

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm

@ Brookwood School (Art Room)

In Attendance: Melody Bertrand, Angele Medeiros, Nicole Patras, Tyneal Johnson, Lisa Huffman, Stephanie Carrozza, Robin Funk, Eric Cameron, Karen Stride-Goudie, Erica Vanden Pol, Ashley Hutchinson

1. Meeting called to Order 6:32pm

2. Welcome / Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

Addition to the agenda: Request to add announcements to the website (Angele)
Request to add Read-a-thon (Tyneal)

Approved: Tyneal motions to approve the agenda with additions
Second: Angele seconds the motion to approve

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

Approved: Tyneal motions to approve the agenda as presented
Second: Erica seconds the motion to approve

5. Trustee Report (PSD Trustee):

E-mail was received from the Minister of Education changing the regulations instituted in the spring regarding the walk limits for bus funding. Changes are for the K-6 walk limits from 1.0 km to 1.6 km. This will cause a lot of concern for parents and our division and was totally unexpected.

PSD will be co-writing a letter to the Minister of Transport with regards to vehicle traffic on hi-way 779 past Muir Lake School (concerns with speed limits, merge lane and signage). PSD has serious concerns with the federal funding of Jordan's Principle which has suddenly stopped which affects the extra support for our First Nations students. The Public School Boards' Association is advocating strongly to have this funding reinstated. Board Chair met with the Minister of Education to get an update on the SGCHS construction approval.

Superintendent report:

Brickhouse Smokery made a number of Christmas surprises to Teacher Aides in a number of PSD schools which was well received with thanks.

A number of schools supported the Kinsmen Hamper program, the Parkland Food Bank, and Neighborhood Link Stockings of Care.

Our Indigenous Services team is in the process of meeting all schools to see what they feel they need to support First Nation student learning.

Division Principal Ross was recognized by the Department of Education for having 100% compliance with our PUFF applications. Thus, this year we will not have to go through the process.

Our grade 4-6 teachers are taking part in science professional development opportunities to support the new K-6 Science curriculum with a learning outcome focus.

I had the wonderful opportunity to attend a number of school Christmas functions which filled me with pride and kindled my Christmas spirit. The concerts reflected hard work by students, teachers, support staff and parents and I would like to thank them all.

2025 will build on the huge number of initiatives from 2023-2024 which we are very proud of. We surely will have some challenges to overcome, which we always do with our “student focus” lens on everything we do. Best wishes to all for a safe, healthy and prosperous 2025.

Note: Transportation will maintain running our buses status quo for the remainder of the school year.

IUOE ratified its agreement with PSD. CUPE employees are meeting with PSD to solidify a new collective agreement.

Q: Who is under CUPE?

A: Secretarial, EA's, therapy staff, librarians, some IT staff, some CFE staff
The GOA mandate

Q: Regarding the Board of Trustees not requiring a criminal record check, what was the reasoning behind this decision?

A: This bylaw was passed 5-1 by the Board of Trustees. There was a concern around who would have access to the criminal record checks. The trustees do not regularly work with the students. It might also discourage people from running as a trustee if they have a small blimp on their record. This will be for all new board members.

6. Admin Report (Karen & Stephanie) :

December Christmas Concerts and Performances were AMAZING!! Four - Kinder Performances, One - Grade One Concert, One - Grade Two Concert, Four - Grades 3 and 4 Concerts. Lots of positive feedback from students, staff, parents and guests!

December 19 - Christmas Chapel, Parkland Christian Program (K-9) - Brookwood and Woodhaven. Participation from our Kinders - Grade 4. Worship by Ben Loates & Team

January “Praise and Prayer” - Jan. 17 - Quiet time of worship and prayer (In-house)

Upcoming dates: Feb. 24, March 21, Apr. 14 (PCP), May 23?, June 13 (PCP)

So GREAT to experience an “in-person” cultural indigenous presentation for our school community! Elder Wilson Bearhead: School-wide - Drumming. Literature and Indigenous Culture. Author of several children's books. Small class presentations. Shout out to our teacher - Janelle Dane, who has been working with our Indigenous Facilitators at Parkland School Division to organize and set up these events. We have received a lot of positive feedback!! Upcoming: Feb. 21/28, Mar. 14, Apr. 11/25, May 9, June 25 (Talent Show)

December and January Theme Days - Organized by our Grade four students to provide leadership opportunities: Various Christmas-themed Days January 24 - Disney Day - Dress up as your favorite Disney character.

December and January Skiing - Grade 4s Co-sponsored by Brookwood School Council and Association. Students love the opportunity!

Extra-Curricular: Choir for Grades 3 and 4 - 85 students. Excited for the upcoming Choral Celebration! Spirit Team for Grades 1 and 2 - Lots of excitement! (starting 3rd week of Jan.) Running Room Indoor Games - Grades 3 and 4 - 18 students participating

Roots of Empathy Program: Staff member - 3J

Parkland Christian Program (K-9): Brookwood hosted a Christmas Chapel for students, staff, and parents of Brookwood and Woodhaven. So great to have everyone together to celebrate the spirit of the Christmas Season!

Brookwood School Council and Association THANK YOU for ... Candy Canes following our Christmas Concerts Funding Our Grade 4 Skiing - Students are loving it!

Deputy Superintendent, Mark Francis and Trustee, Eric Cameron

THANK YOU for ... Attending our Christmas Concerts and Christmas Chapel

We appreciate your support!

Woodhaven Middle School

All students at Brookwood and Woodhaven participating in Running Room Indoor Games train together here at Brookwood.

7. Council Chair Report:

Request approval to host a spring dance in May (May 2 or 9)

Karen would recommend running the dance for a couple of hours at the most
Start around 530ish

- o Kindergarten Open House involvement

 - Would like to speak at the intros, Karen can give 2 minutes for this

 - Can hand out flyers similar to last year

- o Social media/online announcements

 - Can Announcements be added to the website, yes of course every Monday

 - Melody took over Facebook page

- o COSC Feb 4 - Budgeting

- PCP Program - 5 minutes

- Request dates for remaining chapels through June
 - Dates are in the calendar except for May
 - Update on PCP logo and merch
 - Logo on pause until school logo moves forward
 - PCP open house - parents want to be involved with this.

Looking at the end of February, waiting to confirm with Woodhaven

Comment: program should have their own logo in case the program moves schools again feels like this program doesn't exist, being a parent in this program, sometimes I don't even know what is going on with the program.

Karen: Outlines all the ways admin has prompted the program

Q: What is the timeline for the new logo?

A: End of the year

MOTION: Tyneal asks for \$2000.00 for Read-a-thon prizes and expenses.

Approved: Melody

Second: Lisa, all in favor, approved

- February 18 at 6:30 p.m. – in person
- Meeting Adjourn at 7:28 p.m.