



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS MEETING
HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN,
ALBERTA ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018**

ATTENDANCE:

School Council Representatives

John Tucker - Woodhaven
Rich Haggarty - Prescott
Nicole Rentz-Tilki - Prescott
Kerri Johnston - MCHS
Brenda Baker - MCHS
Lisa Warner - Graminia
Melanie Tonhauser - Graminia
Patricia Whalen - Blueberry
Lei Gryshik - Brookwood
Shannon Auger - Parkland Village
Chantelle deBoer - Parkland Village
Christy Sherwood - Muir Lake
Crystal Vanderburg - Millgrove
Pam Pirie - Millgrove

Board of Trustees

Anne Montgomery, Trustee

Administration

Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent
Bryn Spence, Principal
Archie Lilloco, Principal
Murray Marran, Principal

Recording Secretary

Jenny Chen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by John Tucker that the Agenda of the February 22, 2018 meeting be approved as presented.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Rich Haggarty that the Minutes of the November 30, 2017 meeting be approved as amended.

5. Board Report

- Trustee Montgomery spoke on the Board's work towards the four goals (Inclusive Education, Quality Learning, Culture of Wellness and Universal Leadership) through committees, such as the Student Advisory Committee, and external learning opportunities such as the Youth Change Summit.
- Trustee Montgomery briefed attendees on the criteria of the Superintendent search underway.
- There was discussion around the importance of following a proper process for resolving parent concerns.

6. Senior Administration Report

- Associate Superintendent Johnston advocated parents' participation in education related surveys, including Thought Exchange and surveys from Alberta Education, as a way of public engagement in education.
- Attendees provided feedback on Thought Exchange.
- Online registration for Kindergarten has opened and for other grades it will open April 1, 2018.
- There was discussion around health and safety conditions and inspections in schools.
- Discussion ensued around communication between parents and schools and the use of social media.

7. Discussion Items

- The Cannabis Law and Substance Use as it is expected to impact schools
Associate Superintendent Johnston spoke on the Cannabis Law and substance use. Schools are ready for restricted substance use in terms of its procedures and rules on student conduct. Discussion ensued.
- [Alberta School Councils' Association Conference](#) (April 20-22, 2018)
Draft [Resolutions](#) were included in the agenda package for review. They are also available on the ASCA website. Jenny Chen will circulate the link and the document in PDF to all school council chairs. Input must be sent to sponsors by February 28, 2018.

The [proxy form](#) is available on the ASCA website and was also circulated to attendees. School Council representatives who could not attend the conference were encouraged to complete the proxy forms and send them to ASCA by April 17, 2018. Incomplete or late proxy forms are considered invalid.

[Registration](#) is open online. School Councils were encouraged to send names of their conference delegates to Rich Haggarty so he could coordinate the representatives' participation at the conference.

- [ASCA Webinars](#) are recorded and posted on its website.

8. Future Agenda Items

- Use of Social Media and Resolving Parent Concerns - Jordi Weidman
- Health and Safety in Schools - Facilities
- Results of Thought Exchange - Scott Johnston
- Status of Online Registration - Scott Johnston (May 3, 2018)
- School Fees - Jason Krefting (May 3, 2018)
 - Consultation with School Councils
 - Use of Acorn
 - Collection of Funds by Staff for Societies/Association Purposes

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Christy Sherwood that the meeting adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2018, 7 pm