

# BROOKWOOD SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

**Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30pm**

**@ Brookwood School (Boardroom)**

**In Attendance:** Melody Bertrand , Rosanne McIntyre, Nadine Horner, Anne Montgomery, Nicole Patras, Karen Stride-Goudie, Tyneal Johnson, Lisa Huffman, Megan Sider, Brad McPherson, Angela Kerr

## **1. Meeting called to Order 6:33pm**

## **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 (April 2024):**

Approved: Tyneal motions to approve the agenda as presented

Second: Lisa seconds the motion to approve

## **5. Trustee Report (PSD Trustee):**

Information as of the last board meeting of April 9, 2024. The next board meeting is May 26, 2024. Spruce Grove Composite High School – Construction Funding Advocacy: We expressed disappointment not to receive construction funding in a letter to the Minister. There were 6 projects that received design funding that did not move onto construction. We continue discussions with the City of Spruce Grove to ensure that we remove any complications that may hinder funding consideration in the 2025 budget.

Budget Assumptions for 2024-2025: this is the time of year we approve the budget assumptions for the following school year. PSD operates a ~\$150 million budget. The assumptions advise the board of those categories that may fluctuate or have uncertainty in any given year. Some of the considerations:

- Weighted moving average funding allocations: in a growing division this funding model does not fully fund a new student until the third year of enrolment. We continue to work advocate for sustainable and predictable funding for growing enrolment.
- Central Negotiations: The Alberta Teachers' Association will be entering into negotiations with the government next year. Each division is required to adhere to the negotiated agreement, but the government does not provide an assurance of increased funding to cover increased negotiated. While we are optimistic that the government will provide the necessary funding, our budgeting must be prepared to cover the costs regardless.
- A positive change – the government has increased the operating reserve cap for divisions to ~\$9million (up from ~\$4.5 million). This allows for longer term planning and saving in our division.

Quarterly financial report for 2023-2024 (to Feb 29, 2024): The board reviews actual revenue and expenditures each quarter. To date, the revenue of the division amounts to \$79.5 million and the expenditures to \$75.6 million. We are forecasting a 2.1 million dollar surplus at the end of this school year.

Premier's message re: Preserving Choice for Children: Our division has been replying to government request for feedback regarding the implementation of the policies stated in the Premier's message. Our division has been focusing on the Parental Notification and Opt-in requirements at each instance of formal instruction related to gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality and the requirement to have all third-party materials and presentations approved by Ministry of Education to ensure age-appropriateness.

Q: Who Approves resources?

A: Alberta Education approves all resources that are used in the classroom. They are checking to age appropriateness and content.

## **6. Admin Report (Karen & Rosanne) :**

May Theme Days

- Organized by our Grade Four students to provide leadership opportunities:
  - May 8 - Hats On for Mental Health
  - May 24 - Stuffy Day - Bring your favourite stuffy to school
- May 2 - Grade 4 Transition Visit to Woodhaven
  - School Tour, Games and WH Swag (pencil, bracelet, sticker)
  - It was great!
- May 3 - Brookwood Chapel
  - Excited to have grade seven students from Woodhaven lead in worship
  - All classes shared student presentations of their learning
  - We have received lots of positive feedback from students, staff and parents!
- May 3 - EA Appreciation Day!
  - We have an amazing EA Team!
  - We brought in treats.
  - Teachers and administrators covered all of their supervision that day.
- May 4 - RUN WILD Community Event
  - Fundraiser for the Zebra Society
  - Brookwood School won the trophy for the most participants - 110
- May 9 - Brookwood School Tour
  - Excited to host the Board of Trustees
  - Highlighted: Music, LLI, Numeracy, Literacy, Tech and our Christian Program
  - Grade 4 Student Ambassadors welcomed and assisted on the tour.
- May 17 - PD Day
  - Always great to be with staff!
  - Grateful for the Staff Appreciation Lunch!

Provided by Brookwood School Council and Association

Upcoming

- May 22 - Grade 4 - 6 Track and Field  
Hosted by Woodhaven Middle School
- May 23 - "Battle of the Bands"  
Hosted student bands from Wabasca School

Interactive, prizes ... and lots of fun!

- May 24 - "Milestones and Merits"

Celebrating

- Sarah Jensen (20 years)
- Stephanie Jenkins (5 years)

Praying Parents - May 3

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

PSD Trustees School Tour - May 9

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SCHOOL FEES - 2024/2025

- Proposed Fee Schedule 2024/2025
  - Parkland School Division
    - Field Trips - \$225. Max
    - Cultural - \$25. Max

Motion to approve the 2024/25 school fee as presented, all in favor, passed.

Brookwood School Development Plan 2024/2025

- Preview DRAFT
- Feedback
- includes Brookwood School and School Council collaborating with the purchase of the online platforms. ie RAZ kids, Mathletics and Generation Genius.

## **7. Council Chair Report:**

ASCA meeting review: Reminding us to communicate with dignity and respect. That the kids "do" matter. The work of the school council. About how we as parents use the word "no" and better easy around that. Bridging generations: sending Christmas cards or random art to the elderly since the care facilities are so close to our school. Followup to the convention. All resolutions were passed except P24-03. Feedback, day 1 was great. Lots of sessions and very educational. Day 2 was all voting. Would be beneficial to send two people next year.

Casino Nov 28/29, 2024

Next Meetings: Sept 17, Oct 15 (AGM), Nov 19

September 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. – in person

- Meeting Adjourn at 7:50p.m.