

Brookwood School Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday May 30, 2022
(Google Meet – Virtual Meeting)

In Attendance: Tyneal Johnson, Rosanne McIntyre, Nicole Patras, Eric Cameron, Doug Lorenz, Lisa Huffman, Angele Medeiros, Karen Stride-Goudie, Amanda Power and Nadine Horner

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

- 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 (April 2022)
 - Approved By: Tyneal motions to approve minutes as presented.
 - Second By: Lisa seconds the motion to approve.
- Trustee Report (PSD Trustee)

May is budget deliberation month when we set our 2022-2023 school year budget; we deal with close to \$137 000 000 to cover all aspects of operations for the division; we expect to have to pull money out of our reserves (\$2 million) to cover expenses this next school year. The weighted average the government uses to allot funds hurts a rapidly growing community like Spruce Grove.

Our Attendance Area Review is proceeding according to set out timelines; we have completed our first round of consultations and we will be posting our results before entering our second round of stakeholder input; most decisions will not take effect until the 2023-2024 school year. However, there have been 4 recommendations that were approved for the 2022-2023 School year: Parkland Village School will expand to K-5; French Immersion high school will remain at Spruce Grove Composite; new growth in the Shiloh Area Structure Plan will be designated to Brookwood and Woodhaven; areas of Tussic, Country Plains Estates and other unnamed developments in southeast Stony Plain will be designated to Stony Plain Central. The Board approved the 2022-2023 Education Plan, which is our guiding document to reflect assurance reporting, community engagement and future resource allocation, as well as planning for improvement to student learning and achievement. This document is submitted to Alberta Education and is available for public viewing. The County of Parkland has agreed to help facilitate the position of School Resource Officer after pulling out in 2021-2022. There is some talk of the provincial government covering the costs of these programs which would be very welcomed. The Board received the following reports: Strategic Communications Department; Learning Technologies ; Stakeholder Engagement; Student Engagement. We were disappointed to hear that the Alberta School Council Association has lost basically all provincial funding (used to receive about \$650 000 yearly). Coincidentally (or maybe not) the Minister of Education has set up her own Parent's Council made up of 40 handpicked members of the public to provide stakeholder input.

Q: If the funding for ASCA is lost, are they going to be funded in any other way?

A: Eric is not sure but sure hopes because they are a great organization.

We will be hosting the Try-Me-Try-Athlon June 3 this year after a 2 year absence due to Covid. This year's event will be held in Stony Plain.

The minister has announced that K-6 subjects are ready for piloting for schools (some K-3 subjects are already mandatory for the 2022-2023 school year). We have not decided yet whether to pilot and what to pilot. Minister expects an answer by early June.

- Admin Report (Karen & Rosanne)

Brookwood celebrated "Hats on for Mental Health", Superhero Day and the beginning of field trips in May. AHS started the dental program for our K-2. Our grade 4' had a busy month with the track meet and the wolf pack visits at Woodhaven. Staff were surprised with coffee and donuts from Tim Hortons. A community member nominated our school as a part of their Tim's for Good campaign. In June swimming lessons start for grade 1 and 3. Joint chapel for our MCP group. Year-end activities for all grade levels. Our grade 4 farewell celebration plans are well on their way. A scavenger hunt, Kahoot, lunch and swimming. A huge shout out to the BSA for organizing the book fair. There was more than \$10,000 in sales. Mrs. Schoepp has purchased over \$1500 in books already.

2022/23 kindergarten numbers are growing each day. Mainstream has 45 and MCP has 25.

The MCP Praying Parents created an amazing float for the Stony Plain Farmers Days parade. Angele, thank you it looked awesome.

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!

Our school is still using RAZ kids, Mathletics and Discovery Kids as online platforms for when students are away.

Teachers are sharing online assessments through Powerschool with monthly updates. Early years focus on numeracy and literacy.

Review of school communication. School messenger, school website, Facebook, Rally (P/T interviews) & Classroom sites/blogs.

Q: When will next year's class assignments be released?

A: In late August they will be posted on the parent portal

- Council Chair/President Report

Lisa and Doug met at the school to see where the outdoor classroom would best be suited. They decided that the north side would be ideal. Next steps would be to get in touch with the high school to see if they would be able to help build tables, sun shades, etc to help reduce costs. Getting quotes from business would also be needed. Lisa is wondering about insurance legalities and building codes of having students build the structures. Karen mentioned that facilities could possibly help as well. Doug will get a plan and pass on Karen.

Q: Tyneal - wondering who would create the design? PSD?

A: Karen - no, the parent group would have to get this started.

Doug said he could get something together enough to have it drafted.

Tyneal - Are you asking for a dollar amount or just looking at getting a draft together? The Association would need to know the maximum amount of money you are needing to spend on the project.

Doug is thinking of applying for some grants to help cover costs.

Angele - At this point we need to figure out a ballpark first before we set a budget

****Action Item** - Doug will draw up some plans, contact some vendors and get us to the point to get a shovel in the ground for the fall.

- Pinnies for the school. Cost, quantity, and request for approval.
Requesting 10 pinnies of each color (Red, green, blue, yellow, orange). The cost is \$260.00.
Requesting branded pinnies for cross country running and other uses. Cost should not be more than \$1000.
Angele motions to request funds from the Brookwood School Association to cover the cost of the pinnies.
Doug seconds the motions
All in favor, motion passed

- Welcome back BBQ for September. Meet the teachers, meet fellow parents.
We would need lots of parents volunteers to help run this event. The number of volunteers would determine the size of the event. Instead of BBQ could we do donuts or snacks? Use this evening to help spread the word about the school council.
Doug motions that council and association work together on a meet & greet for September 2022 and is asking for \$2000.
Lisa seconds the motion
All in favor, motion is passed

- \$500 council grant, final decision
ASCE will send a representative out to help guide the council, go over books and procedures. Would only take a couple of hours. Grant has to be spent by the end of August.

- Confirmation of Meeting Dates/Times & Next Meeting Date
 - Next Meeting Date: Sep 12, 2022

- Meeting Adjourn at 8:18pm