

# MEETING MINUTES

## Brookwood School Council

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:33pm

**In Attendance:** Jill Osborne, Karen Stride-Goudie, Rosanne McIntyre, Lindsay Rion, Lisa Huffman, Melody Bertrand, Tyneal Johnson, Nadine Horner, Brad McPherson, and Megan Sider

### Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

- Welcome & Introductions

- **Approval of Agenda**

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

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (February 2024)**

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

- Some brief discussion about the new High School design plan and construction funding, Horizon Stage (was talked about at COSC)

- **Admin Report (Karen & Rosanne):**

March 1 - School Wide Assembly

- Featuring our Brookwood Spirit Team and Brookwood Choir
- We have received lots of positive feedback from parents!

March 19 - Joint Easter Chapel

- Christian Program - Brookwood and Woodhaven
- Participation from our grade 3s, 4s. And 7s.
- Worship by Ben Loates & Team

March Theme Days

Organized by our Grade Four students to provide leadership opportunities:

- March 15 - Colour Day
- March 21 - World Down Syndrome Day (Rock your socks)

March Read-A-Thon and Brookwood Clue

AMAZING! Celebration of minutes read 46,860 min. and funds raised \$17,000!  
WOW!!

Choral Celebration - March 18

Exciting to have Brookwood School Choir participate (75 students) !

Brookwood School Council and Association

THANK YOU for ... funding cultural events:

Wednesday, Jan. 24 (pm) Three Hat Circus  
Tuesday, April 30 (pm) Alberta Musical Theatre (Cinderella)

THANK YOU for ... Brookwood Clue and "Read-A-Thon" - WOW!  
Total amount fundraised: \$17,000 !! Lots of prizes for participants - lots of excitement!

Special THANKS ... to Tyneal and her team!

Q: Is the Admin report added somewhere?

A: It is found in the Council minutes

- **Trustee Report (PSD Trustee): Jill Osborne**

The Board Meeting began with a delegation from Woodhaven School's drama department. It was so amazing to hear from the students about the work they put into their productions (including through options) and the confidence, leadership skills and sense of belonging they develop along the way.

The Board approved several recommendations at our March 12 Board Meeting.

1) The Board approved the recommendation to nominate Isabel Ramos for the Edwin Parr Award

which celebrates excellence in teaching for first year teachers. Ms. Ramos is a Music and Phys Ed

teacher at Graminia School. The Board was able to see her magic in action recently during school tours. She has the kids singing, playing instruments and moving their bodies and easily

adapts lessons to skill level. Her classroom is joyful and inclusive. She is an excellent nominee to

represent our division.

2) The Fees and Allowances schedule was approved by the Board. Please see attached.

<https://www.psd.ca/download/443124> Some program fees have been increased slightly due to

inflation but bus fees have not changed.

3) The Board approved a recommendation to Nominate The Rotary Club of Spruce Grove Community Partners Society for the Friends of Education Award. The award is sponsored by

Alberta School Boards Association. This valued community partner currently prepares, delivers

and covers half the cost for more than 700 lunches per week in 18 school sites (including rural).

PSD covers the other half through nutrition grants. They truly are a friend to education and are a

valued partner.

4) The Board approved the 3 year Capital Plan as follows:

Year one priority 1 is a replacement school for Spruce Comp

Year one priority 2 is a new school for the Tonewood area (east Spruce Grove)  
Year two priority 1 is a modernization at Brookwood school  
Year two priority 2 is a modernization at Forest Green school  
Year three priority 1 is a new school for the west side of Spruce Grove  
Year three priority 2 is a replacement school for Parkland Village  
You will notice that Brookwood has moved up one place. The school division was approved to modernize the gym at Tomahawk School using money from our reserves and, as such, we have removed it from our list. You can see the full report here:  
<https://www.psd.ca/download/442645>

Which brings me to another piece of news that I am sure you have heard. We were not successful in being awarded Construction Funding for the Spruce Grove Comp during budget 2024. Which is why it remains our top priority and has been for the last 6 years. To say that we are disappointed is an understatement. We had done everything that needed to be done to be fully considered. We are looking at next steps and will be asking our partners in the municipalities that we serve, both political partners and stakeholders, to join us in our advocacy. Stay tuned for more on that.

On March 12 Vice Chair Aileen Wagner attended a Curriculum Session follow up for the new K – 6 Social Studies Curriculum. The draft copy was released last week. Schools will have an option to pilot the curriculum next year and provide feedback.

On March 18 Board Chair Stewart and Superintendent Boyce attended an engagement session with the Minister of Education regarding Premier Smith's announcement of changes to legislation regarding Parent Choice. PSD is committed to attending all engagement sessions and continuing to provide safe and caring schools for all of our students.

Several other reports were received for information including  
2023-2024 INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL (IMR) / CAPITAL MAINTENANCE RENEWAL (CMR) EXPENDITURE REPORT <https://www.psd.ca/download/442646>  
NUMERACY REPORT <https://www.psd.ca/download/442647>  
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REPORT <https://www.psd.ca/download/442649>

Q: We proceeded with the design, what happens to the design if the construction funding hasn't been approved?

A: The design is saved until the construction phase funding process happens

again.

Q: How does the new Social Studies curriculum pilot work? Will we be notified when/if a pilot is happening?

A: It is voluntary participation, first by the school boards, then schools, then individual teachers. Brookwood generally pilots new curricula in grade-level teams. More to be discussed at the upcoming PSD engagement meeting next month. Parents will be notified/if/when there is a pilot of the new social studies curriculum. It is tricky to implement two new curricula at the same time.

#### • Council Chair/President Report

o COSC Meeting Review:

- PSD Trustees will release their Stakeholder Engagement Report early in April
- April 11 - Education Planning Day - each school will have a council, parent and administration rep present. There will also be a few students involved in the day.
- Prescott is hosting a public-access "trial-run" Powwow on April 3 - come out and experience the culture through food, singing, and dance. This will be offered again in May if the trial goes well.
- Deep discussion between councils regarding participation and how to keep people involved, as well as encourage new people to join. In the end, it was mentioned that the councils need to continue to be present at school events, invite parents, remind everyone that we exist and also what we do!
- Schools have been busy!
  - Meridian Heights - 7 Sacred Teachings - 7 months of activities (school-wide) based off of the teachings. They report that the students have really enjoyed the activities and learnings.
  - Millgrove/Greystone: Competed in an Archery Competition and are sending some students to the next-level competition.
  - Entwistle - AB Northern Lights wheelchair experience
- The majority of the meeting was focused on the ASCA conference resolutions and how to approach them and discuss them with our councils to come up with a vote stance.

COSC Meeting Highlights (April 9/24):

- ASCA Conference: discussions on the process of the conference weekend, the sessions offered, etc.
- ASCA Resolutions: we discussed each resolution as councils of PSD and how we feel our vote would be focused on based on our division and needs. Many questions were brought forward and worked through collectively.
- Principal's report was provided to discuss the excitement and experiences happening throughout our schools. Everyone is gearing up for Spring and ultimately the end of the year.
  - ASCA

Q: Do they go into great details about each resolution topic? How will we know which items are relevant to Brookwood?

A: Yes, they go over each one.

Q: How should we go about this?

A: Let's set up a meeting to go through this. May next Council meeting.

Q: Karen and Rosanne, which items do you recommend?

A: Funds for academic assessments, funding for inclusive playgrounds, and curricula are helpful.

Q: What is the voting date?

A: April 28, 2024, at the ASCA conference.

- Discussion about sending 2 BW Council members to attend ASCA for learning purposes (only one person can vote).

MOTION: to request \$1000 from the Association to fund 2 council members to attend ASCA

MOTION APPROVED by Tyneal Johnson

Motion seconded by Lisa Huffman, VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR

Q: Should we discuss Hot Lunch and playground swings now or during the Association meeting?

A: Hot Lunch at the Association meeting and the playground second quote at another date.

Grade 4 THANK YOU slideshow presented

- Confirmation of Meeting Dates/Times & Next Meeting Date

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, 2024: 6:30 pm (in-person)

- Meeting Adjourn at 7:36 pm