

# BROOKWOOD SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA

**Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30pm**  
**@ Brookwood School (Boardroom)**

**In Attendance:** Melody Bertrand, Amber Ballermann, Angele, Anne Montgomery, Nicole Patras, Karen Stride-Goudie, Tyneal Johnson, Lisa Huffman, Ashley Itz, Brad McPherson, Stephanie Carrozza, Robin Funk, Erica Vanden Pol

## **1. Meeting called to Order 6:32pm**

## **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 (May 2024):**

Approved: Tyneal motions to approve the agenda as presented

Second: Lisa seconds the motion to approve

**5. Trustee Report (PSD Trustee):** Facilities Report presented at the September 10, 2024 board meeting. Over the summer Brookwood had fire alarm replacement and installation of AC heat pumps.

- o 23 schools holding 12,700 students
- o \$13.2 million in building maintenance and capital improvements
- o \$4.3 million in custodial budgeting

Off-site Activities Report (i.e. field trips) report presented at the September 10, 2024 board meeting. New curriculum in Gr 1-5 social studies and 4-6 Sciences. Personal Mobile Devices in Schools - Ministerial Order Implementation Our Board (and many others across the province) sent letters to the government seeking an extension of the pilot program for Mental Health in Schools. The Government announced on August 13, 2024, a one-year extension to 2025.

PSD sent a letter to the government about the implementation of the "gender policy" referenced in the Premier's video announcement. We received a letter of acknowledgment of receipt, but no substantive reply. PSD further submitted a proposed position statement to the Alberta School Boards Association to implement a policy advocating for the government to engage with all 61 school boards before implementation of legislation that affects education (including matters like this gender policy).

The Board directed the board chair to enter into a formal agreement with the City of Spruce Grove regarding the purchase of land, and application for the construction of a new high school including plans for a new Horizon Stage.

The City provided unconditional consent to build on the lands (this was the hurdle PSD needed to remove, so we are thankful to the City for providing this

much-needed consent). A letter advising the government has been sent by the City (copied to PSD).

Trustees will have a 2-day summit in October to discuss the legacy of this board, in our last school year.

PSD stays in contact with the 3 MLAs that represent our school division area: Minister Turton, MLA Andrew Boitchenko, and MLA Shane Getson.

PSD meets once per year with local municipalities- Parkland County, Town of Stony Plain and City of Spruce Grove.

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

Successful “staggered entry” for Kinder

Very busy and positive start-up

Meet the Staff - Thursday, Sept. 14

WOW! The building was buzzing with all of our families!

We partnered with Woodhaven to set up date/time etc.

Cross-Country Running Club is very popular!

First race was Thursday, Sept. 14 @ Forest Green School (63 students)

Second race - coming up this Thursday at Brookwood (currently 107 students registered)

Choir for Grades 3 and 4 - began Monday, Sept. 16

Sept. 27 - Orange Shirt Day

Welcome Back Chapel - Friday, Sept. 27 @ 9:30

Terry Fox Run - Friday, Sept. 27

“Toonies for Terry”

SHOUT OUT TO Brookwood School Council and Association for your continued support and financial assistance for our various learning activities.

## **ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING**

Teachers sharing Online Assessments through PowerSchool

Early Years - focus on Literacy / Numeracy

Provincially mandated Literacy/Numeracy Assessments being completed

Monthly Updates: Newsletters, assignments, tests, etc.

Very different from Middle Years & High School -- (Frequent Quiz, Tests, etc.)

Grades K - 4 Teachers will continue to share student learning through See Saw & PowerSchool

New this year: PowerSchool Interim Updates and Course Outlines

## **COMMUNICATION**

School Messenger (Email) - School Wide:

For example, School Activities, Fun Days, Health Updates

School Website - PSD 70 Division Communication

Facebook: Window into what's happening (Pictures, Artwork etc.)

FUN updates, Theme Days, etc.

Classroom Messages Classroom Sites / Blogs, Teacher Emails and Updates

## BROOKWOOD WISH LIST 2024-2025

[Brookwood School Wish List 2024](#)

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

Ideas/Goals for the 2024/2025 School Year:

COSC meetings have been attended every month. So much has been learned. We would like to bring forward more ideas and goals from these meetings.

It would be nice to have a member from the council and or the association attend every assembly and chapel. To represent and talk about what we represent and to try and recruit. Recruiting new members does not have to be for a specific role they could be members at large.

Fundraising ideas 2024/25:

Family dance, cake walk, welcome mats, chocolate, spirit wear, Liquor on McLeod Art cards, Kiwi Nurseries, Calahoo Meats, Cobs, Casino (26 volunteers)

We could try to collaborate with Woodhaven on the WEM Waterpark. This would need to be booked a few years in advance.

Confirm returning members and determine open seats to fill during AGM in October

Council Co-Chairs (incumbents: Melody Bertrand and Megan Sider)

Council Vice-Chair (incumbent: vacant)

Council Secretary (incumbent: Nicole Patras)

Association President (incumbent: Tyneal Johnson)

Association Vice-President (incumbent: Brad McPherson)

Association Secretary (vacant)

Association Treasurer (incumbent: Lisa Huffman)

Set day/time of meetings for the remainder of the year and determine: Talk about changing the Tuesday for the meetings. It was decided to table until the next meeting.

General Question:

Christian Program; some parents feel that there needs to be more information put out about the program. Being new to the community there is nothing in the churches or the community about the program. Could we establish a sub-committee to help create a logo for the program and advertisements for the churches.

Karen will reach out to Nealle at Woodhaven and reach back to Erica and Angele regarding this matter.

Mailbox for school council

Karen to find a location and let Lisa to know.

AGM: October 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. – in person

- Meeting Adjourn at 7:52 p.m.