

# **BROOKWOOD SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm (Virtual via GMeet)

**In Attendance:** Melody Bertrand, Angele Medeiros, Tyneal Johnson, Lisa Huffman, Stephanie Carrozza, Erica Vanden Pol, Megan Sider

## **1. Meeting called to Order at 6:39 pm**

## **2. Welcome/Introductions**

## **3. Approval of Agenda**

Tyneal motioned to approve the agenda

Lisa seconded

## **4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (January 2025)**

Lisa motioned to approve minutes

Tyneal seconded

## **5. Trustee Report (Report Submitted via Virtually as their meeting went late)**

Trustee Report

Trustees Foster Quality Learning and Wellness

- The Board received a Student Services Report at the Board meeting today. The Report highlighted the various ways in which the Student Services team supports schools and coordinates resources to provide an inclusive, safe, supportive, academic learning environment that serves the needs of a diverse population of students in the division.
- At the Board meeting today, February 18, 2025, the Board passed Board Policy 18: Learning and Working in a Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Caring Environment. This policy will soon be posted on our website for your information. Trustees Engage, Listen and Advocate
- The Board has concerns on the federal funding for our Jordan's Principle submission. The Board will write an advocacy letter to MP Dane Lloyd.
- PSD has partnered with CASA Mental Health to establish a CASA Mental Health Classroom, for the 2025-2026 school year, through a Memorandum of Understanding.
- The Board has started planning for our Student Advisory Engagement in March 2025 and our Education Planning Day Engagement in April 2025.

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

## **6. Admin Report (Stephanie)**

- Winter Walk scheduled for February 5 postponed due to cold weather
- February Theme Days organized by Grade 4 classes
  - Feb. 13: Valentine's Day
  - Upcoming: February 26 - Pink Shirt Day with Ring Pops Candygrams
- Kindergarten Open House held February 12 with approximately 65 in attendance
  - Well received with positive feedback about the feeling of the school
  - Thank you Melody for attending

- February 14 PD Day: Focus on literacy and numeracy
- February 21 School Assembly
  - Theme of kindness with the Gr. 1/2 Spirit Team presenting
- February 24 Christian Program Chapel
  - Worship songs selected by classes with a presentation from Kira Mulindwa of Love Made a Way Ministries
  - Praying Parents to meet following
- Upcoming Christian Program Open House on February 27
- Extra Curricular
  - Choir for Grades 3 and 4 students → Upcoming Choral Celebration
  - Spirit Team for Grades 1 and 2 students
  - Running Room Indoor Games for Grades 3 and 4 students

## 7. Council Chair Report

Spring Dance confirmed for Friday, May 9

ASCA 2025 – Will be virtual so cost is less

- Will be held on Saturday, April 26
- Only 5 resolutions, will download and send out for discussion at next meeting
- Grant funding: Will look into eligibility for funding and spending options
  - Trustees allot \$6000 for ASCA funding, can use this for registration cost
  - \$500 for school purchases is allowed
  - Melody and Megan will apply for the Trustee grant to cover registration costs
  - Others are welcome to attend, please let Melody know
  - Upcoming COSC will discuss a PSD host school to watch together and connect
- COSC Meeting at beginning of February
  - Good chunk used to discuss strike action
    - If we were to go to strike, many parent concerns
    - PSD reassured they have a plan prepared
    - Trustees ready to go to the table: Not an admin/teacher situation, but a trustee situation and strongly encouraging parents to reach out to trustees directly with concerns/feedback etc.
  - Social Media portion was a let down
    - 12 slide presentation, Megan has requested a copy to share
    - Any pictures must be taken by us, purchase, or off legitimate free share site
    - Pictures of kids at a public event is okay (e.g. Christmas Concert)
    - Any questions can be sent to Jordi W. and team
    - Email → Can't use a service other Google/Gmail (500 email max/day)
    - Will clarify around services like MailChimp (Megan will ask)
  - Email lists: School Council can access, not Association (wording in registration/release)

## 8. Questions

Q: School Rebrand progress/update?

A: Survey to go out to school community – hopefully by month end. Will progress from there.

Q: Is Brookwood still on the list for modernization?

A: Yes. Link shared to PSD Capital Plan which outlines the division priorities.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm**