating their efforts
- b. Math Workshop
 - Record number of participants
 - Most ideal for grades 1-6
- c. Internet Safety Workshop
 - Scheduled for March 7, 2019
 - Karen to Flyer to be distributed by K
 - Highly recommended for parent attendance
- d. Mindfulness with Shannon vanVelzen
 - Focus on Kindergarten and Grade 1
 - Recognizes high level of anxiety in students
 - MindUp curriculum incorporated in classrooms
 - Provides students with tools for relaxing, letting go of the past, and techniques for focussing on here and now (BarefootKids.com)
 - Mindful Monday with Grades 1-6

3. Matters for Approval

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Moved by WHO and seconded by WHO.

4. Matters for Noting

- a. Principal Report: Karen
 - Winter Concert
 - Venue sound, drop off and pick up; parking was a challenge for some - information about cost
 - Junior High Expansion
 - Minister Eggen's Visit
 - Open House
 - Poetry and Spoken Word Workshop with Johnny MacRae

- Fundraising Update
- Parent Council goals support 3YEP
- Traffic and Parking Courtesy within the Capilano community

5. Other Business

- a. Items for Consideration for Future Agenda: Danielle

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6. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment of the Meeting at WHEN: Moved by Karen and seconded by Danielle

- b. Future Meeting Dates in the Learning Commons:

- Thursday, March 7, 2019 @6-7pm - "Internet Safety" Workshop
- Thursday, April 11, 2019 @10am
- Thursday, June 20, 2019 @10am



**Suzuki Charter School
Parent School Council Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2019
10-11am in the SCS Learning Commons**

Council Chair: Danielle Goodleaf
Vice Chair: Chris Baptiste
Secretary: Rachel Dueck and Christine Garcia
Principal: Karen Spencer

1. Call to Order: At 10am

- a. Welcome: Danielle
- b. Attendees: Danielle Goodleaf, Chris Baptiste, Karen Spencer
- c. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Danielle Goodleaf and seconded by Chris Baptiste.

2. Matters for Discussion

- a. NaNoWriMo Celebration
 - Extended submission and celebration
 - Celebration when books arrive
- b. Internet Safety Workshop
 - Feedback
 - New information from last year
 - Social media sites that were new to some parents
- c. Teacher Appreciation
 - Committee Meeting May 3rd and after school
 - Gift discussion for teachers and music teachers
 - Ideas are encouraged
 - Plan for presentation of gifts at the Winspear Concert
- d. Community BBQ June 27
 - Volunteers Needed

3. Matters for Approval

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Moved by DG and seconded by CB.

4. Matters for Noting

- a. Principal Report: Karen
 - Traffic and Parking Courtesy within the Capilano community
 - improved almost immediately
 - Musical Theatre
 - Poetry and Spoken Word Residency with Johnny MacRae
 - Science Olympics
 - Assembly - April 11
 - Junior High Open House - April 17
 - welcome to all parents
 - Silent Auction Donations
 - forms available in school and online
 - Suzuki Store

- Approximately twice per year
- Buffs were requested for consideration
- Active Citizenship
 - Mother Earth's Charter School collaboration
- Parent Council goals support 3YEP
- b. Special Focus: Mathematics with Dale Szalacsi and Active Citizenship with Karen Spencer
 - politics with math; doesn't really impact us in the classroom
 - work with what works well with kids
 - discovery/strategies/mastery (practice)
 - kids teaching math to each other, retain up to 90% of what they taught
 - multiplication strategies demo
 - i.e. 5 and 10s how to work it out in your head, work it out the easiest way, you can work out bigger numbers
 - zero and ones
 - double double double
 - build up build down
 - last fact

5. Other Business

- a. Items for Consideration for Future Agenda: Danielle
 - Council Meeting Dates for 2019/20
 - stay with same format (workshops and meetings)
 - Meet and Greet Planning for August 28, 2019
 - 2-3 parent volunteers
 - Workshop Planning for 2019/20
 - ideas welcome i.e., internet safety, math night, science night with APEGA, NaNoWriMo
 - Teacher Appreciation Planning
 - Community BBQ Planning - June 27
 - watermelon (save on foods deliver), may chop for us
 - assemble burgers, place in bags, deliver to classes
 - Special Focus Requests for 2019/20
 - Council PD Planning for 2019/20
 - Council Membership Planning for 2019/20
 - 2018/19 Council Report - Due June 2019
 - Parent Council Report 2019/20

6. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment of the Meeting at 11am: Moved by Danielle and seconded by Chris.
- b. Future Meeting Dates in the Learning Commons:
 - Thursday, June 20, 2019 @10am



**Suzuki Charter School
Parent School Council Meeting
Thursday, June 20, 2019
10-11am in the SCS Learning Commons**

Council Chair: Danielle Goodleaf
Vice Chair: Chris Baptiste
Secretary: Rachel Dueck and Christine Garcia
Principal: Karen Spencer

1. Call to Order: At 10am

- a. Welcome: Chris
- b. Attendees: Chris Baptiste, Karen Spencer, Sara Calderon-Crossman, Christine Garcia
- c. Approval of Agenda: Moved by CB and seconded by Christine.

2. Matters for Discussion

- a. Teacher Appreciation
 - Planning is underway
- b. Community BBQ June 27
 - Volunteers are being recruited
 - M&M meats has been confirmed
 - Parent volunteers will be wrapping burgers and delivering food to the classrooms
- c. Council Meeting Dates 2019/20 TBD
 - Wednesday, August 28, 2019 @8-8:30am
 - Thursday, October 3, 2019 @10am Annual General Meeting
 - Thursday, November 7, 2019 @6pm
 - Thursday, February 6, 2020 @10am
 - Thursday, April 9, 2020 @10am
 - Thursday, June 18, 2020 @10am
- d. Meet and Greet Planning for Wednesday, August 28, 2019 @8-8:30am
 - 2-3 Parent Volunteers: Danielle and Christine
- e. Parent Workshop Requests for Consideration 2019/20
 - Suzuki music tips
- f. Council Workshop PD Planning for 2019/20
 - Idea generation
- g. Special Focus Request for Consideration 2019/20
 - Teacher discussions idea generation
 - Parent life balance: tips and tricks

3. Matters for Approval

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Moved by CB and seconded by CG.

4. Matters for Noting

- a. Principal Report: Karen
 - Feedback Year in Review and Concerts
 - Parent Tea

- Indigenous Peoples Day at Expo Center (Gr: 4-6)
- Talent Show (Gr:K-6) June 26 @ 1pm, parents welcome to attend!
- Year End Report and Executive Council Succession Plans

5. Other Business

- a. Items for Consideration for Future Agenda: Chris

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6. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment of the Meeting: Moved by CB and seconded by SCG.
- b. Future Meeting Dates in the Learning Commons:
- Wednesday, August 28, 2019 Meet and Greet in the front foyer @8-8:30am.