



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 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM

Attendance:

Parkland School Division	Jill Osborne, Trustee Scott Johnston, Associate Superintendent Nadine Morrison, Recording Secretary
Blueberry School	Rosanne McIntyre, Principal Sarah Corker, School Council
Connections for Learning	Erin Craig, Assistant Principal
Copperhaven School	Sheila Monteith, School Council
Duffield School	Cherie Lovsund, Principal
École Broxton Park School	Joanne Zervakis, School Council
Graminia School	Angie Gehlert, School Council Christine Bileau, Principal
High Park School	Catrin Thomson, School Council, COSC Chair Rebecca Vishloff, Parent Advisory League
Millgrove School	Lesley Cameron, Principal
Muir Lake School	Tori Pudde, School Council
Prescott Learning Centre	Chris Shaw, Principal
Westview School	Krystle Hoogendoorn, School Council Elise Townsend, School Council
Woodhaven Middle school	Lei Gryshik, School Council

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 Councils (COSC) members introduced themselves.

4. Approval of Agenda

COSC 05-25 Moved by Ms. Corker that the agenda be approval as presented.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes

COSC 06-25 Moved by Ms. Monteith that the minutes of the March 4, 2025, COSC meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

Chair Thomson reviewed the 2025 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 discussion ensued amongst the committee members.

The proposed Advocacy Resolutions for the 2025 ASCA AGM are:

- P25-01: Pilot Program for Electric School Buses in Alberta
- P25-02: Mandatory Funding for Specialist Teachers in Elementary Schools
- P25-03: Sunlight is the Best Disinfectant – Mandatory Public Reporting on the State of Public Schools
- P25-04: Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing of Kindergarteners to Grade 3
- P25-05: Online Safety

Chair Thomson reminded school council members that the registration deadline for the ASCA Conference and AGM is April 14, 2025. School Councils that are not able to attend have the option to vote by proxy however, they would need to complete a Proxy Voting Form before April 19, 2025.

6.1. Discussion: Meeting Location for ASCA Conference

As the ASCA Conference and AGM are being held virtually this year, Chair Thomson noted that she is seeking a location where PSD school council members can meet in person. The group agreed that they would prefer to gather together for the Sunday AGM.

7. Trustee Topic

Trustee Osborne shared the Trustee Topic which focused on the upcoming 2025 Election for Parkland School Division School Board Trustee, to be held on October 20, 2025. Candidates will run for the Ward in which they reside, with a total of seven positions available. However, once elected, trustees represent the Division as a whole. Parkland County assists PSD with the election process, and voting will take place through the municipalities of Parkland County, City of Spruce Grove and Town of Stony Plain. Trustee Osborne emphasized that anyone interested in running can contact her for more information and insights. Additional information about the 2025 Election can be found on the PSD website under “Our Board” and on the Parkland County Website.

Trustee Osborne spoke on her personal experience as a trustee, highlighting the opportunity to be an advocate, the responsibilities of a trustee, the committees they serve on, the conventions they are encourage to attend, the hours they work, and their compensation.

A discussion followed regarding what school councils can post in regards to candidates and the election. It was noted that the ASCA website has information from the previous election, and Administrative Procedure 160: Political Electioneering should be consulted for guidance.

8. Office of the Superintendent Topic

Associate Superintendent Johnston noted that the 2025-2026 Funding Manual for School Authorities is now available; how this impacts the budget allocations/disbursement and that funding can now be determined. He also shared that his successor has been chosen, Mr. Bryn Spence, who is currently a Division Principal with PSD.

Education Planning Day is scheduled for April 16, 2025 and there will be a new format with a reduced number of attendees. Associate Superintendent Johnston mentioned that if anyone else on school council is interested in attending, to contact him directly, as he will be working on filling any remaining spots by this Friday. Additionally, school councils will need to be involved in the school planning process.

9. Principal Reports

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

- Tomahawk School has started the spring term of the Rural and Agricultural Education program. Students will create a business plan for their farm, and design a chicken coop and prepare beehives for their soon to be inhabitants.
- Graminia School raised over \$5,600 in support of the school band program at their Taste and Sound Event.
- CFL, Millgrove, Greystone, and SGCH (the Milestone Archery Team) had over 200 students, making this NASP team the largest in Canada. The team saw huge success over the season winning many tournaments, competitions and a provincial title. Three team members were selected for the Canadian NASP All-Star Team, set to compete in South Africa this July. Two grade 12 students, team members since grade 4, will be the first Milestone archers to complete the full NASP program.

10. Items for Future Agenda

- Have Superintendent Boyce attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the role of the Superintendent.
- Associate Superintendent Johnston brought forward idea of holding a celebration at the final meeting in May.
- AI in Action

11. Adjournment

Chair Thomson adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 13, 2025