

Brookwood School Council
Meeting Agenda
Monday, April 25, 2022
(Google Meet – Virtual Meeting)

In Attendance: Tyneal Johnson, Rosanne McIntyre, Nicole Patras, Eric Cameron, Doug Lorenz, Lisa Huffman, Angele Medeiros, Karen Stride-Goudie, Donna Ainslie O'Connor and Nadine Horner

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

- Welcome & Introductions
- Approval of Agenda
 - Approved By: Lisa motions to approve agenda as presented.
 - Second By: Tyneal seconds the motion to approve.
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (March 2022)
 - Approved By: Tyneal motions to approve minutes as presented.
 - Second By: Lisa seconds the motion to approve.
- Trustee Report (PSD Trustee): Eric Cameron is in attendance to present the trustee report. A very successful stakeholder engagement Education Planning day was held on April 7. We were pleased to have parents, teachers, school administrators, municipal partners, business owners and Trustees provide valued input. In the afternoon, Trustees were able to interact and have very fruitful discussions with our Principals and assistant principals. Trustees were given a presentation on the Dual Credit program (by coordinator Mike Partington) available to PSD high school students which enable high them to take courses offered by post- secondary school organizations for advanced credit. Some courses taken included Paramedic and American Sign Language. Our Board Chair, Dr. Lorraine Stewart, recapped letters to the Minister of Education with regard to topics like concerns on the new curriculum, curriculum implementation deadlines, and clarification on Charter School establishment. PSD has received a portion of the "learning disruptions grant" which will be used to help support interventions in literacy and numeracy starting with our grade ones. Principals and assistant principals will be continuing work focused on diversity, equity, community and belonging led by Dr. DeMello. In keeping with our operational priority of diversity and equity, PSD sent over 30 staff to the annual First Nation, Metis and Inuit conference put on by the College of Alberta School Superintendents. For the upcoming school year each of our K-9 schools will have access to a staffed School Counsellor (these counselors will have completed a Master's degree in Counseling or a related field). Our first major "out of province" field trip is expected to head out April 24 with a number of students anxious to participate in the Vancouver Sun Run. Trustees are aware that administration is currently collecting the feedback from our public on each of the recommendations they were directed to explore with regard to the comprehensive attendance review we are conducting. Explorations will also look at financial, transportation, human resources, utilization rates and opportunities to legacy students if a program or community transitions to another site. As each report on each recommendation is complete, they will be posted on our website. Affected people will

be notified and given the opportunity to provide further input on our website before any recommendation is presented to Trustees.

Modulars for Prescott School are expected at the end of April. Units will be ready for the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

Millgrove modulars are expected in July and are "hopefully" expected to be in place for Sept. 2022.

Trustees approved the Budget Assumptions provided by the Audit Committee which are the guiding considerations referred to when developing our budget which must be approved and submitted to the government in May.

Trustees were given the Second Quarter Financial Report which outlines how we are managing the budget for the 2021-2022. We are on track for having a planned \$2 million deficit.

The School Resource Officer's Report was given which went into detail the role of the position and the high degree of importance this position has been given from our high schools. Students and staff have greatly benefited from the great work of Constable Gord Marshall. The program is currently funded by the City of Spruce Grove, Town of Stony Plain and PSD.

Q: Can parents see where /what PSD's recommendations were for the new curriculum?

A: Eric will look to see what he can find out and pass the information on to Karen. Ultimately, we have to work with what is going forward in the fall. Parents need to work with teachers and support staff to make it all work.

- Admin Report (Karen & Rosanne): Our MCP staff and students celebrated Easter with a virtual joint chapel with Woodhaven. April 22 was "dress up like your favorite book character day" There were so many different characters from Harry Potter to Where's Waldo to Pete the Cat. Our bulletin boards were willed with artwork to celebrate Earth Day. There was a reminder to check out the 2022 PSD Visual Arts Celebration that was posted on the PSD website.

Discussion on the learning loss grant with the focus on literacy and numeracy. Grades 2 and 3 are all done. Small groups for Grade 1 students for numeracy and literacy have started in April.

Parents/guardians can attend the school if they are required as part of the educational programming needs of the school. We were happy to welcome volunteers at Brookwood this month. Visitors - are required to check in at the office, Our office staff are always happy to help you!

A huge Thank you to the Brookwood Association for covering the cost of the following online platforms for our students: RAZ Kids, Mathletics, & Discovery Education.

An update on our kindergarten registrations: MCP 22, Mainstream 45.

- Council Chair/President Report:
- Hot lunch program: Current status and plans moving forward into the 2022-2023 school year. Currently not running hot lunch this year and have not since Covid. Could be a possibility but would need volunteers. Tyneal mentioned she has a volunteer that has come forward and she will reach out to her for next year. Discussion on how the hot lunch program ran in years previous. Suggestion to have 2 volunteers for hot lunch.

- ASCE \$500 council grant, and what should we put it toward?
Through the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant, each school council will receive \$500 to better support individual school councils and strengthen engagement with parents. This grant needs to be spent by the end of the year. It can not be spent on gift certificates. Muir Lake's school chair has reached with the suggestion of pooling all school council grant money and hiring a speaker. The grant renews every year.

Q: What kind of speaker?

A: Possibly a motivational speaker or a speaker who can help guide councils with their roles.

Discussion around how in person BBQ's are less threatening . Possibly having a booth showing ways how parents can get involved at the school.

It was decided that Brookwood School Council would pool their ASCE \$500 grant money with the other PSD school councils.

- Confirmation of Meeting Dates/Times & Next Meeting Date
 - Next Meeting Date: May 30/22
- Meeting Adjourn at 8:05 p.m.