



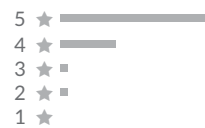
2019 STONY PLAIN CENTRAL THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

Parkland School Division 70
Stony Plain Central School


Q1 What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about our school this year?

A lot of vaping going on in the school bathrooms. Inappropriate In school.

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Bullying needs to be addressed!

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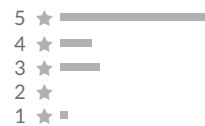
vaping in the school bathrooms and on the bus major health concern

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Remind App I enjoy having an open line of communication with the teacher.

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I am concerned there is not enough consequences for bullying. Children need to believe their circumstances will improve if they come forward to report bullying.

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Grading and report cards Would love to see detailed comments, they often feel copy/pasted. Would also appreciate actual grade marks at junior high level.

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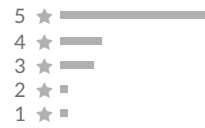
The drama program at SPC is fantastic.
Inclusive, supporting and family like environment.

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Grading Would appreciate clear grades or actual percent grading especially at junior high level. Comments in report cards seem very cut and pasted.

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Amazing performing arts program Keeps kids very busy. Allows them to make good relationships with their peers. Gives them confidence.

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Interaction Love seeing the older children integrated with the young kids. Allows for beautiful confidence and leadership.

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We appreciate all Sports Teams and Clubs. Anything that increases a sense of belonging and community is important, especially if it helps to reduce stress.

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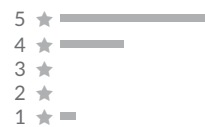
We appreciate the Parent Council and Fundraising Society. They bring so many events and fund things not otherwise budgeted for; such as the laptops.

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I'm concerned about the lack of respect from students towards adults and each other. Extreme behaviours and minimal repercussions. It's important b/c quality of instruction is affected by this, as is MY child's well being. Needs of few outweigh the many it seems! Nothing gets done

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Arts I think the junior high drama program has been an exceptional experience for my child.

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Caring environment Love seeing interaction with older and younger kids, it's great skills for leadership and guidance

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Community Love that the younger kids are involved at the seniors care facility; it encourages questions on health, aging and it's such a positive message

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Hot Lunch While volunteer run, we appreciate the opportunity to have one less worry. The kids love the food!

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We are concerned about policies not enforced; cell phones and dress codes. Policies are in place for a reason. Too many exceptions are made or the problem not addressed at all.

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With this being our first year at SPC - the staff (administration and teachers) have been welcoming and helpful. My children are very happy at their new school and happy we made the change.

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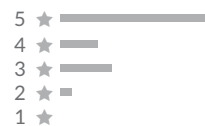
We appreciate the Performing Arts Program It brings together students in a meaningful way, enhancing teamwork, creating family, building leadership and confidence.

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I appreciate the extra-curricular activities that some teachers take on outside of school hours - ie. sports It encourages children to be active and explore new possible interests. It also promotes confidence building

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I appreciate the opportunities my children have at school Learning life skills with peers helps build confidence

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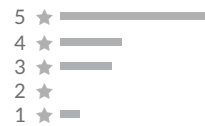
Informing parents by phone or email about changes that they may need to prepare their child for. Like a change in teachers It's important to be informed as a parent because then you can feel apart of their school atmosphere. You can have those conversations with your kids.

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Teachers (EE) The dedication to their students is outstanding !

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Ranked #24 of 94





Teachers are knowledgable fair and respectful.

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The Jr high grading system needs to be more specific Children are preparing for a competitive world and need to have real data on where they are at in their academic progression.

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The parent volunteer groups are very involved and active in the school. The children enjoy all the special activities this group puts on and helps out with.

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Caring Teachers My child has had a couple of really great teachers over the last few years, ones who have invested time & interest in him, inside and outside of class

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I appreciate the remind app,and emails Keeps it modern and up to date

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The foul language heard from students in hallways and the schoolyard is unacceptable- this needs to be addressed by the principal immediately. younger students and parents hear foul language daily. students use sexually explicit language on schoolyard.stronger presence required by principal

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I really love the drama program it was an amazing final show. Was just hard with a younger child to accommodate my older one staying all the time I love that kids can chase their passions at a young age

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Ranked #31 of 94





Outstanding extracurricular programs. So many of our teachers add to our children's enrichment through sports and drama programs. The benefits for our kids are immeasurable. Thank you!

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Communication Communication has improved but could still be better

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It's important not to shy away from kids that have special needs and to make them feel included. As an adult if you shy away from the special needs kids you are teaching the typical kids that it's ok to not be friends with those SN students.

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Quality of staff I find the staff at spc to be dedicated and caring

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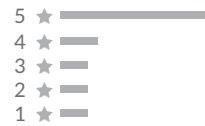
Supervisors at recess often do not deal with issues properly. Are more likely to tell child to go play somewhere else instead of solving problems.

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The report cards are a joke. The grading system for Proficient is too vast and doesn't accurately show where your child is performing at.

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Appreciate the friendly office staff. When I call or stop in, I find the secretaries are most friendly and kind.

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Ranked #38 of 94




I appreciate the quality of teachers at Stony Plain Central and how approachable everyone is. I find it very easy to connect with my sons teachers to support his learning.

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I appreciate the time my sons teacher takes out of her busy day to talk with me one on one about how his day went. This shows me how truly involved the wonderful teachers are and knowing they want nothing more then to see my children succeed as I do warms my heart.

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Making technology work in the right ways so school information can be passed along and parents are going to get it. I realize that little Johnny may not want his parents involved in his school community, but it's important for a parent to know about schedules.

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Social and behavioural problems affecting other students These issues seem to affect the quality of other students education

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Lack of music options At the Jr. High level, there are no music options outside of drama. This is unfortunate - choir and band options are nonexistent and that is sad.

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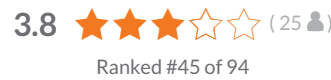


Parent Council Meetings These are always held during the working hours and if they could sometimes (perhaps alternate) with evening meetings, then I could take part.

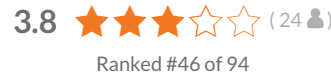
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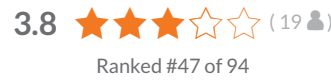
Staff Most of the staff are very friendly and this sets the tone of the school, therefore this continuing is of great importance.



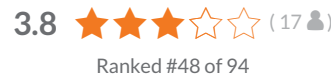
More real life education required for Junior High students in regards to their life choices and the implications in later life kids think life is a free for all and that the choices they make have no ramifications and ill prepares them for High School



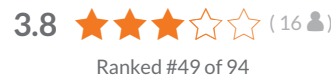
I understand that society is changing, but to hear how much time kids are spending on devices in hallways instead of learning in a classroom is sad There seems to be a lack of focus on real work instead



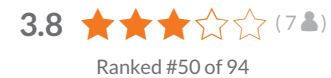
The ladies in the office are super helpful and always help me with m concerns for my child Being able to contact and having my concerns addressed are important



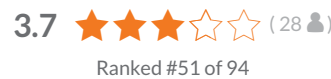
The classes can be very noisy and seem out of control. Some students need a quieter environment to concentrate and complete assignments.





Concern - the amount of bullying still going on in some schools is outrageous. Even when teachers are standing right there or witnessed the engagement We need to make sure our children feel safe when going to school, not scared or mad.



I appreciate the level of confidence that my child's teacher has instilled in them!





I am concerned about the choices in Jr high options such as board games, movie ratings and classroom assistant. I am not sure there is real educational value in these choices.

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Ranked #52 of 94





I love how friendly the staff and in return the students are. Kindness is important because a simple smile or friwndly hello can change someones entire mood/day. Kindness goes the farthest.

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Ranked #53 of 94





helpful teachers bullying not being addressed

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Ranked #54 of 94





I so appreciate how personable and approachable the administration staff is. They really care about all the kids and parents and it has eased our families transition into the school system.

3.7  (25 
Ranked #55 of 94





Overall, I am pleased with Memorial. It is a shame that the funding for the music/arts programs is being reduced. It will have a negative impact. The art programs are just as important as the academic programs, and even the trades programs.

3.7  (24 
Ranked #56 of 94





Loved the archery and the kids can cook Child grew new skills and developed new career ideas and dreams

3.7  (15 
Ranked #57 of 94





All teachers must treat the students with the same respect even if they don't exactly agree with how that student is being raised or taught at home Arguing with a child about a way a child feels and making them feel like they are constantly wrong is not okay. They depend on their teachers to care

3.7  (7 
Ranked #58 of 94





How the school communicates with the parents and supports those parents that take the time to volunteer It gets hard to volunteer when you know your not supported or appreciated.

3.6  (27 
Ranked #59 of 94





I feel pushing kids forward to the next grade when they are not ready sets them back further. This puts further stress on the child and the teachers every year after.

3.6  (27 
Ranked #60 of 94





The teachers seem to be caring for the youth and helpful when things come up for the youth Keeps kids engaged

3.6  (27 
Ranked #61 of 94





Dress code (or lack there of) by students Students should have a dress code and be enforced. Shirts and shorts are too short.

3.6  (26 
Ranked #62 of 94



Not enough communication between teachers and parents Being told at parent interviews that your child is falling behind is and shouldn't be acceptable

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Ranked #63 of 94





I appreciate that the staff are very encouraging and supportive.

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Parent Volunteers Hot lunch, parent council, field trips, fundraiser... so many oportunities for families to be involved in our kid's school experience.

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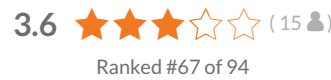


More communication from teachers. Btw the kindergarten teacher is amazing at this! Parents need to be informed so they can help their child. Letters in backpacks are a crumby way to communicate. Most never make it home.

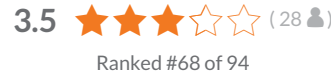
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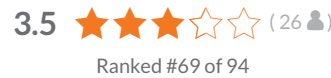
More training for those who are supposed to be helping children and their families who have learning needs. Less forcing of personal opinions It takes a team of many different professionals to help raise child with learning needs. Families need that to be respected.



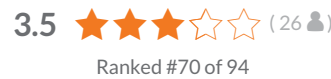
Bullying is not dealt with seriously. The kids that make trouble are given all sorts of leeway to cause problems as teachers seem to do quick fixes.



How can parents be more informed about the way that our children with special needs are being excepted by their typical peers As parents we want our special needs children to be excepted and included in some of the same activities that the typical kids get to do.



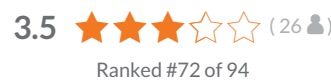
Lack of language options It was great to see a Spanish option this year for the Jr. High kids. It is sad to see no French options at the Jr. High level.



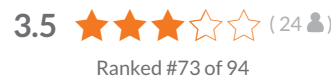
Slow Communication. Slow communication makes it harder for us parents to be involved. We all lead busy lives. Two weeks notice would be great.





We are concerned about Inclusion, more specifically at risk behaviours. Staff and students should not be exposed to violent behaviours. Clearing a room because of a child out of control is not acceptable.



Lack of authority for teaching staff within the school when they think they need to be cool with the kids when they really should be teaching School is a learning zone not a youth club facility, school should be seen as this





My son has an amazing teacher, she gives him 1 on 1 attention to help explain the instructions that he doesn't get the first time she explains them. He won't fall far behind because he didn't understand the instructions the first time.

3.5  (20 )
Ranked #74 of 94





Absolutely love the pre k program. Teachers are amazing., very helpful in working with child and family unit. It has helped us see where child struggles and can focus on that to ensure best outcome. Lots of field trips, activities! Amazing staff and supports!

3.5  (10 )
Ranked #75 of 94





I have watched teachers experience stressful years because of certain students (and families) that make their jobs incredibly difficult. This in turn affects the remaining students bc their teacher is constantly dealing with 1 child and unable to teach and support anyone else properly.

3.5  (8 )
Ranked #76 of 94





Extra Curricular Activities My children enjoy student leadership, archery, ski club and can't wait to start BOKS.

3.4  (28 )
Ranked #77 of 94



The amount of bullying that goes on. They say it's a zero tolerance. But kids are continuing to bully. Kids are afraid to go to school.

3.4  (27 )
Ranked #78 of 94



I wish there was better communication with teachers I don't like finding out at report time my child has been struggling

3.4  (26 )
Ranked #79 of 94





Stony Plain Central has some really wonderful, dedicated teachers . They have helped my child see her potential and have encouraged her to grow, both as a student and as a member of this community.

3.4  (8 )
Ranked #80 of 94





Continue with sports It is not appropriate to have coaches discuss team selection with potential team players.

3.3  (18 )
Ranked #81 of 94





I am very disappointed to hear that the French program was no longer offered to junior high students. As a bilingual country I thought that this would have to be offered no matter how many enrolled and it shouldn't matter if there are only 3 students

3.2  (27 )
Ranked #82 of 94





Some staff could be more friendly to parents as we are in the school as visitors and volunteers. It would contribute to a positive environment to be in as we try to support our kids and their school.

3.2  (27 )
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The school spirit days are great and give the students a feeling of pride to participate in the special days with their classmates.

3.2  (27 )
Ranked #84 of 94





Bathrooms Trouble with toilets being gross

3.2  (26 )
Ranked #85 of 94





They do nothing when there are incidents of bullying. When a child who is threatened is made to feel the staff cares more about the bully and feels sorry for them due to poor home life.

3.1  (27 )
Ranked #86 of 94




It was very disappointing that the Celebration of Learning began 45 mins late and not all classes had something to share. It was unfortunate that the Parents time wasn't shown to be valuable to the staff. I would like to see all the classes participate in the future.

3.1  (26 )
Ranked #87 of 94




Also loved to basketball opportunity for girls, just the transport was an issue as I work I would so love my daughter to continue, wish there was a way for transport as a team to away games

3.1 ★★☆☆☆ (24) 
Ranked #88 of 94




I am disappointed with the sports programs, particularly the volleyball and basketball programs the past couple of years. The past couple of years have been too political. It is not appropriate that the teams have been selected prior to tryouts.

3.1 ★★☆☆☆ (24) 
Ranked #89 of 94




Needs to be more assistance and supervision on those getting on the buses.

3.1 ★★☆☆☆ (15) 
Ranked #90 of 94




The reminder for busing for the day...

3.1 ★★☆☆☆ (7) 
Ranked #91 of 94




We are concerned with lack of parent involvement. The parent group is always asking for more members. We recognize everyone is busy but a couple hours a month for a meeting is reasonable.

3.0 ★★☆☆☆ (25) 
Ranked #92 of 94




French My children are far behind on their French curriculum compared to other elementary schools in the division

2.9 ★★☆☆☆ (25) 
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Many inappropriate and nasty comments from staff to students. If you dont like kids dont be a teacher

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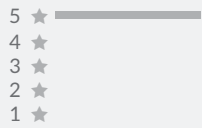
I appreciate that the teachers make learning fun for my children. They will continue to want to go to school and enjoy it as they have fun while learning.

3.4 ★★☆☆☆ (4) 
Not enough ratings to rank





My child says the teacher is sometimes busy in the hall all afternoon with a difficult child so the rest of the class is left to do whatever they can On their own! Maybe there should be someone else to come deal with the disruptive child so the teacher can teach the class instead of focusing on one

3.6  (2 )
Not enough ratings to rank



My children get too many candies at school. We try 2 limit the amount of junk our children eat. Each holiday they get tons from school. Teachers use candy as rewards quite often for my children

3.4  (4 )
Not enough ratings to rank

