

MEETING MINUTES

Brookwood School Council

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30pm

In Attendance: Eric Cameron, Rosanne McIntyre, Nicole Patras, Lisa Huffman, Melody Bertrand, Brad McPherson, Tyneal Johnson, Nadine Horner and Megan Sider

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

- Welcome & Introductions

- Approval of Agenda

- o Approved By: Lisa motions to approve agenda as presented
 - o Second By: Tyneal seconds the motion to approve

- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (January 2024)

- o Approved By: Lisa motions to approve agenda as presented
 - o Second By: Tyneal seconds the motion to approve

- Trustee Report (PSD Trustee):

- Board Chair Report:

- In a meeting with the Minister of Education, it was made clear that there will be public engagement meetings with regard to the proposed gender identity legislation recently announced. PSD current policy and practice will continue until official legislation and regulations are put in place. We have not received a response from the Minister of Education regarding the request for \$5 million to be included in the new SGCHS build to accommodate a Horizon Stage-like structure to be included in the build. We will probably have to wait until the March budget is announced. (Board Chair and Superintendent met with Minister Turton on Jan. 26 to outline the proposed build with Horizon Stage included). On January 25 the Board met with Parkland County mayor and Council for a supper meeting to discuss mutual interests in strengthening rural opportunities, including educational opportunities. We are in discussions to hold a joint meeting in our west end to consult with west end constituents. We have future meetings planned with the City of Spruce Grove, Town of Stony Plain and Evergreen Separate School District.

- Superintendent Report: February saw a strong focus on Professional development with Teachers Convention and sessions with our educational assistants, bus drivers and school secretaries. PSD will take part in any engagement sessions offered re: gender identity and any changes established in legislation will take time to implement (we endeavor to address all student well-being). Teachers and teacher leaders have formed a committee to look into various topics on Artificial Intelligence. We have 17 indigenous students nominated for the Alberta School Board's Honoring Spirit Awards. Two videos were shown: Muir Lake Science Olympics (focusing on hands on problem solving and critical thinking) and Winter Walk video featuring a number of our schools. Pink Shirt Day is Feb. 28 to stand against bullying.

Student Delegation: The Board welcomed students from Entwistle School on the topic of Accessing the Rural Advantage: Entwistle School's Journey into Career Pathways. They outlined through unique programming, students are able to access the community library, engage in nature-based learning and investigate various career pathways.

Workplace Safety Report: Topics included: Occupational Health and Safety requirements, the formation of a Divisional Joint Health and Safety Committee, Safety Concern Identification/Complaint Process, Complaints and Investigations, and Summary of Injuries by Position.

Student Services Report: The Student Service Report highlighted the various ways in which the Student Services team supports schools and coordinates resources to provide inclusive, safe, supportive, academic learning environments that serve the needs of a diverse population of students throughout the school division. Topics included: Early Education, Kindergarten and School-aged supports and funding models.

Q: Are there plans to replace the football/soccer field?

A: It's not being ruled out. Old school would be a parking lot, so there might be still space.

• Admin Report (Karen & Rosanne):

February Theme Days organized by our Grade Four students to provide leadership opportunities:

February 14 - Valentine's Day (Candy Grams)

February 22 - Formal Day

February 28 - PINK Shirt Day

Kindergarten Open House (including Christian Program) held on February 15th @ 6pm. Approximately 60 in attendance. Parents and children went through stations - Kinder classrooms, Music Room, PE / Gym, Library. Grade 4 students volunteered - greeters, helping out with tours etc. Great to have Melody as a representative from School Council / School Association onsite and hand out information flyers.

February 23 - Brookwood School Chapel

Ben Loates - leading worship and Erica Vanden Pol - speaker

We have been working with parents to co-plan some of our Brookwood chapels.

Grade 4 Skiing - Partially sponsored by Brookwood School Council and Association
Students loved and appreciated the experience! So Thank you!

Choir for Grades 3 and 4 - 78 students are excited for the upcoming Choral Celebration!

Spirit Team for Grades 1 and 2 - Lots of excitement - 60 + students

Running Room Indoor Games for Grades 3 and 4 - 17 students

Shout out to Brookwood School Council and Association

THANK YOU for ... funding cultural events:

Jan. 24 - Three Hat Circus - a fun time for all!

AND Grade Four Skiing

Students were very excited!

Melody for attending our Kinder Open House as a representative.

Q: Do you think that the turnout for the open house was a lot?

A: We feel it was an average amount. It's hard to gauge with all the open houses on the same night. Families have to choose a school to attend.

Q: Are there open houses for other grades:

A: No but we do individual tours as requested

Q: Is there an open house for Grade 4's entering Woodhaven?

A: Yes but usually not held until later in the year, towards May

- Council Chair/President Report

- o Kindergarten Open House:

- Melody thought it was great to see new faces. Everyone got the pamphlet. So hopefully we see some new faces next year.

- o COSC Meeting Review:

- Main topic was discipline and the student code of conduct. 3-5% have a tough run and they work really hard to keep kids in school. Also spoke about cyber bullying. Question that is asked: "why the disrespect from students". More knowledge as parents is better. Keep kids off social media. We talked about how to tell parents about the school council. Some schools are having council members speak to the parents in attendance at school assemblies. There was a reminder to use the \$500 from ASCA. The board has set aside \$6000 to send extra people to the conference. The cost for one person to attend is \$499. Curriculum changes for this year with report cards only going out two times instead of three. Powerschool is now more "real" time making it easier for parents to see where their student is at. 2024/25 school calendar has 181 days of learning but still the same amount of instructional hours. We have been asked to make sure we are celebrating our council and bragging about our school

- Q: What is the student code of conduct?

- A: This can be found online. Parents should know and have read this. There is also a parent code of conduct. If parents are not feeling safe they can go to their school council. We are here for the betterment of everyone.

- o ASCA convention – April 26-28, 2024

- Is there anyone that would like to attend? We can send two people. Megan would like to go. Anyone else?

- MOTION: To move the ASCA money to send Megan to attend the ASCA conference.

- Megan Motion

- Tyneal second, all in favor, passed

- MOTION: To apply for additional registration money from the Board of Trustees

- Megan motions

- Tyneal second, all in favor, passed

Additional Items: No progress on swings as a second quote has not been received.

- Confirmation of Meeting Dates/Times & Next Meeting Date

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024: 6:30pm (virtual)

- Meeting Adjourn at 7:32 pm