



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS
MEETING HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN, ALBERTA ON
DATE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

ATTENDANCE:

Lei Gryshik, Brookwood/Woodhaven – Chair
Sean Rogers, Copperhaven
Tara Zieminer, Millgrove
Lindsay Kuelken, Parkland Village
Chantelle deBoers, Parkland Village
Wing Witharana, Broxton Park
Tracey Coutts, Active Transportation
Paul McCann, Trustee - Regrets
Anne Montgomery, Trustee
Mark Francis, Deputy Superintendent
Roxanne Genereux, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Gryshik called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

3. **Approval of Agenda: Moved** by Tara Zieminer that the COSC members accept the agenda as approved.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of COSC Minutes: Moved** by Sean Rogers, that the COSC members approve the minutes as amended.

CARRIED

5. **Active Transportation**

Tracey Coutts introduced the Active Travel program and introduced The Community Compass video to the COSC members.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheCommunityCompass/videos/515802955709785/>

Tracey provided information for the cycling clinics being held in Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and the West End Schools. These will be day clinics (weekends) or after school clinics for 1 week. Thirty (30) students will be signed up, instructors are brought in from the communities to share their wisdom on the safest and best routes to get to school. The program will be offered to grade 3-12 students. Dates and locations are still in review, once everything is finalized they will send the information to all of the schools to distribute to students. This program is free for students and the target months are May or June.

6. Educational Requirements for Education Assistants

Deputy Superintendent Francis reviewed the Education requirements for Education Assistants with the COSC members. Mr. Francis reviewed the Campus Alberta initiative and how training and review of qualifications are complete for specific roles.

7. School Council Strategic Plan

Tara Zieminer from Millgrove school reviewed the School Council Strategic Plan with the COSC members. She reviewed information covered in the School council purpose and creating school council plans courses.

If you want to have these courses available for your school council you can contact ASCA.

8. Presentation Information

Chair Gryshik provided information that the Council for Victoria school in Edmonton, will be hosting an event on Wednesday March 18, 2020 an evening with Shelley Moore. Victoria School is subsidizing the evening at a cost of \$20 per person.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/an-evening-with-shelley-moore-tickets-92152076341?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=cp&utm-term=destsearch>

9. ASCA Conference

Chair Gryshik reviewed what ASCA is and what they do for School Councils. She discussed the voting and proxy process and how it's important to attend the ASCA conference. The conference will be held at the end of April 2020, 2 days of education and collaboration.

COSC members discussed how the proxies work for the ASCA meeting.

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference>

10. Board Report

Trustee Montgomery reviewed advocacy that Lorraine has met with all of the Mayors regarding keeping communications open. Met with the Boards and Principals of Private Schools in areas Living Waters, Saint Mathews and discuss choice of education.

Trustee Montgomery discussed that the fiscal responsibilities planning for next year's budget has started and that transportation fees and school based fees are being reviewed and may increase.

A report and review of the process of a potential Seba Beach School closure was reviewed. Following the presentation of a viability study, a Public meeting was held on Feb 4. Delegations wishing to present regarding school closure will occur at the March 10 Board meeting. A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees has been called for March 17 for the decision on school closure.

Division calendar for 2020/2021 was approved in December school will start Monday August 31, 2020.

Accountability pillar will be released soon, it's a government surveys which is one-page fill in the dot survey, looks like junk mail you can fill out online or fill out the mail option.

Trustee Montgomery further discussed the Education Committee field trip the Board took to review the YOUR program held at the family community centre in stony plain for grade 10/11. This is a program that some students may need as an alternative program to finish high school. Centre for learning alternative program joint program with home schooling and regular classroom schooling, MY Path Program core subjects in morning afternoon other activities. The Board and Senior Executives also attended the Student advisory meeting where they spend a full class asking kids questions about their education.

Trustee Montgomery closed the conversation.

11. Senior Administrator Report

Deputy Superintendent Mark Francis reviewed the Stony Plain Central replacement school status. The drawings for the new Stony Plain Replacement School plans should be released soon to the public. The school is behind due to soil tests and pilings. The status of the Woodhaven modernization was discussed.

Mr. Francis discussed the release of the budget next week, and the potential of capital announcements also being released which include the modernization of Spruce Grove Composite High School.

It was discussed that Parkland School Division has been approved for the dual credit grant which is a dual credit strategy opportunity for students to earn college credits while in high school. High school credits and university courses, accepting registrations building futures (grade 10 work on a jobsite for a home build for the entire calendar year) the student completed all school programs on site. Parkland School Division is currently reviewing Sports Academy options such as MYPATH.

Deputy Superintendent Francis reviewed the importance of attendance to increase graduating numbers. Currently, across North America attendances are plummeting and graduation rates are decreasing.

Deputy Superintendent Francis answered questions from COSC members.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- 12.1. Scott Johnston Follow up with Graminia School Zone times
- 12.2. Traffic Flow - Copperhaven
- 12.3. Principal Meetings – How they engage with their community
- 12.4. SRO – Constable. Gord

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gryshik adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2020 7:00 p.m.