



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS  
MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON THURSDAY MAY 7, 2020**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

Brookwood/Woodhaven:	Lei Gryshik (COSC Chair)
Broxton Park:	Monica Allen, Wing Witharana
Connections for Learning:	Monica Mikolas
Duffield:	Dallas Kiezik
Entwistle:	Alia A. Krystal Alston Radelle Jensen
Graminia School:	Meagan Foster
Greystone Centennial:	Austin Haydaman,
Parkland Village:	Shannen Auger Chantelle deBoers Lindsay Kuelken
Meridian Heights:	Blaine Bretzlaff
Millgrove:	Archie Lillico (Principal) Tara Zieminer Jace F.
Parkland School Division:	Paul McCann (Trustee) Scott Johnston (Associate Superintendent) Felcia Ochs, Wellness Coordinator Roxanne Genereux (Recording Secretary)
Prescott:	Brenda Cryer Gaylene Hart Richard Haggarty
Seba Beach:	Amy Maerz
Tomahawk:	Desiree Janzen
Woodhaven Middle School:	Chris Shaw (Principal) Bree H.

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1. **Call to Order:** Chair Gryshik called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
  2. **Welcome and Introductions**
  3. **Approval of Agenda:**  
**COSC 01-20** Moved by Ms. Hart that the Council of School Councils (COSC) members accept the agenda as approved.

**CARRIED**
  4. **Changes to Minutes:** Removal of bullet #4 under Board Report: Renovations - Trustee McCann discussed the current school renovations at Stony Plain Central Replacement School.

**Approval of COSC Minutes:**

**COSC 02-20 Moved** by Ms. Witharana, that the COSC members approve the minutes as amended.

**CARRIED**

**5. School Nutrition Program**

Felicia Ochs, Wellness Coordinator of The Parkland School Division presented the community partners who are supporting families struggling with food security during the current COVID 19 period. The Alberta Government School Nutrition Program and Alberta Health Schools Wellness Fund have provided the funding.

The brown bag healthy lunch program coordinated with Auggies Café [www.auggiescafe.org](http://www.auggiescafe.org) that assist with lunches on Tuesday and Friday.

The NeighborLink Parkland which assists with larger emergencies or crisis for food and delivery services 780.960.9669.

The Parkland Food Bank, which assist in monthly food, hampers <https://parklandfoodbank.org/need-help/>

Ms. Ochs further discussed the Rainbow Connection, which encourages children to try out new fruits and vegetables and encourage healthy eating. Local grocery stores have created vibrant signs to encourage children to try new fruits and vegetables within their grocery store. <https://www.psd70.ab.ca/Wellness%20Initiative.php>

Ms. Ochs provided further information to COSC members about psychologist services that Parkland School Division provides online through their grant with The Royal Bank of Canada.

Ms. Ochs answered questions from COSC members.

**6. What is COSC – Final Version Vote**

Chair Gryshik discussed the draft version of what COSC is and why members meet. She requested if there were any changes to this version to come forward. There were no comments.

Chair Gryshik advised she would have Roxanne Genereux with The Parkland School Division send out the final version of the document outlining what COSC is and why members meet.

**7. COSC Meeting Schedule – West End School Meeting 2020-2021**

Chair Gryshik discussed when a scheduled meeting shall be held at a West End Parkland School Division school for the 2020-2021 school term. It was discussed that this decision will be made in the early 2020-2021 COSC meeting once the COVID 19 has died down and there is further clarity on gatherings.

Associate Superintendent Johnston suggested the potential meeting date for the 2020-2021 school term.

October 22, 2020

November 19, 2020  
February 18, 2021  
March 11, 2021  
May 6, 2021

Chair Gryshik approved the potential meetings dates for the upcoming 2020-2021 school term.

#### 8. **COSC Virtual Meetings**

Associate Superintendent Johnston discussed the potential of virtual meetings to assist with west end schools. Trustee McCann discussed the pros and cons of virtual meetings.

Discussions ensued between COSC members.

Trustee McCann and Associate Superintendent Johnston answered questions from COSC members.

#### 9. **Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) - Update**

Chair Gryshik discussed the lengthy virtual meeting with ASCA. Chair Gryshik advised there was a new president appointed to the ASCA Board Brandi Rye former PSD Parent and Richard Haggarty elected to the Board.

Mr. Haggarty provided further information in respect to the ASCA meeting, which included an entire day of training. Mr. Haggarty advised if parents have questions he can answer any questions or forward them to ASCA and provide resources of what ASCA does along with presentations at School Council meetings. Mr. Haggarty further advised he represents school council and parents, if you have questions please contact Mr. Haggarty at [R.haggarty.ASCA@gmail.com](mailto:R.haggarty.ASCA@gmail.com)

Mr. Haggarty advised parents to complete the ASCA parent voice survey, the deadline is May 14, 2020. <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/the-parent-voice/survey>

Chair Gryshik advised there will be a meeting on October 7, 2020 to review the current resolutions. The new resolutions will be reviewed next year.

#### 10. **Board Report**

Trustee McCann presented his Board Report, giving information on the following:

- Congratulated Richard Haggarty on his new role to the Board with the ASCA association.
- March Meeting – PSD Trustees made the decision to close Seba Beach School effective June 2020.
- Process of redrawing school boundaries, bus scheduling, relocating families from Seba Beach School.
- Three-year capital plan looking forward in terms of keeping infrastructure in the best condition for the kids. Spruce Grove Composite High School (SGCHS) and Tomahawk School have been identified as our priority schools for major renovations in the first year. The Board of Trustees has submitted their wish list to the Alberta Government for consideration.
- The Parkland School Divisions funding from Alberta Education was reduced. Due to the cutback of funding, 177 support staff were temporarily laid off (50% of support staff)

- these staff members were able to continue receiving health and benefits until the end of June.
- The Board of Trustees approved the Preliminary Budget Assumptions: Budget for 2020-2021 budget. The Board is required to provide a budget to Alberta Education by May 31, 2020. The preliminary assumptions are used to develop the budget; the main focus for our second Board meeting on May 26, 2020 is to discuss the assumptions.

Trustee McCann answered questions from COSC members.

#### **11. Senior Administrator Report**

Associate Superintendent Johnston discussed the Milestones and Merits event which is an Parkland School Division event to recognize service awards and to celebrate special recognition awards. This year's event was cancelled due to COVID 19. Associate Superintendent Johnston announced that the recipient for the Special Recognition award is Brenda Cryer who has 16 years continuous school council involvement.

Associate Superintendent Johnston advised that Parkland School division sent out a survey to parents regarding the progress perception of remote learning due to current class cancellations. ed 2526 respondents completed the survey from among all of the Parkland Schools.

Associate Superintendent Johnston advised the Medical Officer of Health announced that schools will either be back in September with modifications or not at all and that jurisdictions were advised to prepare accordingly.

Associate Superintendent Johnston answered questions from COSC members and closed the conversation.

#### **12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

#### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gryshik adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: October 22, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.**