



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING
HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN,
ALBERTA ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016**

ATTENDANCE:

School Council Reps

Graminia School
École Broxton Park School
Greystone Centennial Middle School
Spruce Grove Composite High School
Seba Beach School
Parkland Village School
Ecole Meridian Heights

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 7:08 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Shelley Grimololby that the Agenda of the May 4, 2016 meeting be approved as amended.
Seconded by Lisa Warner. CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Shelley Grimololby that the Minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting be approved as presented.
Seconded by Patti Bonhomme. CARRIED

4. Board Report

- Trustee Kilduff shared information on the Spruce Grove School Councils Meet and Greet event on May 24, 2016 at Centre for Education, Boardroom, between 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm, and encouraged school council representatives to participate.
- Associate Superintendent Johnston provided information on administration personnel changes at schools and division office, and answered questions.
- Currently, there is no indication of relief for the impact of Carbon tax.
- The Board has expressed support for the students and schools in Fort McMurray affected by the fire. Shelley Grimololby has requested to have School Councils notified if students are transferred from Fort McMurray to Parkland School Division, in order to support in ways of providing school supplies. School council representatives showed tremendous compassion for students affected by the fire, and discussed about ways how school councils can involve, provide supplies and support families in distress.

5. Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

• **Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference**

Rhonda and COSC members who participated in the AGM and Conference shared their positive experiences at various sessions. There was discussion around privacy and secure access to student information. Resources from the AGM sessions were shared to school councils.

6. Process for Informing School Councils and Promoting Participation

There was discussion around communications sent to school councils and encouraging participation and interactions among school councils. School Councils are encouraged to attend Alberta School Councils' Association meetings and events.

Contact information of new school council members should be updated at the beginning of each school year to school principals to ensure smooth communications. New members to school councils should be briefed in orientations provided by current school council members who have been active in school councils' activities.

7. Education Planning Day

Associate Superintendent Johnston briefed attendees on the goals of the Three Year Education Plan and process of the planning session. Outcomes and strategies were discussed at the May 4, 2016 Education Planning session. The ultimate goal of the Three Year Education Plan is Student Success and Well-Being, which requires the achievement of four goals: Inclusive Education, Quality Learning, Culture of Wellness and Universal Leadership. The Three Year Education Plan is posted on the Parkland School Division's public website. In Year three of the Three Year Education Plan, analysis will be done on the outcomes from Year one and Year Two.

School councils are encouraged to involve as important stakeholders in the education planning process. Trustees participate school councils' meetings to learn about the community's needs, and encourage school councils to provide input.

Discussion around the recent changes to transportation fees centered on the reason for fees, how transportation receives provincial funding and which students are eligible.

8. Announcements

▪ Alberta School Councils Association Wednesday Webinars

May 11: School Council Purpose

May 18: Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose

May 25: Chair Basics

June 1: Meeting Management

June 8: Masterful Minutes

9. 2016-17 Meeting Dates

It was agreed that the first COSC meeting in the 2016-17 school year will be on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 7 p.m. at Centre for Education.

10. Future Agenda Items

None was brought up.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Meeting Schedule:

- Wednesday, October 5, 2016