



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS
MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

ATTENDANCE:

Broxton Park:	Wing Witharana
Brookwood:	Michelle Tokard
Copperhaven:	Sean Rogers
Duffield:	Dianne Jewell (Principal)
Ecole Meridian Heights	Stephanie Guertin Nancy MacInnis Brianna Slavin
Forest Green School:	Nealle Dickson (Principal)
Graminia:	Megan Foster
Greystone Centennial:	Kaylee Weir Anil Padayas (Principal)
Millgrove:	Anna Marie Jackson Linda Madge-Arkininstall (Principal)
Prescott Learning Centre:	Leigh Maxwell
Parkland Village:	Shannon Auger Lindsay Kuelken
Parkland School Division:	Anne Montgomery (Trustee) Scott Johnston (Associate Superintendent) Roxanne Genereux (Recording Secretary) Katherine Mann (Director)
Spruce Grove Composite High:	Brenda Cryer
Stony Plain Central:	Krystle Hoogendorn
Tomahawk:	Fran Bell (Principal)
Woodhaven Middle School:	Lei Gryshik Chris Shaw (Principal)

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Gryshik called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Addition to the Agenda number 10 ASCA

COSC 07-21 Moved by Ms. Cryer that the Council of School Councils (COSC) members accept the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

4. **Approval of COSC Minutes:**

Amendment to the minutes add Copperhaven attendee Sean Rogers

COSC 08-21 Moved by Mr. Rogers, that the COSC members approve the amended minutes.

CARRIED

5. **Instructional Service Presentation**

Director Kathy Mann completed a presentation on the instructional services department and what their department is responsible for and currently working on.

The following was discussed:

Streamlining report cards: Instructional services was responsible for streamlining the report card system

Online grade book: This is completed through the PowerSchool system to provide parents timely responses on assessments. Instructional Services is responsible for data analysis on achievements, achievement results, diploma results, literacy and numeracy benchmarking.

Online learning: When a large portion of education moved to online learning due to COVID the instructional services department worked with the educational technology. During the emergency remote learning instructional services supported teachers on how to navigate the technology (google classroom, seesaw etc.) and worked with the option 2 program for families opting to continue with online learning.

Indigenous Education: focuses on raising visibility of indigenous learning in schools. Parkland School Division offers classes with stony language learning.

Off campus Education: A facilitator helps students find apprenticeship work, supports work experience with high school students.

Dual Credit Program: Instructional Services provides support with the dual credit program. This provides an opportunity for students to earn credits at the high school level for post-secondary learning. (complete courses for high school where credits can be put towards post-secondary education)

Discussions ensued with COSC members.

6. **Positive Impacts at your School – Woodhaven/Prescott**

Principal Shaw with Woodhaven completed a presentation regarding positive changes at the Woodhaven school which consisted of an entire modernization.

Mr. Shaw answered questions from COSC members.

Ms. Maxwell the Prescott School Council Chair brought forward the positive impacts that have been taking place at Prescott.

- New playground installation in the spring/summer.
- Staggered Recess – teachers have enjoyed staggered recesses as there is more space for students and has actually decreased altercations between students at recess.
- Parent teacher interview – parents are liking the virtually held interviews
- Communication – Parents are providing positive feedback to the transparency in the communication given and enjoying the different forms of communication sent out such as newsletters.

Discussion ensued with COSC members.

7. **Board Report**

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

- The Board asked Administration at the January Board Meeting to look into the boundaries for schools. Trustee Montgomery discussed with COSC members that an independent third party reviews the demographics so that Parkland School Division can plan for current and future growth.
- Alternate Education programs were presented at the January 2021 Board meeting. The information presented outlined how many choices were available in choice education. 30% of students are attending an alternate program. Parkland School Division has two (2) new choice programs introduced to Grade 10 students. They learn their studies on a construction site while building a half-duplex, Athletic Academy housed out of Broxton.
- Engagement night: Held virtually, remarkably well done. Great deep conversation, shout out to Kerri Zylla for doing an amazing job organizing and managing everything.
- Appreciate the positive school stories

There were no questions from COSC members.

8. **Senior Administrator Report**

Associate Superintendent Johnston presented his Administrators Report reviewing the following information:

Associate Superintendent Acknowledged the hard work from the Executive Assistants and School Secretaries.

Associate Superintendent Johnston addressed the Woodhaven renovations and noted that in the next few years it will be necessary to review school attendance boundaries.

Schools are working on their development plans and should be involving their School Councils (by regulation) as our Councils need to be involved with the learning and planning.

Associate Superintendent Johnston discussed the February ThoughtExchange survey being sent out the week of February 22, 2021. Further discussion ensued regarding how the survey's work and what information they provide. Associate Superintendent Johnston informed COSC members that all comments are used both positive and negative to provide a report to the Board.

The 2nd Calendar survey has been complete with 2600 responses to the calendar survey. The responses ranged from Parkland School Division Families, Evergreen Families, Living Waters Christian Academy, SML Christian Academy, general public and Parkland School Division employees. 2,600 respondents completed the survey.

Associate Superintendent Johnston advised COSC members that if they wanted to sign up for the next Stakeholder Engagement event for Educational planning they can do so on the Parkland School Division Website at the following link <https://www.psd70.ab.ca/Education%20Plan.php>

Parkland School Division sent out a survey on the recent stakeholder event to see how participants felt about the conference. Associate Superintendent Johnston said the responses had a high positivity rate.

Associate Superintendent Johnston acknowledged the amazing work from Keri Zylla for arranging the Stakeholder event and sending out several links to the meetings. Associate Superintendent Johnston also acknowledged the amazing work from the Assistant Principals and Principals for taking notes and setting up the individual rooms.

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

9. **Items for Future Agenda**

- 9.1. Greystone & Forest Green positive impact presentation – March 11, 2021 COSC Meeting
- 9.2. Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Resolutions – March 11, 2021 COSC Meeting
- 9.3. Tomahawk & Stony Plain Central positive impact presentation – May 6, 2021 COSC Meeting

10. **Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)**

Mr. Haggarty and Ms. Cryer brought forward information about ASCA . Mr. Haggarty discussed bringing the resolutions forward to the next COSC meeting.

AGM material and advocacy packages has been updated on the website.

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

Resolutions:

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/173828>

Awards:

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/awards-of-recognition>

If you have any questions regarding ASCA contact Richard Haggarty @ r.haggarty.asca@gmail.com

Ms. Cryer reminded School Council attendees to hand in proxies to Brenda and Richard so the school councils vote counts. If the School council chair cannot attend a form can be complete where they designate their replacement.

Mr. Haggarty answered questions from COSC members and closed the conversation.

11. **Adjournment**

Chair Gryshik adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2021 @ 7:00p.m.