



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

Meeting held at the Centre for Education, Board Room, in Stony Plain, Alberta
On Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:30 PM

Attendance:

Parkland School Division	Jill Osborne, Trustee Shauna Boyce, Superintendent Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent Nadine Morrison, Recording Secretary
Blueberry School	Erin Craig, School Council
Brookwood School	Megan Sider, School Council
Connections for Learning	Linda Labonte, School Council
Copperhaven School	Sheila Monteith, School Council
École Broxton Park School	Kalena Feist, School Council, COSC Vice-Chair
École Meridian Heights School	Roni Pirot, Assistant Principal
Entwistle School	Christine Bileau, Principal
Graminia School	Amber Darragh, School Council 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
Parkland Village School	Lindsay Kuelken, School Council Kimberly Whytock, School Council Secretary
Prescott Learning Centre	Jeremy Clements, 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 6:36 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 05-24 Moved by Ms. Monteith & Ms. Craig that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes

COSC 06-24 Moved by Ms. Haak & Ms. Hoogendoorn that the minutes of the March 12, 2024, COSC meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

Chair Thomson reviewed the 2024 ASCA Resolutions including the issue, the background, and the recommendation that will be voted on during the ASCA Annual General Meeting (AGM). Questions regarding the Resolutions were brought forward and discussions ensued amongst the committee members.

The proposed Advocacy Resolutions for the 2024 ASCA AGM are:

- P24-01: Integrate Climate & Biodiversity Education Throughout the Curriculum from K-12
- P24-02: Funding for More Assessments for Learning Disabilities
- P24-03: Improving Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in Alberta Classrooms and Shared Environments

Superintendent Boyce entered the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

- P24-04: Equity in Playground Funding
- P24-05: Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ Students

Ms. Hoogendoorn left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

- P24-06: Resources Support for French Immersion Teachers (Available Before Implementation of Curriculum Changes)
- P24-07: Enhanced Reporting of and Support for Class Size and Complexity

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

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

- 2024-25 budget assumption were approved by the Board showing no big changes or surprises
- The Second Quarter Financial Report shows a projected \$2.1 million surplus, of which \$1.5 mil will be transferred to capital reserves for required projects.

- The French Immersion Report was received, seeing year over year improvements and a decrease in learning gaps. Additional funds for resources have been allocated to help address the fact that we are still below provincial average in PAT scores.
- Funding for the transfer of 2 portables and for the continuing demo on Stony Plain Central school building.
- Coventry Home is expanding the Building Futures program through a nonprofit allowing the program to become province wide.
- Isabella Ramos is our Edwin Parr nominee, Trustees were able to see her in action during school tours.
- Rotary Community Pantry has been nominated by PSD for the Alberta School Boards Association, Friends of Education award.
- Advocacy news, Board Chair Stewart, Superintendent Boyce and Associate Superintendent McFadyen met with Mayor Acker and the City's CAO to discuss SGCHS and the efforts to secure Construction Funding.
- The Local Elections Act Survey from the fall asked if stakeholders thought that Municipal Election candidates should have to declare a political party affiliation. The survey had a majority of negative responses, however, the Provincial Government are going ahead with the legislation in this spring sitting.
- April 4 meeting with Board and Administration from Evergreen Catholic to discuss issues and concerns.
- Zone 2/3 meeting, Dr. Stewart presented on the UofC's work on the Mental Health in Schools Framework and the mental health pilot project going on at several school divisions.

8. Office of the Superintendent Report

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

- **Where the World Opens Up:** PSD sent kids all over the world during spring break – Japan, Germany, Anaheim/Disneyland, and Spain & Portugal.
- **Education Planning Day:** 150 invitees are planned to attend the Education Planning Day on Thursday, April 11th. Parent representatives, administrators and educators from our schools along with Stakeholders (public bodies IE. Mayor) will be using the Share-A-Thought survey to share opinions and ideas to help grow and develop the Education Plan for the end of May.
- **Planning for Staffing next year:** 4 principal vacancies will be filled shortly which can potentially create a backlog of filling positions.

Associate Superintendent Johnston responded to questions.

9. Principal Reports

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

- Exciting events were enjoyed across the Division including; games nights, the Indigenous Atlas, dances, Easter Chapel and Forest Green's family style Spring Spaghetti meal.
- Entwistle School started a school wide art project led by Brie Adkins (a parent and local artist). The final project, a 8x8 mural with a marble maze, will become part of their outdoor classroom.
- Many interesting projects are taking place in our schools including a renewable energy project at High Park School based on their students' research.
- Prescott Learning Centre (PLC) reminded everyone that their first powwow practice and drumming ceremony will be held this Friday, April 12 and bannock and hamburger soup will be provided.
- Millgrove School's archery team has made it to the national archery tournament and 2 students from SGCHS will be moving on to provincials in the regional skills competition.
- Principal Fran Bell from Tomahawk School will be going onto to work with Alberta Education next year.
- PLC shared that Cst. Gord Marshall's speaking engagement on cyber security and online activity saw many participants from across the division.

SHARES FROM SCHOOLS

- Ms. Haak from MCHS shared that GSA applied for and was awarded a \$10,000 grant and presentation from Amazing Race winners Dr. James Makokis and Anthony Johnson.
- Ms. Gehlert invited everyone to attend a presentation on how to handle child's emotions and deregulation for parents. The event will take place at Graminia school in the last week of May.

10. Collaboration Opportunities for School Councils – TABLED

11. 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 celebration at the final meeting in May.
- AI in Action

12. Adjournment

Chair Thomson adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 14, 2024