



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCIL (COSC) MEETING

Held Virtually

On Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7:00 PM

Attendance:

Parkland School Division:	Aimee Hennig (Trustee) Scott Johnston (Associate Superintendent) John Blood (Director of Transportation) Roxanne Genereux (Recording Secretary)
Broxton Park:	Amber Rueben Marc Dickner (Assistant Principal)
Brookwood:	Doug Lorenz
Greystone:	Chantelle de Boer
Millgrove:	Anna Marie Jackson Linda Madge-Arkininstall (Principal)
Muir Lake:	Amber Dory Andy Fune (Principal)
Parkland Village:	Shannon Auger Lindsay Kuelken
Prescott Learning Centre:	Leigh Maxwell, COSC Vice Chair
Spruce Grove Composite High:	Brenda Cryer, COSC Chair
Stony Plain Central:	Krystal Hoogendorn
Tomahawk:	Fran Bell (Principal)
Woodhaven Middle School:	Lei Gryshik Chris Shaw (Principal)

1. Call to Order

Chair Cryer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Treaty Acknowledgement

Chair Cryer read the Treaty Six acknowledgement

3. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Genereux completed roll call and members introduced themselves

4. Approval of Agenda

COSC 21-22 Moved by Leigh Maxwell, that the agenda be approved as amended. Move Principal Reports to after Senior Administration Reports. Change COSC Meeting suggested date to Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes (March 29, 2022)

COSC 22-22 Moved by Anna Marie Jackson that COSC members approve the minutes of March 29, 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Transportation (John Blood)

Director John Blood introduced himself to the COSC members and reviewed what the Transportation Department team is responsible for and what challenges they face on a daily basis.

Director Blood answered questions from COSC members.

7. School Council Funding Options

Amber Dory discussed the funding options with the COSC members.

Associate Superintendent Johnston shared that he spoke with the Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA). ASCA can provide an expert to review current School Council governing documents, provide a draft set of operating procedures for review by the Chair and principal, and meet with School Councils and Principals for 1 hour. ASCA also suggested to schedule 2-hour operating procedures learning opportunity. Funds need to be spent before the end of August 2022.

Associate Superintendent Johnston will formalize a response and have it distributed to School Councils and Administration.

Chair Cryer spoke with ASCA and School Councils can purchase all of the recorded sessions from the AGM for \$125.00 or only purchase the breakout sessions for \$60.00.

Associate Superintendent Johnston and Chair Cryer answered questions from COSC members.

8. ASCA Conference

Chair Cryer discussed the ASCA Conference and reviewed with COSC members the resolution results.

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



2022 ASCA AGM RESOLUTIONS RESULTS

#	Title	Sponsor	Carried	Carried with Amendments
A22-01	<p>Amend (Revise) Advocacy Policy: 12-2 High Risk Bus Stop Awareness and Signage</p> <p><i>That Alberta Education and Alberta Transportation</i> collaborate to develop universally recognized signage and make this signage, and other appropriate steps, available to school boards to be placed at higher risk bus stops.</p>	ASCA Board of Directors		YES
P22-01	<p>Diploma Exam Weighting Change</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> extends the weighting of Diploma Exams at 10% while children's education is being affected by significant learning disruption.</p>	George McDougall High School Council		YES
P22-02	<p>Policy Review for Operations and Maintenance Funding</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> Conduct a policy review of the current infrastructure maintenance funding formula to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) address the large, deferred maintenance problem facing Alberta schools b) ensure Alberta schools receive operations and maintenance funding that considers building needs and allows for efficient, ongoing maintenance of schools into the future c) center the needs of students ensuring they have equitable access to safe and healthy schools that are well maintained d) remove utilization rates as a factor in operation and maintenance funding <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> engage key stakeholders in the education system in the policy review including school boards, school councils, and teachers.</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> work with the municipal level of government to coordinate planning and ensure that building new and maintaining old schools are considered as communities grow and change.</p>	Sam Livingston School Council	YES	
P22-03	<p>Restoration of Funding for Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> provide a full and public explanation for the decisions to de-fund ASCA and to create the Minister's Parent Advisory Group.</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> initiate a full and broad consultation into the decision to de-fund ASCA.</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> reconsider the function of the Minister's Parent Advisory Council.</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> validate the important role of ASCA in supporting school councils by reinstating reasonable funding.</p>	Gateway Christian School Council		YES

9. COSC 2022 – 2023 Dates:

Chair Cryer brought forward the suggested COSC dates for the 2022-2023 school term.

Tuesday October 4, 2022
Tuesday November 1, 2022
Tuesday February 7, 2023
Tuesday March 7, 2023
Tuesday May 2, 2023

COSC 23-22 Moved by COSC members that the 2022-2023 COSC dates are approved as presented.

10. Board Report (Aimee Hennig, Trustee)

Trustee Hennig provided information to the COSC members:

- **Governance and Planning Session:** The morning of May 10, 2022, the Board and Executive reviewed the boundary and attendance area reviews. Trustee Hennig was impressed with the amount of work and effort that was put in by everyone to reduce the interruption of students.
- **Student Advisory:** In the afternoon of May 10, 2022 the Board and Executive branched off to different schools to meet with students. Trustee Hennig was impressed with how mature and articulate the grade 7 students were. Topics discussed with students were their perspective on issues in schools, what they loved and what students wanted to see more of. Students felt they were consistently supported by teachers and schools. Some students felt they were able to get along with some groups but other groups they felt it was harder to get along with. The Gender & Sexualities Alliance (GSA) in schools was discussed and students advised they wanted to see more from the GSA.
- **Advocating:** The Board continues to advocate for a delayed start date for the curriculum. A School Resource Officer (SRO) presentation is going to be made to Parkland County to highlight the importance of supporting the SRO Program in the Tri-Municipal area.

Trustee Hennig answered questions from COSC members.

11. Senior Administration Report (Scott Johnston)

Associate Superintendent Johnston discussed updates with COSC members.

- **Change in Administration:** Two current Administrators have accepted promotions in other school divisions. Director Katherine Mann will be transferring to Aspen View Public Schools as an Associate Superintendent and Garette Tebay will be transferring to Saskatchewan in a Superintendent role. Entwistle Principal Shelley Wiebe will be transferring to Northern Gateway as a Division Principal. There will be an announcement released shortly advising which Administration will be changing roles within PSD.
- **Breakfast Club of Canada:** Currently working on a contract to provide pilot nutrition nooks in schools.
- **2022-2023 School Term:** Continuing to plan for the 2022-2023 school term.

Discussions ensued with COSC members.

12. Principal Reports

Woodhaven: Principal Chris Shaw provided an update to COSC members regarding positive things happening at the Woodhaven Middle School. Currently, they are planning for the 2022-2023 term and wrapping up things for this year. There was a staff/student hockey game, the amount of energy from students didn't stop. Students were so happy to be out and about doing an activity they haven't done in a long time.

Principal Shaw advised "it feels like we are getting back to normal which is energizing."

Millgrove: Principal Linda Madge-Arkininstall reviewed what was happening with Millgrove School. Students from Grade 4 are excited to transition to Grade 5. Students and parents participated in Inferno evening where they were able to see their potential school. Administration will be meeting with the new Grade 4 students, where the students will be able to ask questions. Next week Administration visits Millgrove and the students visit their new school and have a tour. The students are very excited. Millgrove School has invited Marry Lambert, a Juno Award Nominee, to entertain students in the gym, singing and celebrating togetherness.

Tomahawk: Principal Fran Bell gave her report on what's happening at Tomahawk School. They're continuing to move forward on doing things they used to do before COVID. Tomahawk School just finished a fun week of CTF (Career Technology Options) with Junior Highs. Tomahawk finished their Trickster Theatre and uploaded the video to their [website https://tomahawk.psd.ca/home/news/post/trickster-theatre-video-is-here](https://tomahawk.psd.ca/home/news/post/trickster-theatre-video-is-here). This school term, there have been a fewer parent volunteers. Tomahawk is looking forward to the outdoor education program with children. An Information parent night will be held next week. Tomahawk is potentially looking at MyPath to see what kind of parent interest there is.

Muir Lake: Principal Andy Fune provided his report. Muir Lake is currently planning for the 2022-2023 school term. Muir Lake went to Spruce Grove Composite High School to attend a play for the first time in 2 or 3 years, and the students were amazing. Muir Lake is currently running 3 sport activities: badminton, track and field and soccer.

Broxton Park: Assistant Principal Marc Dickner provided his report on École Broxton Park School. Broxton Park is preparing for the Provincial Achievement Tests in a few weeks. Broxton Park was fortunate in continuing with DELF exams last week which is an internationally recognized certificate for a certain level of proficiency. Broxton Park currently has a few sports teams going strong: track and field, badminton and soccer. The Grades 4-6 and Grades 7-9 competed in track and field meets. Broxton Park had their first spring concert in a long time where parents were also in the audience.

13. Items for Future Agenda

- Principal Reports
- Planning Government Funding for School Councils

14. Adjournment

Chair Cryer adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 4, 2022

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