



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING
HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN,
ALBERTA ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017**

ATTENDANCE:

School Council Representatives

Rich Haggarty - Prescott Learning Center
Brenda Baker - MCHS
Lisa Webb - MCHS
Dale Stenback - SGCHS
Pam Pirie - Millgrove
Patricia Whalen - Blueberry
Chantelle deBoer - Parkland Village
Lisa Warner - Graminia
Angie Gehlert - Graminia
Lei Gryshik - Brookwood
Ninon Bjur - Meridian
Christy Sherwood - Muir Lake
Crystal Wood - Broxton
Tom Poleck - Duffield

Board of Trustees

Anne Montgomery, Trustee

Administration

Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent
Bryn Spence, Principal
Archie Lillico, Principal
Murray Marran, Principal
Felicia Ochs, Wellness Coordinator

Recording Secretary

Jenny Chen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Rich Haggarty called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add agenda item after item 5: Upcoming Wellness Projects (Felicia Ochs)

Moved by Pam Pirie that the Agenda of the November 30, 2017 meeting be approved as amended.

Seconded by Lisa Warner.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Lisa Warner that the Minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting be approved as presented.

Seconded by Patricia Whalen.

CARRIED

5. Board Report

- Trustee Montgomery made a brief introduction to the group and brought greetings from the new Board.
- Associate Superintendent Johnston spoke to the Annual Education Results Report (AERR) that was approved at the last Board Meeting and shared discussions around survey measures from the Assurance Workgroup sessions.

6. Upcoming Wellness Projects

Felicia Ochs handed out posters for various wellness events and advocated the Pedestrian Parade that is scheduled for May 11, 2018. Felicia provided information on the Kids Can Cook competition and answered questions on the Green Towers.

7. Senior Administration Report

- Associate Superintendent Johnston shared departmental updates from Parkland School Division.
- Bryn Spence spoke to the Galileo Educational Network in which school administrators are currently involved.

8. Stakeholder Engagement Event Review – November 29, 2017

Associate Superintendent Johnston invited attendees to provide feedback on the Stakeholder Engagement Event held November 29, 2017 (SEE1). The Stakeholder Engagement Event provides an opportunity to engage parents in the education planning process. Attendees provided topics that may be worth further discussions, which include:

- communication between schools and parents
- the utilization of technology
- the content of the report card
- supporting gifted students
- social media
- mental health (e.g. anxiety issues)
- extending school year to full year
- parental involvement in students' study and pedagogy
- substance use at school in light of Bill 26: An Act to Control and Regulate Cannabis

Associate Superintendent Johnston recommended bringing school councils' concerns to COSC and encouraged participants to provide feedback online for the SEE1.

9. Announcements

- [Alberta School Councils' Association Conference](#) _April 20-22, 2018
School Councils were encouraged to check out ASCA's website for more information on the Annual General Meeting and to participate. <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-general-meeting>
A timeline and submission form for Issues for ASCA AGM was included in the agenda package.
Deadline for submission is December 19, 2017.

There was discussion around parents' input in student transportation and in surveys.

- The [School Council Resource Guide](#) is available online.

10. Future Agenda Items

- The Cannabis Law and Substance Use as it is expected to impact schools
- School Fees – Jason Krefting
 - Consultation with School Councils
 - Use of Acorn
 - Collection of Funds by Staff for Societies/Association Purposes

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Acting Chair Haggarty that the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2018, 7 pm