



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS  
MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 22, 2020**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

Broxton Park:	Wing Witharana
Connections for Learning:	Monica Mikolas
Copperhaven:	Sean Rogers
Duffield:	Dianne Jewell (Principal)
Forest Green School:	Nealle Dickson (Principal)
Graminia School:	Angie Gealer Corey Haley (Principal)
Greystone Centennial:	Kaylee Weir Anil Padayas (Principal)
Memorial:	Karissa Sparling
Millgrove:	Tara Zieminek Anna Marie Jackson Linda Madge-Arkininstall (Principal)
Prescott Learning Centre:	Bobbi VanDerHeide Leigh Maxwell
Parkland Village:	Archie Lilloco (Principal) 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
Woodhaven Middle School:	Lei Gryshik Ashley Southworth Chris Shaw (Principal)

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1. **Call to Order:** Associate Superintendent Scott Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

**COSC 03-20** Moved by Ms. Gryshik that the Council of School Councils (COSC) members accept the agenda as approved.

**CARRIED**

**Approval of COSC Minutes:**

**COSC 04-20 Moved** by Ms. Gryshik, that the COSC members approve the minutes.

**CARRIED**

**4. Spirit of COSC**

Associate Superintendent Johnston, Trustee Montgomery and COSC members discussed the value, meaning and what information is shared at the COSC meetings.

**5. Chairperson Election**

Lei Gryshik was nominated and acclaimed as new Chairperson for the 2020-2021 COSC term.

**6. COSC Meeting Schedule**

Moved by Brenda Cryr to approve the meetings for the 2020-2021 year

October 22, 2020

November 19, 2020

February 18, 2021

March 11, 2021

May 6, 2021

**7. Board Report**

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

- New Partnership program called Building Futures, where grade 10 students are learning and building with a builder and learning daily on the construction site. From design, the construction and through to the sale process, students will learn all of their subjects with real world application. <https://cfl.psd70.ab.ca/Building%20Futures.php>
- The Board approved a decrease in base remuneration by 10 percent this fiscal year. Due to Covid less visits and meetings have been held, the Board felt the reduction was necessary.
- Enrollment report September 30. Net decrease in enrollment of 60 students, 9700 in class, 1300 online schooling, 550 committed to online or homebased for the entire year. [https://www.psd70.ab.ca/documents/general/20201006\\_Agenda\\_Item\\_8.1\\_Enrolment\\_Report.pdf](https://www.psd70.ab.ca/documents/general/20201006_Agenda_Item_8.1_Enrolment_Report.pdf)
- Class Sizes – several discussions in reducing class sizes [https://www.psd70.ab.ca/documents/general/20201006\\_Agenda\\_Item\\_8.2\\_2020-2021\\_Class\\_Size\\_Report.pdf](https://www.psd70.ab.ca/documents/general/20201006_Agenda_Item_8.2_2020-2021_Class_Size_Report.pdf)

There were no questions from COSC members.

**8. Senior Administrator Report**

Associate Superintendent Johnston discussed the changes that have happened at the start of the 2020-2021 school term. 294 students transferred out of province, over 1000 students are delaying start or not sure if they will be attending in class. Connection for learning is now one of the largest schools in Parkland School Division with 1100 students in various programs.

Associate Superintendent Johnston announced that the recipient for the Special Recognition award is Brenda Cryer who has 17 years' continuous school council involvement. Ms. Cryer was presented with a silver star for making a difference in education.

Associate Superintendent Johnston advised that Parkland School division would proceed with Provincial Achievement tests this school term.

Associate Superintendent Johnston discussed the school council regulation and the September 30<sup>th</sup> School Council Report. Associate Superintendent Johnston to provide information to School Councils regarding the reporting structure and where the reports should be sent.

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

**9. Pandemic Learning questions**

Associate Superintendent Johnston opened the discussion to COSC members.

**10. Items for Future Agenda**

Council of School Council Minutes – Discussion about presenting unapproved minutes  
Reporting Structure – School Council Report

**11. Adjournment**

Chair Gryshik adjourned the meeting at 8:38p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.**