



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING
HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN,
ALBERTA ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016**

ATTENDANCE:

School Council Reps

Seba Beach School
Parkland Village School
Millgrove School
Spruce Grove Composite High School
Brookwood School
Graminia School
École Broxton Park
Ecole Meridian Heights
Woodhaven Middle School

Board of Trustees

Dorcas Kilduff, Trustee

Administration

Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent

Recording Secretary

Jenny Chen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Rhonda Schumm, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Participants introduced themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Lori Howarth that the Agenda of the March 16, 2016 be approved as presented. Seconded by Gina Nielsen-Miller. CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Lisa Warner that the Minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting be approved. Seconded by Monica Allen. CARRIED

5. Board Report – Trustee Kilduff

- The Board approved Instructional Material Fees and Non-Resident Tuition Fees 2016 – 2017 at the Regular Meeting of March 01, 2016. There is no increase in Instructional Material Fees and Non-Resident Tuition Fees. Transportation fees are to be determined.
- The Board of Trustees approved the 2016-17 School Calendar and approved in principle the 2017-18 and 2018-19 School Calendars.
- The Board of Trustees approved the revisions to Board Policy 15 – School Closure.
- The Board of Trustees decided to put forth Brogan Foley of Duffield School as Parkland School Division's nominee to ASBA Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Selection Committee.
- Questions were raised around schedule of new schools and reduction of portables. New schools are under way as scheduled. There is currently no plan to reduce or replace portables.
- Notion, structure and information of Micro Society was shared.
- Administrative procedures have been reviewed and revised to adapt to changes regarding sexual diversity in Alberta Human Rights Act. Question regarding students' privacy and parents' role in students' private matters occurred. Parents are considered a major part in students' life. With students' best interests in mind, schools will continue to work with parents in a safe, caring and respectful manner towards students' success and wellbeing.

6. Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

- **AGM** – Rhonda inquired who will be attending the ASCA Conference & AGM, April 22-24, 2016 and will follow up after meeting. Draft resolutions have been previewed at school council level. Discussion around Greystone School Council's resolution and Visual Resources resolution occurred. Revision of draft resolutions is allowed on day of AGM. Procedure for voting and use of proxy form is shared.

7. Divisional Education Planning

Mr. Johnston provided information on schedule and procedure of divisional education planning. A number of tools and procedures (Discussion Sessions, Thought Exchange, Tell Them from Me, etc.) are utilized to measure how the Division met its goals.

School Councils are encouraged to attend Parkland School Division's Strategic Planning Meeting which includes discussion on education plans.

Discussion around introduction and procedures prior to opening of Prescott Learning Centre occurred.

School Councils are encouraged to communicate with the division regarding any issues they encounter in the community and on social media regarding school operations.

8. Yearly Agenda for School Councils

There was discussion around whether a suggested yearly agenda is available. There is a school council yearly agenda framework available. Rhonda Schumm requested to connect with division regarding education planning to facilitate planning of school councils' yearly agenda. Trustee Kilduff offered to provide divisional agenda for school councils prior to start of the coming school year.

9. Spruce Grove Attendance Area Review Update

The Board of Trustees approved Spruce Grove Attendance Area Proposal B. Principals have been working diligently with division on carrying out new attendance area plans. School councils are encouraged to check for updates on website.

10. Announcements

▪ **Alberta School Councils Association Wednesday Webinars**

March 23: Meeting Management

April 6: Supporting Youth Exploring CAREERS

April 13: Masterful Minutes

April 27: How Can I Support My Child's Development and Use of Competencies?

May 11: School Council Purpose

May 18: Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose

May 25: Chair Basics

June 1: Meeting Management

June 8: Masterful Minutes

▪ **April 8-9, 2016: Inclusion Alberta Family Conference**

11. Future Agenda Items

None was brought up.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Meeting Schedule:

- Wednesday, April 6, 2016 (confirmed)
- Wednesday, May 4, 2016