

Brookwood School Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 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 and Nadine Horner

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Approved By: Tyneal motions to approve agenda as presented
 - b. Second By: Lisa seconds the motion to approve
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Nov 2022)
 - a. Approved By: Tyneal motions to approve agenda as presented
 - b. Second By: Lisa seconds the motion to approve
4. Trustee Report (PSD Trustee)

The Board recommended that Parkland Village School be reconfigured to a K-6 school, starting next school year. This addresses the issue of population below 80% at Parkland Village, while also addressing overcrowding at Prescott. A portion of IMR (Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal) funding is withheld if a school is below 80% capacity. IMR funds go towards things like small building upgrades and janitorial services. Students currently at Prescott who will be in grades 7-9 in 2023/2024 will have the option to remain at Prescott as legacy students and will not be charged school of choice fees for busing.

The Edwin Parr Award is awarded annually by Alberta School Boards Association to an outstanding first year teacher. Last year, Spruce Comp's own Taylor Pocock made it to the final round of selection. The Board directed Administration to establish a submission deadline for schools to nominate a teacher. Myself and Trustees Hennig and Wagner were named to the selection committee. The Board recommended the approval of the AERR (Annual Education Results Report). <https://www.psd.ca/download/407024> .

The assurance elements within the document focus on 5 key domains which include Student Growth & Achievement, Teaching & Leading, Learning Supports, Governance, and Responding To Our Local & Societal Context. Not only is this report a requirement by Alberta Education, our Board and Senior Administration is proud to present it, as it shows that we are actively engaging stakeholders in the development of local priorities and working to

achieve growth in those areas. While there were many things to celebrate showcased in this document, key findings highlight our need for continued focus on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes and peer to peer relationships. This also falls in line with our ultimate goal of student success and well-being. To be clear, we had identified these areas as needing focus before the pandemic, and the pandemic has augmented that disparity between where we'd like to be and where we are.

The Literacy Report and the Curriculum Implementation Report were received as information. The Board was able to hear about the work happening at head office by Division Principals to support Administration and Staff at our schools to address learning gaps and new curriculum roll out. We also heard about the collaboration between schools and staff during division PD to share ideas and resources. Many of the resources being used to implement the new curriculum have been sourced or developed by PSD staff, led by Division Principals Bridgeman and Patras.

Advocacy and Community

On Oct 28 I began work on the Advocacy Committee for our zone for the Alberta School Boards Association. It is important for Parkland School Division to have a strong voice in the provincial association to represent us. I have committed to a two year term.

Before Christmas, PSD received word that we had been successful in a Grant Application for 790K for a Mental Health in Schools Pilot Project. It is a partnership between PSD and Westview Primary Care Network. I have attached the link to provide more information.

<https://www.psd.ca/download/405753>

Q: Where does the Mental Health grant go towards?

A: Hiring social workers and purchasing resources for our libraries

5. Admin Report (Karen & Rosanne)

So Great to experience many "in person" Christmas concerts this year. We have received a lot of positive feedback from our community! Each concert was absolutely beautiful! Once again we had Grade level Christmas trees displayed in the hallway near the front entrance. Each student made one ornament for the tree. It was a beautiful welcome for our Christmas concerts. The last week before the winter break we played carols over the PA at 1:00pm and then on Dec 22 and 23 we had a school wide sing along in the gym. Throughout the month of December our Gr 4 leadership students planned several theme days like Christmas sweater day, Christmas hat day and Christmas PJ day.

Thank you to our students and families for bringing in "Toonies for Toys" for the Spruce Grove Kinettes. We raised \$300.00.

January theme days included School Spirit day and TieDye/Camo day.

Brookwood & Woodhaven met together for our Christmas Joint Chapel on Wed., December 21. Great leadership in worship from The Loates' Family in the

Christian Program! It was a privilege to host at Brookwood! Lots of positive feedback from students, staff and families! Praying Parents from the Christian Program at both Brookwood and Woodhaven Schools gathered together following the Joint Chapel to pray for the students, staff and families.

A big THANK YOU to Board Chair - Trustee Lorraine Stewart and Trustee Eric Cameron and Associate Superintendent Meg Miskolzie for attending our Christmas concerts.

And a big THANK YOU to Trustees Anne Montgomery and Jill Osborne and Deputy Superintendent Mark Francis for attending the Christmas Joint Chapel for our Christian Program.

THANK YOU to our Brookwood School Council and Association for funding our cultural events:

December 2022 - Woodhaven Play Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

January 2023 - Alberta Opera Jack and the Beanstalk

May 2023 - Dufflebag Theatre Peter Pan

Q: Was there chapel in January and if not why? There is a concern that we went from weekly chapel to not even once a month chapel.

A: No, there was no chapel in January. We are trying to balance all the school wide events that are happening every month. Classrooms are having daily devotions.

Q: For the Kindergarten open house, can there be parent involvement for the Christian Program? Is it possible to advocate for a separate day? Other programs of choice have their own open house days.

A: Great suggestion, but division sets the date for all schools. At this point we would not be able to change the date. This is something we can look at for next year.

Q: Powerschool app not sending absences notifications to parents

A: Nicole to contact division office

6. Council Chair/President Report

Doug missed the COSC meeting this past month.

7. Award gift card to a parent attending the meeting

Awarded to Melody for attending tonight's meeting, thank you

8. Brookwood Clue and Readathon update and budget request for this year's Readathon

We will still have small prizes for students that participate.

Instead of a scooter this year we are looking at doing a family night that will include hotel/dinner/movie passes/WEM passes, etc.

Popsicle party for class that wins.
Top reader gets a gift card to Indigo.
Budget for both Clue and Read-a-thon would be \$2000 (\$200 clue/ \$1800 read-a-thon)
Doug motions for the proposed budget
Angele seconds, all on favor, passed

9. School flag revisit and request.

Table until costs can be nailed down

10. Outdoor classroom and playspace status and update.

Some adjustments have been made to the previous proposal. Removal of the toad stools. Two tiered semi circle bench. Still have the sensory panels.

Did receive a quote from Mederios Concrete and Construction for \$38599.05 for the completion of the outdoor classroom in the fall of 2023. Location would be just outside the blue dot doors as Serge had planned before.

Tyneal plans to get another quote.

No plans of a sunshade at this time.

Sensory panels would not be delivered until the fall.

There is a chance casino funds could be used for the outdoor classroom, Tyneal to confirm.

I would be ideal to have the work done in the summer months.

Karen to look into the cost of getting permits.

Would need to think about skate guards for the edges.

Hoping to get drawing out to parents soon

First step: would be to meet with Serge with new drawings

Next step: get another quote.

11. Confirmation of Meeting Dates/Times & Next Meeting Date: Feb 27/23 @ 7:00pm, GMeet

12. Meeting Adjourn at 8:14pm