



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING
HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN,
ALBERTA ON THURSSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

ATTENDANCE:

School Council Reps

Muir Lake School
Spruce Grove Composite High School
Ecole Meridian Heights
Blueberry School
Prescott Learning Centre
Seba Beach School
Millgrove School
Duffield School
Ecole Broxton Park
Graminia School
Greystone Centennial Middle School

Board of Trustees

Dorcas Kilduff, Trustee

Administration

Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent
Dr. Dianne McConnell, Associate Superintendent
Archie Lillico, Principal
Recording Secretary
Jenny Chen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Rhonda Schumm, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Lisa Warner that the Agenda of the February 23, 2017 meeting be approved as presented.
Seconded by Catherine Seale.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ninon Bjur that the Minutes of November 30, 2016 meeting be approved as presented.
Seconded by Christy Sherwood.

CARRIED

5. Board Report

- Trustee Kilduff shared the 2016-2017 community report with attendees and invited comments from parents. At the February 23, 2017 Board Meeting, the Board passed By-Law No. 1-17, Rearrangement of the Electoral Wards and Trustee(s) to be Elected to Each Ward. Wards will be reduced from six (6) to five (5) and numbers of trustees elected to each ward will be adjusted. Board policies were reviewed on February 23, 2017.

6. Discussion Items

- The leadership of CoSC (Future Areas of Interest for Presentations or Information)
ASCA has resources including presentations on subjects related to school councils. Chair Schumm and Trustee Kilduff encouraged school council members to utilize resources at ASCA and answered questions surrounding school council by-laws and operating procedures.

Associate Superintendent Johnston recommended that school councils file their by-laws and other documents centrally at Center for Education. School councils are responsible for ensuring completeness of their documentation and making documents available to the public.

There was discussion around relationships and differences between school councils and school fundraising foundations.

- **Inclusion: Perceptions and Realities**

Dr. McConnell presented graphs explaining the past deficit-based model and the current strength-based model of special education. In the past deficit-based methodology, students were assessed for what they cannot do to qualify for special education, which was associated with several downsides including students being labelled.

There was discussion around an ASCA motion regarding increasing monitoring and assessments in special education in Alberta, which will be presented for voting in the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

- **Truth and Reconciliation**

This item is tabled until the March 22 meeting.

- **Alberta School Council's Association Conference (April 28 -30, 2017): Resolutions and Questions Period**
Chair Schumm explained the registration process for the AGM and will follow up with school councils regarding registration. Chair Schumm and Trustee Kilduff underlined the importance of school councils' participation in the AGM and the significance of their impact on education through ASCA.

- **Alberta School Councils Association Wednesday Webinars**

- March 1, 2017 School Council Purpose
- March 8, 2017 Chair Basics
- March 15, 2017 Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose
- March 22, 2017 Meeting Management
- April 5, 2017 Masterful Minutes
- April 12, 2017 Careers: Supporting Youth Exploring

7. Future Agenda Items

- Board Report
- Alberta School Council's Association Conference (April 28-30, 2017)
- Truth and Reconciliation

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chair Schumm that meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: 7 PM, Wednesday, March 22, 2017