



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING  
HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN,  
ALBERTA ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2015.**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

School Council Reps

Brookwood School

Duffield School

École Meridian Heights School

Greystone Centennial Middle School

Parkland Village School

Spruce Grove Composite High School

Board of Trustees

Dorcas Kilduff, Trustee

Administration

Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent

Principal

Brian Sydora

Recording Secretary

Darlene Smith

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair, Shelley Grimoldby, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Shelley passed along Chair Rhonda Schumm's regrets that she was unable to attend the COSC meeting. Participants introduced themselves.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Ida Roberts that the Agenda of the November 25, 2015 be approved. Seconded by Gina Nielsen.  
CARRIED

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Shelley Grimoldby that the Minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting be approved. Seconded by Gina Nielsen.  
CARRIED

**5. Board Report – Trustee Kilduff**

- Board Policy 1 – Foundational Statements – currently being updated to include a statement on Inclusion. Draft policy has been circulated to stakeholders for feedback by January 15, 2016.
- Ward Restructure – The Board identified concerns with the current electoral ward, specifically that they no longer reflect the democratic principle by population. Administration is collecting feedback by way of a survey on the PSD website on the proposed changes in electoral boundaries.
- Bus Transfer Site – The Board will establish reserves for \$1.8M to support expenditures for the design and construction of a regional bus transfer station located at the future school site (Spruce Grove's west end). The Board will seek additional support from Evergreen CSR (22%) as well as other partners/stakeholders.

**6. Proposed Resolution for Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) AGM**

Greystone Centennial Middle School's (GCMS) School Council has proposed to submit a resolution to ASCA that requests monetary support from the province for a new regional bus transfer site. After discussion, it was recommended that GCMS connect with other jurisdictions with regional busing, inquiring if they would be in support of a resolution requesting provincial support for all future regional bus transfer sites being built. The resolution may have more strength and weight if submitted as a united voice from several school districts.

## **7. Leadership of COSC**

Long-standing Chair (Rhonda Schumm) has accepted a teaching position with Parkland School Division. As an employee of PSD, Rhonda is unsure if there might be a conflict of interest if she remained as Chair. There was a brief discussion about the roles of the COSC Chair and a request for volunteers for this position should Rhonda step down. It was decided to table the election of a new Chair to the February 10, 2016 meeting, at which time Rhonda can speak on her own behalf.

## **8. Engagement Strategies**

Associate Superintendent Scott Johnston gave an update on the success of the Board's Engagement Evening held November 19, 2015.

As important stakeholders in our children's education, parents were invited to provide feedback on the outcomes, strategies and measures provided in the Board's Three Year Education Plan (2015-2018). COSC members who were present at the evening noted appreciation for the Board's commitment to engagement.

PSD will host a full day Education Planning Session in spring of 2016. COSC members shared a recommendation for this to be an open meeting that is not restricted to just School Council Chairs.

## **9. Announcements**

### **Alberta School Councils Association Wednesday Webinars**

- Meeting Management - December 2
- Masterful Minutes - December 9
- Tools for Effective School Councils - January 6

### **Parkland School Division – Parent Workshops**

- Children & Teens With Anxiety - December 10
- Dining Discussions – January 20, February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18

## **10. Future Agenda Items**

- Healthy Hot Lunch Programs - Felicia Ochs, Youth Resiliency Coordinator  
Invite school hot lunch coordinators.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

## **Meeting Schedule:**

- Wednesday, February 10, 2016
- Wednesday, March 9, 2016
- Wednesday, May 4, 2016