



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS
MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

ATTENDANCE:

Broxton Park:	Wing Witharana
Brookwood:	Michelle Tokard
Copperhaven:	Sean Rogers
Duffield:	Dianne Jewell (Principal)
Forest Green School:	Nealle Dickson (Principal)
Greystone Centennial:	Kaylee Weir Anil Padayas (Principal) Jennifer Gilbertson
Muir Lake:	Amy Quintal Misty Flynn
Millgrove:	Anna Marie Jackson Linda Madge-Arkininstall (Principal)
Prescott Learning Centre:	Gaylene Hart Leigh Maxwell
Parkland Village:	Shannon Auger Chantelle deBoers Lindsay Kuelken
Parkland School Division:	Anne Montgomery (Trustee) Scott Johnston (Associate Superintendent) Roxanne Genereux (Recording Secretary)
Spruce Grove Composite High:	Brenda Cryer
Tomahawk:	Fran Bell (Principal)
Woodhaven Middle School:	Lei Gryshik Ashley Southworth Chris Shaw (Principal)

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Gryshik called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Addition to the Agenda number 5 Inclusive Education Presentation.

COSC 05-20 Moved by Ms. Cryr that the Council of School Councils (COSC) members accept the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of COSC Minutes:**

COSC 06-20 Moved by Ms. Cryr, that the COSC members approve the minutes.

CARRIED

5. **COSC Minutes - How to Approve**

Associate Superintendent Johnston discussed the new COSC minute process for the Board Package and how PSD will not be putting unapproved minutes into the Board package as they have not been officially approved by the Committee. The Board package will contain a memo outlining the summary of the meeting held.

6. **Inclusive Education – Gaylene Hart & Amy Quintal**

Ms. Quintal presented information to the Committee regarding an inclusive program run by Edmonton Public. Ms. Quintal requested that Parkland School Division and the COSC members review the information as the program is a Collaboration of Parents, Division and Trustees.

<https://epsb.ca/ourdistrict/topics/inclusivelearning/>

https://epsb.ca/media/epsb/news/inclusivelearning/InclusiveEdAdvisory_TermsOfReference2018.pdf

Associate Superintendent Johnston advised he will contact Ms. Quintal and review the information with Executive and the Trustees to determine what this framework might look like in PSD.

Discussions ensued with COSC members.

7. **Board Report**

Trustee Montgomery presented her Board Report, providing information on the following:

- Reviewed fiscal responsibility in relation to the budget of 134M, Parkland School Division will have a balanced budget. Last fiscal year money was taken out of reserves to balance the budget. Trustee Montgomery provided an overview on how the finances flow for the budget and how the funds are prioritized for spending.
- Governance - Trustees want to know what's happening at the school level. Trustee Montgomery asked COSC and School Council members to bring forward school news stories, concerns, positive impacts etc. These can be emailed to the Trustees as this information will be reported at the Board meetings moving forward.
- Wellness – Felicia Ochs and staff at Forest Green, did a presentation about healthy environments in relation to staff. Trustee Montgomery explained that in these times we need to focus on wellness as it has the trickle effect. Making small changes such as changing a staff room to bring some positivity, as our wellness has a trickle effect. If we focus on the good that is happening due to this time such as spending more time with family and life slowing down. Trustee Montgomery explained that steering towards a positive rather than a negative is key to making a positive change for ourselves and those that are affected such as children.
- ASCA Funding: Trustee Montgomery reviewed funding for ASCA, 75% of grant funding was cut which amounts to half a million dollars. ASCA was approved for a 1-year budget of \$170,000.00. Trustee Montgomery advised ASCA asked Trustees to notify school councils, so they are aware that this will not affect governance. Trustee Montgomery further

advised Executive Assistant Roxanne Genereux will send out the ASCA letter to all COSC members

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There were no questions from COSC members.

8. Senior Administrator Report

Associate Superintendent Johnston discussed the evening engagement on December 10, 2020, which will be held virtually, with 20 google meet rooms for attendees to have separate conversations. Associate Superintendent Johnston advised the registration link will be sent to School councils and COSC members to distribute, there is availability for 100 participants. Participant packages and a unique link will be sent to each individual. Associate Superintendent Johnston encouraged participation from COSC members if possible.

Associate Superintendent Johnston discussed the school council report and what information is captured within this report which will be submitted to the office of the Superintendent annually before the end of June. The report will outline how many meetings were held within the year, how many people working and what were the major initiatives.

Associate Superintendent Johnston will have the template distributed out to school councils.

https://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2019_094.pdf

Associate Superintendent Johnston discussed the approval of COSC minutes under agenda item 5.

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

9. Items for Future Agenda

Kathy Mann – Instructional Services

Good Things Happening at Schools, new things school council is bringing in – Prescott, Woodhaven

10. Adjournment

Chair Gryshik adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.