

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:30pm
@ Brookwood School (Board Room)

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

1. Meeting called to Order 6:34pm

2. Welcome / Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

Approved: Tyneal motions to approve the agenda as presented

Second: Lisa seconds the motion to approve

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (March 2024):

Approved: Lisa motions to approve the agenda as presented

Second: Tyneal seconds the motion to approve

5. Trustee Report (PSD Trustee):

Read by Rosanne

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Stewart, Trustee, Ward 2, Parkland School Division

Quality Learning, Student Success and Wellbeing:

Trustees received a Literacy Report and a Numeracy Report that highlighted the gains that have been seen across the division as a result of the targeted intervention and strong professional learning for staff.

Trustees Demonstrate Responsibility

The Board reviewed the Second Quarter Financial Reporting and we are on track and on target. We approved the Budget Assumptions that will provide the basis for the preparation of the Division's Budget 2024.

Trustees Engage, Listen and Advocate

One of the Board's priorities in our 2023-2024 Advocacy Plan is related to the rural, small schools of Entwistle, Tomahawk, Wabamun, and Duffield. The division is hosting a West End Engagement evening on April 23, 2024 to provide the opportunity for those communities to identify their Rural Advantage and how they envision that the Rural Advantage could be enhanced in the west end communities.

Trustees Foster Community Relationships

We just received notification from the Minister of Education for an opportunity to complete a survey and provide our thoughts about cellphone usage in our schools to help inform any potential next steps. You are invited to share your views about the future of student cellphone use in schools until May 3, 2024 in an online through participation in a survey about the future of cellphone use in elementary, junior high, and

senior high schools. The survey is available at: Survey link or https://your.alberta.ca/cellphones-in-schools/survey_tools/en

We met with Evergreen Catholic Separate School Division on April 4, 2024; are meeting with Spruce Grove's Mayor and City Councillors on April 17, 2024; Town of Stony Plain's Mayor and Council on April 30, 2024. We discuss topics of mutual interest and we take these opportunities to network and enhance relationships.

Q: Is the # cell phones a concern with students?

A: At Brookwood, phones are not a concern. We find that students that have phones have them mostly for safety reasons.

6. Admin Report (Karen & Rosanne) :

April Theme Days: Organized by our Grade Four students to provide leadership opportunities: April 19 - Dress up for Career Day

April 8 and 11 - Parent / Teacher Interviews

Based on parent and staff feedback they preferred In-Person to the online option.

We offered G-Meet or telephone interview at the parent request. Interview times were also increased from 10 min to 13 min. Lots of positive comments from parents

Literacy/Numeracy Lead Brenda Carlson set up Math Games in the Art Room for parents and children to stop by and enjoy - card games, dice games, board games etc. to enhance students' numeracy skills

April 11 - PSD Education Planning Day Thank you for spending your time and sharing your ideas ...

Melody Bertrand - Parent Rep

Janelle Dane - Teacher Rep

Susan Weisenburger - School Counsellor Rep

April 19 - School Wide PEP Rally:

Focus 1: Brookwood Spirit Team,

Focus 2: Featuring RUN WILD Presentation / PEP Rally

Students were informed about the event in PE class

Brochures were sent home.

April 30 - Cultural Presentation

Alberta Musical Theatre Company - Cinderella

7. Council Chair Report:

- April 9/24: COSC Meeting Review - In the meeting, there was a conversation about the conference, a discussion around the ASCA resolutions, and the principals' report.

- April 11/24: PSD Divisional Education Planning Day - Was held at the Heritage Pavillion. Everyone was divided up into teachers, parents and others. Questions were presented and the tables were asked to come up with their thoughts regarding the questions. These are concrete idea that would be put into the Education Plan for

PSD. One take back, is a reminder of how diverse PSD is and how difficult it is to achieve all they can with what they have.

Highlights: Conversations focused on four areas of discussion: Education Today; Community, Equity, and Diversity; Supporting Mental Health and Wellness; What Students are Learning and how they learn it. Participants were asked to submit feedback via the PSD Share a Thought survey. Comments and suggestions will be worked into future long-term planning for the division. Anyone can continue to Share a Thought, at any time.

8. ASCA Resolutions

P24-01: Integrate Climate and Biodiversity Education Throughout the Curriculum from K-12

Vote: No - of all the things to worry about with the world, this would be hard to teach since the topic would be ever-evolving.

P24-02: Funding for More Assessments of Learning Disabilities

Vote: Yes - start younger to help the students with their success

P24-03: Improving Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) in Alberta Classrooms and Shared Environments

Vote: No - PSD facilities do check buildings and air levels. If ever there were concerns they would be addressed. Money would be better spent else where.

P24-04: Equity in Playground Funding

Vote: Yes - Playgrounds and schools go hand and hand. Playing is apart of mental health.

P24-05: Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ Students

Vote: No - Doesn't stand for all

P24-06: Resource Support for French Immersion Teachers (Available Before Implementation of Curriculum Changes)

Vote: Yes - To support our friends at Ecole Broxton Park. Also in hopes this will bring more resources for everyone

P24-07: Enhanced Reporting of and Support for Class Size and Complexity

Vote: Leaning towards yes. Need more data. Not worrying about the reporting but more so the support for the students.

9. Playground: Tarmac painting

A work has been submitted for facilities to get this completed

10. Year End Activities

Part of the association meeting

11. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024: 6:30pm

12. Meeting Adjourn at 7:59pm