

Brookwood School Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 23, 2023
(G-Meet)

In Attendance: Tyneal Johnson, Rosanne McIntyre, Nicole Patras, Jill Osborne, Doug Lorenz, Lisa Huffman, Angele Medeiros, Karen Stride-Goudie, Melody Bertrand Megan Sider, Lindsay Rion and Nadine Horner

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approved By: Lisa motions to approve agenda as presented
 - b. Second By: Tyneal seconds the motion to approve
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (January 2023)
 - a. Approved By: Lisa motions to approve agenda as presented
 - b. Second By: Tyneal seconds the motion to approve

4. Trustee Report (PSD Trustee)

The Board approved a recommendation to re-designate students of Parkland Village Attendance area to Woodhaven Middle School for grades 7-9 in the 2024-2025 school year. Parkland Village School has been approved to extend from a K-5 school to a K-6 school for the next year. Further, that any students in Grade 7-9 at Prescott Learning Centre who live in the Parkland Village attendance area be permitted to remain as legacy students until completion of grade 9, without being assigned school of choice fees, if they already attend Prescott at the time of the change. This addresses the challenges of both overcrowding at Prescott Learning Centre and under utilization of Woodhaven Middle School.

The Board received the following reports for information:

The 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

- i. <https://www.psd.ca/download/409749>

The Workplace Safety Report

- ii. <https://www.psd.ca/download/409753>

The Early Learning Report

- iii. <https://www.psd.ca/download/409754>

The Student Services Report

- <https://www.psd.ca/download/409756>

Applications for the Minister's Youth Council are being accepted for the 2023-2024 school year. The deadline for application is March 24. It is open to Jr

or Sr High students between the ages of 14-19. Parkland School Division students have been selected to be a part of past councils and spoke favorably about their experience. I have provided a link to the application in my report. <https://www.alberta.ca/student-engagement.aspx>

Q: Has the transportation department looked at getting a bus tracking app and how can we get that put forward?

A: Some buses might already have this but Jill will forward to Director of Transportation

Q: Wondering why when I registered my two kids they had different start dates? Grade 4 and Kindergarten.

A: Karen explained that Kindergartens have staggered enter and start on different days

5. Admin Report (Karen & Rosanne)

Many events were held at Brookwood in February. Our first school wide assembly on Feb 3 featuring our Spirit Team. February 23 Brookwood held their school chapel with Ben Loates leading worship and Susan Weisenburger as a guest speaker. Our theme days varied from Formal day on Feb 8 to Pink Shirt on Feb 22. In between our Grade 4 leadership group sold candy grams on Feb 14. Parent-Teacher Interviews Grade K-4, K-4 - In-person interviews: February 13 from 4-7 pm. 1-4 - Virtual Interviews: February 15th from 4-7 pm. K - In-person interviews - Feb. 22 - 4-7 pm. Early Ed - February 23 - 4-8:30 pm (Combination - In-person/GMeets)

- Feedback from parents - they appreciated the choice

Q: Can the Interview be longer? We found that 10min was too short.

A: Some teachers asked the same thing. The challenge is fitting in All students in two nights. We will review 12 minutes vs 10 minutes to see if we can fit all the students.

Kindergarten Open House (including Christian Program) was held on February 16th @ 6pm. Approximately 50 in attendance. Parents and children went through stations - Kinder classrooms, Music Room, PE / Gym; Library. We had Grade 4 students volunteer as tour guides. Christian Program was also featured at the end of the evening - video and Q and A.

Grade 4 Skiing attended 2 of the 3 scheduled ski days. February 3, 13 and 24 (canceled due to weather) Partially sponsored by Brookwood School Council Association.

Choir for Grades 3 and 4 - 60 + students are excited for the upcoming Choral Celebration! Spirit Team for Grades 1 and 2 - Lots of excitement - 60 + students Running Room Indoor Games - Grades 3 and 4 - 18 students participating.

- All students at Brookwood and Woodhaven participating in Running Room Indoor Games train together here at Brookwood.

- Students from both schools attended Running Room Indoor Games at the Butterdome
 - Feb. 23
 - Girls placed - 114/196
 - Boys placed - 65/20

Praying Parents from the Christian Program at both Brookwood and Woodhaven Schools gathered together following Chapel to pray for the students, staff and families.

Brookwood School Council and Association

- THANK YOU for ... funding cultural events:
 - December, 2022 - Woodhaven Drama - "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"
 - Jan. 26 - Alberta Opera – "Jack and the Beanstalk"
 - May 12 - Dufflebag Theatre - "Peter Pan"
 - AND Grade Four Skiing
 - Students were very excited!

6. Council Chair/President Report

Attended the COSC meeting. It was a very informative meeting and I learned a lot about other councils and what they do. Some schools have their councils in the kitchens making hot lunches while some only have former members. So thank you for all your help.

It was suggested that school councils have their own Facebook page separate from the school. This way we can do our own bragging and highlight what is coming up. Tyneal volunteered to start and manage the Facebook page.

7. Brookwood Clue and Readathon update for this year's Readathon

Read-a-thon running March 1-14th

Clue Mar 6-10th

Ordering prizes on the 8th

There will be a thank you card for all the sponsors and a poster with all the sponsors.

Karen thanked Tyneal for all her organized work for the Read-a-thon and Clue

8. School flag revisit and request.

Doug Motion: Request for \$700 for a large feather flag.

Tyneal second, all in favor, passed.

9. Outdoor classroom and playspace status and update.

Side note regarding Central Park. Major renovation proposed includes redoing the soccer field, storm drainage and the addition of fruit trees and a playground. This could be a construction zone for years depending on how many stages they

complete this in.

There have been some safety concerns brought forward regarding the outdoor classroom layout. Serge would have to review and the layout would have to be engineered for safety purposes. We could not build without passing safety codes.

Karen will nudge Serge again to take a look at the drawings.

More quotes should get done.

Might be worth having a playground company come in with their ideas. Let them pitch and share what they have. They have a grant person on staff to help guide towards the right grants.

Melody volunteered to change the Brookwood outdoor sign.

Going back to the COSC meeting. There was discussion around food programs and grants that schools can access. We should look at what Brookwood can get in regards to these programs.

Karen mentioned that Brookwood already accesses a number of food programs and grants through PSD. Examples are PC Grant, Breakfast Club, donation from an Alumni and other grants through PSD.

10. Confirmation of Meeting Dates/Times & Next Meeting Date: March 20/23 at Brookwood

11. Meeting Adjourn at 8:23pm