



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

Meeting held at the Centre for Education, Board Room, in Stony Plain, Alberta
On Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM

Attendance:

Parkland School Division	Lorraine Stewart, Board Chair Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent Nadine Morrison, Recording Secretary
Athabasca Delta Community School	Tammie Sarauer, Principal
Blueberry School	Erin Craig, School Council Sarah Corker, School Council
Brookwood School	Megan Sider, School Council Melody Bertrand, School Council
Connections for Learning	Linda Labonte, School Council
Copperhaven School	Sheila Monteith, School Council
Duffield School	Cherie Lovsund, Principal
École Broxton Park School	Kalena Feist, School Council, COSC Vice-Chair
École Meridian Heights School	Caleigh Pagnucco, School Council
Entwistle School	Christine Bileau, Principal
Forest Green School	Elizabeth D'Arcy, School Council
Graminia School	Angie Gehlert, School Council
High Park School	Catrin Thomson, School Council, COSC Chair
Memorial Composite High School	Laurie Haak, School Council
Millgrove School	Anna-Marie Jackson, School Council Lesley Cameron, Principal
Muir Lake School	Tori Pudde, School Council Tracey Gilmour, Principal
Parkland Village School	Lindsay Kuelken, School Council Rose Barnes, School Council
Prescott Learning Centre	Sue Chaffey, School Council Chris Shaw, Principal
Tomahawk School	Fran Bell, Principal
Westview School	Krystle Hoogendoorn, School Council
Woodhaven Middle school	Lei Gryshik, School Council Nealle Dickson, Principal

1. Call to Order

Chair Thomson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Treaty Acknowledgement

Chair Thomson acknowledged Parkland School Division's presence in Treaty #6 and #8 Territories.

3. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Thomson welcomed everyone, Council of School Council (COSC) members introduced themselves.

4. Approval of Agenda

COSC 03-24 Moved by Ms. Haak that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes

COSC 04-24 Moved by Ms. Labonte that the minutes of the February 6, 2024, COSC meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

COSC members were provided a high-level review of the 2024 ASCA Resolutions which include the issue, the background, the resources related to the issue and the recommendation that will go forward at the ASCA Annual General Meeting (AGM). The proposed resolutions for the 2024 ASCA AGM are:

- Integrate Climate & Biodiversity Education Throughout the Curriculum from K-12
- Funding for More Assessments for Learning Disabilities
- Improving Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in Alberta Classrooms and Shared Environments
- Equity in Playground Funding
- Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ Students
- Resources Support for French Immersion Teachers (Available Before Implementation of Curriculum Changes) ** This year we have a PSD resolution from École Broxton Park School. Ms. Feist spoke briefly on this resolution.
- Enhanced Reporting of and Support for Class Size and Complexity

Associate Superintendent Johnston and Chair Thomson encouraged members to bring these resolutions to their school council for review and discussion, and to decide on a voting strategy to be used at the AGM.

Chair Thomson reminded school council members of the option to vote by proxy and noted that they would need to complete a Proxy Voting Form before April 18, 2024. Registration deadline for the ASCA Conference and AGM is April 15, 2024.

7. Board Report

Board Chair Stewart shared her Board Report, outlining the various events, items and Board decisions that the Trustees have been involved in such as:

- Receiving reports on: Literacy and Numeracy, highlighting the gains seen across division; Workplace Safety, information related to the Divisional Joint Health and Safety Committee including a complaint process where concerns can be raised anonymously; and Student Services, highlighting the ways the Student Services team support schools and coordinates resources;
- The first quarter financial statements were reviewed and show we on track and on target;
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Working Committee has been established by the Superintendent to review student and staff use of AI, policy and procedures, and infrastructure;
- West End Engagement evening is planned for April 23, 2024 providing an opportunity to the communities of our rural small west end schools to identify the Rural Advantage and how they envision it could be enhanced;
- Notification was received that construction funding for SGCHS was not obtained. The Board will continue to advocate to government;
- Stakeholder Engagement report revealed a wide variety of views on many topics, demonstrating the complexity in our schools and communities. At the April 11, 2024 Education Planning Day, the Board hopes to delve into these topics in a bit more detail;
- Choral Celebration is on Monday, March 18, 2024.

8. Office of the Superintendent Report

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

- **Share a Thought Survey:** The results from this survey really do matter: they are gathered and brought forward to the Stakeholder Engagement day for discussion. Feedback from all stakeholders may be viewed in the Board's Stakeholder Engagement Report
- **Professional Development (PD) Days for 2024-2025:** On March 12, 2024, attendees at Lead Team were deeply engaged in a discussion about their vision of what PD will look like in the upcoming year.
- **Education Planning:** Principals need to submit an Education Plan for their school and it is essential that school council is part of this process. As we approach the Division's annual Education Planning Day on April 11, 2024, it is important that school councils are having conversations with their school principals about things they would like to see happen in the school.

Associate Superintendent Johnston responded to questions.

9. School Council Reports

There were no reports.

10. Principal Reports

Principal Dickson provided reports on behalf of Principals highlighting the following:

- Muir Lake School's fundraising society is well on their way to obtaining the funding for a new replacement playground.

- Our schools reported on numerous successes with their sports teams and were excited to share many new first-time experiences in sport across the Division.
- Indigenous learning and experiences: EMHS has been working on character development through the 7 Sacred Teachings. On March 20, 2024 MCHS held an Indigenous Post-Secondary gathering. Athabasca Delta Community School started programming for indigenous and land-based learning similar to my path. Prescott Learning Centre extended an invitation for all to join a mini powwow and drumming ceremony they will be hosting on April 12, 2024 (test run) and May 10, 2024.
- Many events were held across the Division including; a learn-a-thon at Graminia, a read-a-thon at Forest Green, the Rotary bike-a-thon at MCHS and a 4 school joint French Immersion & FSL event, Vive le Français.
- SGCHS will have students traveling to Japan and Germany over spring break.
- The Christian Program at Brookwood and Woodhaven built a sense of community through shared worship at Chapel.
- CFL summer school registration is opening April 2, 2024 and the High School calendar has been extended to increase student success.
- Female students from Blueberry, Woodhaven, Broxton Park and CFL attended the Try a Trade event which made the news.
- Prescott Learning Centre School Council will be holding an information evening on April 3, 2024 with Cst. Gord Marshall who will be sharing his experiences with online safety for youth. School Council would like to extend the invitation to any community members.

11. Collaboration Opportunities for School Councils

- Associate Superintendent Johnston asked if anyone would like more information on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Members responded that they would be interested in discovering more about this topic, Associate Superintendent Johnston intends to give a presentation at an upcoming meeting.
- Last year Chair Thomson shared an email/presentation, “What we are doing to bring people into School Council”, she intends to resend this again in May.
- Chair Thomson inquired on how things are going with School Councils. Woodhaven shared they’ve had record breaking numbers at council meetings. Broxton Park also reported gaining some new members. Councils shared a variety of ideas on how to reach out to parents to increase involvement.

12. Items for Future Agenda

- Clarification on illness and the guidelines around sending kids to schools.
- Social Media guidance, for proper use of Facebook by School Councils and copyright laws (especially for images)
- Would ASCA be able to come in and give a presentation at a future COSC meeting?

- Associate Superintendent Johnston brought forward idea of holding a celebrating at the final meeting in May.

13. Adjournment

Chair Thomson adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 9, 2024