



Northern Gateway
Public Schools

School Council Annual Report 2014-2015 Sangudo Community School

The following report reflects the activity of the School Council during the 2014 - 2015 school year.

1. Executive Members:

Chairperson Shelly Starman

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Dallas Roth

Assistant
Chair:

Tanya Vanderwell

Secretary:

Yvonne Lovich

Treasurer:

2. Meeting Dates:

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

- September 18
- October 10
- November 9
- December No meeting
- January 13

- February 10
- March 7
- April 10
- May 9

- June 10

3. **Major Activities:**

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

- Partnered with Sangudo & District Community Development to apply for & receive Communities ChooseWell grant and support. This initiative allowed us to work with Alberta Health Services expert, Jacqui Currie. It also gave us \$2,000 which was used to get students more physically active – swimming, bowling, skating. Ms. Currie mentored in many different “health” areas. She helped us apply for and receive a grant for 2 members of PASS to attend the “Shaping the Future” conference. Our ultimate goal is to guide students towards a healthier lifestyle – to be more physically active and eat healthier.
- Support SCS's Art & Music programs by fund raising and assisting as volunteers where needed.
- PASS coordinated several fund raising activities such as Little Caesars Pizza sales, Devry Poinsettia Sales, Fundschrift Gift Cards, QSP magazine sales, Devry Spring Flowers, Fiddlers Family Dance (including silent auction and concession).
- Fund raising dollars went towards: 20 guitars, drum set, stage extension, new stage lighting, foods room freezer, various kitchen supplies, wash machine, sports equipment, team travel expenses, educational presentations, field trip expenses including busing, free breakfast & lunches, fruit bowl program, ice rental at arena
- The Fiddlers Family Dance (mentioned above) was a huge endeavor but allowed families to enjoy an evening of quality entertainment at the school. It showcased the SCS music club and individual performers. The event was an extension of the Arts Fest and invited the entire community to view the art work and enjoy the music. It was an extremely successful event and we hope to continue it on an annual basis
- The SCS Christmas dinner is a free annual event for all students, teachers, support staff, bus drivers and volunteers. This event allows everyone to celebrate the season together as a “family” and creates school and community pride. PASS volunteers coordinate, fund and cook the meal for all.
- PASS donated \$300 gift cards to each teacher to help with classroom expenses
- Pass provides child care at their monthly meetings which allows parents with young children to join the discussions. Jr. High SCS students provide the babysitting.
- Teacher appreciation luncheon – PASS Volunteers provided a home cooked meal during the lunch hour to thank teachers and staff for their incredible contributions to our students. Parent volunteers manned the phones and supervised students so all teachers, support staff and administration could take a well deserved break and enjoy their lunch together.
- Jolly Jingle Shop – provides an opportunity for students, particularly younger ones, to shop for inexpensive Christmas gifts for friends and family in a safe and caring environment. The Toonie Store with More from Barrhead set up a room full of items for students to choose from. Parent volunteers helped students shop, count money and wrap gifts.

- Year End Celebrations – parent volunteers coordinate and serve a free BBQ lunch to all students & teachers. Fun, physical activities, challenges and games are organized as part of the afternoon windup.

4. **Parental Involvement:**

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

- Hot lunches and breakfast – volunteer parents plan the meals, purchase the food, cook, serve, clean and collect the fees for hot lunches. This program provides students with a healthy meal once or twice per month for a very reasonable cost.
- Coaching sports teams – parents are involved in coaching students in various sports teams such as flag foot ball
- Annual hockey game – students vs teachers. This much anticipated, exciting event helps build school spirit. The friendly challenge encourages students to become involved, not just in hockey, but in cheering, encouraging others to attend, etc.
- Parents volunteered to help make the Arts Fest in Sangudo a huge success. Snacks and drinks were provided to all students in attendance courtesy of PASS
- Parent volunteers contributed time and energy to the Annual SCS Book Fair.
- PASS members coordinated and supervised various field trips such as bowling in Barrhead and skiing at Rabbit Hill
- Pitch In Community Clean Up – parent volunteers organized and supervised the annual community clean up. Students take pride in cleaning their community!
- Parents help to clean fridges, cupboards, etc in foods room
- Parent volunteers contributed as mentors & supervisors at Cool Camp
- Parents transported students to team sports (not enough to warrant a bus) They were required to provide a drivers abstract. Not only did they donate time, but vehicle and fuel.

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.)

- Although our Parent Council is well attended and we have an excellent group of ambitious volunteers, it is always great to have even more parents involved. Engaging more parents is a challenge.
- PASS plans to host an “Ice Breaker” tea in conjunction with the first school council meeting in September. This event will be well advertised and will invite all parents and community members. It will be an opportunity for new parents to ask questions and offer new ideas.
- PASS is developing a handbook for new members attending meetings. The handbook will contain information regarding roles & responsibilities, bylaws,

SCS calendar of events, policies, fundraising tips & procedures, reporting, etc. This information will answer many questions new members may have. It will also help streamline processes. □

- Communication is one of our biggest challenges. Ensuring parents and community are aware of events, open houses, meetings, volunteer opportunities, etc. is difficult. We continue to try new ways to communicate. Technology provides so many different avenues, finding the best ones for our school community is an on going process.

_____**Shelly Starman**_____
School Council Chair

_____**June 24, 2015**_____
Date

_____**Leonard Oates**_____
Principal

_____**June 24, 2015**_____
Date