



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING  
HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN,  
ALBERTA ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

School Council Reps

Blueberry School  
Duffield School  
École Broxton Park School  
Forest Green School  
Graminia School  
Greystone Centennial Middle School  
Spruce Grove Composite High School  
Woodhaven Middle School

Board of Trustees

Dorcas Kilduff, Trustee  
Administration  
Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent  
Recording Secretary  
Darlene Smith

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Rhonda Schumm, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Participants introduced themselves.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Ida Roberts that the Agenda of the February 10, 2016 be approved. Seconded by Karissa Sparling.

**CARRIED**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Ida Roberts that the Minutes of the November 25, 2015 meeting be approved. Seconded by Alicia Shae.

**CARRIED**

**5. Board Report – Trustee Kilduff**

- The Board approved the revisions to Board Policy 1 - Division Foundation Statements. Alberta Education developed and approved an inclusive education policy effective September 2015. School authorities are responsible for deciding how this policy will be implemented within their respective jurisdictions prior to March 31, 2016.
- The Board of Trustees directed administration to gather additional feedback from stakeholders on Option A (Original Proposal) and Option B (New Proposal) for the new Attendance Areas for the City of Spruce Grove and surrounding area. The Board will vote on the Spruce Grove Attendance Areas at the February 16, 2016 Special Board meeting.
- ATA Parkland Teachers Local 10 contract expires August 31, 2016. 4 year ends. The Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) will negotiate matters of significant expense or common interest (salaries) while local matters will be bargained by Parkland School Division.

**6. Food for Change – Felicia Ochs, Wellness Coordinator**

Felicia showed the *Healthy Eating at School Sporting Events* video – a campaign to encourage individuals to think differently about accompanying unhealthy food within school and community events, where other healthy habits are the focus.

PSD's Wellness Initiative, in partnership with Alberta Health Services is hosting a Food for Change event, March 9, 2016. It will feature vendors who will showcase their menu items that meet healthier student friendly choices for school meals as well as healthy fundraising options. Invitations were extended to School Councils, breakfast/lunch supervisors, school club organizers and parents.

Parkland School Division schools have designated site-based health champions who work with their school-based wellness teams to create action plans to support and strengthen the well-being of students.

**7. Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)**

- **AGM** – Rhonda encouraged every school to send a representative to the ASCA Conference & AGM, April 22-24, 2016. The conference will celebrate ASCA and accomplishments contributing to student success in Alberta, sharing the value of school councils and opportunities for parent engagement in education. It will provide development sessions, information sharing and resources for the school community. It offers opportunity to engage with the Education Ministry and network with school council members from across Alberta.
- **Resolutions** – The ASCA advocacy efforts are informed and shaped by provincially relevant resolutions that parents on school councils bring forward, debate and pass into policy each year at the AGM. Five proposed resolutions (which may be found on the ASCA website) have been submitted to the ASCA assembly. Each PSD school has a vote on these resolutions, so if a school is not sending a representative, Rhonda Schumm will request a proxy be completed.

**8. Partnerships Between School Councils**

School Councils are encouraged to collaborate and partner with other PSD school councils when planning parent sessions, workshops, fundraising events, etc. Schools have partnered in the past to coordinate workshops in an effort to broaden the audience and reduce costs.

COSC is an ideal means of bringing minds of school councils together.

**9. Leadership of COSC**

Chair, Rhonda Schumm provided a brief overview of what's involved in being the COSC Chair:

- Agenda planning with Trustee & member of Senior Executive
- Chairing COSC meetings

Rhonda will remain as Chair for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

**10. Spruce Grove Attendance Area Review Update**

Covered in Board Report.

**11. Announcements**

**Alberta School Councils Association Wednesday Webinars**

March 2: School Council Purpose

March 9: Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose

March 16: Chair Basics

March 23: Meeting Management

**Parkland School Division – Parent Workshops**

- Dining Discussions – February 17 – Fun with Financial Literacy. RBC presenting on how to support healthy spending and saving habits with children. Discover financial tools and household techniques support you and your youth as they prepare for a bright fiscal future.

**12. Future Agenda Items**

- No items brought forward

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

**Meeting Schedule:**

- Wednesday, March 9, 2016 (Changed to March 16 due to Food for Change Event, March 9, 2015)
- Wednesday, May 4, 2016