



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING  
HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN,  
ALBERTA ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

School Council Reps

Greystone Centennial Middle School

Woodhaven School

Ecole Broxton Park

Seba Beach School

Memorial Composite High School

Millgrove School

Spruce Grove Composite High School

Parkland Village School

Muir Lake School

Forest Green School

Duffield School

Ecole Meridian Heights

High Park School

Graminia School

Board of Trustees

Dorcas Kilduff, Trustee

Administration

Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent

Linda Simmonds, Principal

Felicia Ochs, Wellness Coordinator

Recording Secretary

Jenny Chen

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Rhonda Schumm, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Shelley Grimoldby that the Agenda of the November 30, 2016 meeting be approved as presented.  
CARRIED

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Ninon Bjur that the Minutes of October 5, 2016 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**5. Board Report**

- Trustee Kilduff shared the highlights from the November 29, 2016 Board Meeting. Audited Financial Statements for the period ended August 31, 2016 were approved. The 2015-2016 Annual Education Results Report (AERR) was approved.
- AERR addresses the previous year's achievement on each of the Board's locally developed goals and on Alberta Education's Business Plan outcomes. Assurance reporting includes accountability results and provides prudent guidance for future strategic decisions and focus areas for the upcoming Three-Year Education Plan. Parents are encouraged to access the AERR on the Division's website.

**6. Student Assessment and Reporting**

Ms. Linda Simmonds shared highlights gathered through ThoughtExchange regarding stakeholders' perspectives on report cards. Incorporating that input from stakeholders, Ms. Simmonds developed a new design for assessment and reporting which includes 4 components: Parent Communication, Report Cards, Teacher Feedback, and Self/Peer Assessment.

Ms. Simmonds recommends adding competencies reflecting Citizenship and Social Responsibility to student assessment and reporting, thus encouraging a holistic approach to education and student success. Those

competencies are in accordance with the goals listed in Ministerial Order #001/2013 on Student Learning, An Order to Adopt or Approve Goals and Standards Applicable to the Provision of Education in Alberta. An information sheet regarding the competencies was shared with all attendees. Jenny will circulate Ministerial Order #001/2013 to all attendees after the meeting.

Ms. Simmonds also provided a new design of the report card and answered questions. Attendees provided input on the new report card and were invited to follow up with more comments after the next school council meetings.

## **7. Hot Lunch Program**

Felicia Ochs, Wellness Coordinator, advocated the fundamental value of increasing nutrition in breakfast and lunch programs in schools and underlined the important role of school councils in this healthy change. Healthy lunch programs provide students with sufficient nutrition necessary for their success at school, and yield less waste for our planet compared with the lunch programs with prepackaged foods. A food for change event will be organized with local food vendors to showcase their healthy and nutritional lunch options in Spring 2017, and school councils will be invited to participate. A resource of a documentary regarding foods provided at schools, “Fed Up”, was shared with attendees.

There was discussion around potential subsidies for nutrition programs from the Provincial Ministry, for which more information will become available in the near future.

Trustee Kilduff emphasized the importance of providing education on healthy foods to parents in the process of promoting healthy foods in schools. Input from school councils and parents is valued in this process.

## **8. Public Engagement Feedback**

Associate Superintendent Johnston explained the education planning process which invites parents’ input in various forms, of which the Public Engagement Evening is one. The web link to the online feedback portal was shared.

School council representatives provided feedback on the Public Engagement Evening on November 17, 2016 for better planning of future public engagement opportunities.

## **9. Discussion Items**

- The leadership of CoSC: this item is tabled until the February 2017 meeting.
- Alberta School Council’s Association Conference – procedure around facilitating representation (April 28 -30, 2017): this item is tabled until the February 2017 meeting.
- Literacy and Learning Day Feedback:  
Chairperson Schumm provided a brief positive feedback on the literacy and learning day.
- Alberta School Councils Association Wednesday Webinars
  - January 11, 2017 Careers: Helping Youth Choose
  - January 18, 2017 Competencies: Support Your Child’s Development
  - January 25, 2017 Focus on Inclusion
  - February 1, 2017 Welcoming Refugees and Newcomers
  - February 8, 2017 Engaging FNMI Families
  - February 15, 2017 Supporting Families Coping with FASD
  - February 22, 2017 Benefits of Inquiry/Project Based Learning

## **10. Future Meetings**

The next COSC meeting date will be determined after all school councils advise their school council meeting dates.

**11. Future Agenda Items**

- Board Report
- Leadership of CoSC
- Alberta School Council's Association Conference – procedure around facilitating representation (April 28-30, 2017)
- Truth and Reconciliation Resources & Projects

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Lisa Warner that meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

CARRIED

**Next Meeting: 7 PM, Thursday, February 23, 2016**