



**MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCIL (COSC) MEETING**

Meeting held at the Centre for Education, Boardroom, in Stony Plain, Alberta
On Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Attendance:

Parkland School Division	Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent Dr. Meg Miskolzie, Associate Superintendent Keri Zylla, Recording Secretary
Duffield School	Cherie Lovsund, Principal
École Broxton Park School	Kalena Feist, School Council Marc Dickner, Assistant Principal
Graminia School	Angie Gehlert, School Council
High Park School	Catrin Thomson, School Council, COSC Chair
Millgrove School	Anna-Marie Jackson, School Council
Muir Lake School	Amber Dory, School Council
Parkland Village School	Rose Barnes, School Council Lindsay Kuelken, School Council
Prescott Learning Centre	Chris Shaw, Principal
Spruce Grove Composite High School	Brenda Cryer, School Council
Stony Plain Central School	Krystle Hoogendorn, School Council
Tomahawk School	Fran Bell, Principal
Woodhaven Middle School	Ashley Southworth, School Council Nealle Dickson, Principal

1. Call to Order

Chair Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Treaty Acknowledgement

Chair Thomson acknowledged Treaty #6 and Treaty #8 Territory.

3. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Thomson welcomed Council of School Council (COSC) members.

4. Approval of Agenda

COSC 003-2023 Moved by Ms. Cryer that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes

COSC 004-2023 Moved by Ms. Jackson that the minutes of the February 7, 2023, Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. Associate Superintendent Dr. Miskolzie – Student Supports and Services

Associate Superintendent Dr. Miskolzie shared information on her role in Parkland School Division (PSD), as the Associate Superintendent of Student Supports and Services, discussing inclusive and specialized services, wellness, threat assessment and trauma response.

The Student Services team is piloting a number of programs geared towards student mental health, such as partnering with the WestView Primary Care Network's Youth Mental Health Clinic and PSD high schools, providing student access to counsellors and a social worker. Workplace wellness has also been an area of focus in the Division, as healthy teachers and support staff are better equipped to support and educate students. There is also a family focus, supporting families who need supports with wrap-around services and connections to support resources.

Associate Superintendent Dr. Miskolzie shared that PSD partners with outside agencies for the purposes of risk and threat assessment. PSD has a very well-rounded and comprehensive trauma response team.

Associate Superintendent Dr. Miskolzie responded to questions.

7. Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) Conference and [Resolutions](#)

Chair Thomson reviewed the 2023 Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) Resolutions that member school councils will vote on during ASCA's Annual General Meeting in April 2023.

COSC members were provided with the 2023 ASCA Resolutions which included the issue, the background, resources related to the issue and the recommendation that will go forward at the ASCA Annual General Meeting.

- Mandating Criminal Record & Vulnerable Sector Checks for School Board Trustee Candidates
- Supporting Integrated Education Funding
- Integrate Climate & Biodiversity Education Throughout the K-12 Curriculum
- Add Rights of Victims of Bullying and Violence to Education Act
- Required Consultation Opportunities for Proposed Changes to Legislation, Regulations of Established Programs or Practices
- Setting and Meeting a Student to School Counsellor Ratio to Improve Mental Health

These resolutions are directions to ASCA in how to advocate for education.

Chair Thomson reminded school council members of the option to vote by proxy, but must complete a Proxy Voting Form before April 13, 2023. Registration deadline for the ASCA Conference and AGM, is April 14th.

8. Board Report:

Board Chair Stewart shared some [Board Highlights](#) for her report:

- **Edwin Parr Nominees:** The PSD Edwin Parr Selection Committee recognized: Shae Careless, from Millgrove School; Alyssa Dunbar, from Athabasca Delta Community School; Kiran Kawa, from Graminia School; Morgan Kowalczyk, from École Broxton Park School; and Jenna Stumbur, from Duffield School, as the five PSD Edwin Parr Nominees.

The Board approved the Committee's recommendation to put forward Jenna Stumbur, from Duffield School, as the first-year educator and nomination to go to the Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 level.

- **School Naming Committee:** The Board approved the School Naming Committee's recommendation to assign Westview School, as the new name for the Stony Plain Central replacement school.
- **2023-2024 Fees and Allowances:** After careful evaluation and discussion, following the 3 principle's the Board bases these decisions upon, the Board approved the 2023-2024 Fees and Allowances.
- **2023-2026 Three-Year Capital Plan:** The Board approved the Three-Year Capital Plan, which highlights the Board's priorities for school builds or modernizations for the next three school years.
- **Relocation of Stony Plain and Spruce Grove Outreach Centres:** The Board received, for information, a report from Administration, regarding the relocation of PSD's outreach and virtual learning programming to the École Broxton Park School site for the 2023-2024 school year.

Board Chair Stewart responded to governance related questions.

9. Office of the Superintendent Report

Associate Superintendent Johnston shared the Office of the Superintendent Report, highlighting the following items:

- **College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS):** CASS meetings provide superintendents across the province, the opportunity to meet together. It is particularly valuable to have time to meet with superintendents in the same role and collaborate on items such as curriculum implementation, inclusive education and using financial resources effectively.
- **Education Planning:** Principal's create their own Education Plan for their school in alignment with the Division's Education Plan. As we approach the Division's annual Education Planning Day, April 6, 2023, it's important that school councils are having conversations with their school principals about next year.
- **School Registration:** The registration process for next year has begun and is ongoing. We ask for parental commitment through this process which in turn assists in the planning and accommodating for the ensuing school year.
- **Indigenous Kinship Advisory Feast:** On February 23, 2023, the PSD Indigenous Education Facilitator and Division Principals hosted an Indigenous Kinship Advisory Feast.

- **Education Provincial Satisfaction Surveys:** The Government of Alberta will be sending out surveys at the end of March to assess the education system and make sure schools are meeting the needs of students.

Associate Superintendent Johnston responded to questions.

10. Collaboration Opportunities for School Councils:

Associate Superintendent Johnston gathered feedback on the meeting time and format. COSC members agreed that a 6:30 p.m. start time would likely work better for members, but to keep the in-person format.

Chair Thomson received feedback from members on ideas that are helpful for school councils. Some of the suggestions included: Planning for next year's events and fundraising events for the fundraising groups early in Spring so parents/families know what to expect; Holding school council AGMs in October rather than September, so schools can have one month with the experienced team prior to changes; and Keeping records and legacy documents for future school councils so they can keep a productive momentum.

11. Principal Reports:

There were no reports.

12. Items for Future Agenda

There were no items listed for future agendas.

13. Adjournment

Chair Thomson adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:30pm