

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm (Met in the Art Room)

In Attendance: Melody Bertrand, Tyneal Johnson, Robyn Funk, Erica Vanden Pol, Kira Mulindwa, Stephanie Carrozza

1. Meeting called to Order at 6:31 pm

2. Welcome/Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

Tyneal motioned to approve the agenda

Erica seconded

Approved

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (February 2025)

Tyneal motioned to approve minutes

Erica seconded

Approved

5. Trustee Report (Report Submitted)

School Council Report – March 2025

Written Report Submitted by Trustee Anne Montgomery

Updates from the March 11, 2025 Board Meeting:

Edwin Parr Nominee: The board is please to recognize two first-year teachers in the division for their exemplary work, Ms. Jennifer Jones from Ecole Meridian Heights School and Mr. Joshua Weins from Memorial Composite High School. The division is permitted to nominate ONE (1) teacher to for the Alberta School Boards Association Edwin Parr Award and after much consideration, we nominated Mr. Joshua Weins. Good luck to Joshua in the Zone2/3 selection process.

Ad Hoc Committee: The Board approved the formation of a committee to conduct a study into the most appropriate local and provincial advocacy strategies for addressing student conduct and behavior. The division is noticing an increasing number of conduct related instances our teachers and administrators are addressing, particularly in the grade 4-6 cohort of students. The board conducted a parent-engagement session in November 2024 and this committee will now continue this work to explore external advocacy through our associations and other boards.

Three-Year Capital Plan Approval: Each year, the board approves the capital plan to be submitted to the Government of Alberta for consideration in future budgets. For the first time in a LONG time, the replacement of Spruce Grove Composite High School is not on that list. With thanks to our government, planning and construction of the new high school is underway. As such, our next priority is a new K-9 school in the Tonewood community to service the immense growth on the City's east side.

Increase in Government Education Budget: On February 27, 2025, the government announced that Education's operating expense budget will be \$9.88 billion in 2025-2026 which represents an increase of \$426 million or 4.5% from the previous year. And that over the next three years, Education's operating expense budget will grow by \$1.25 billion to more than \$10.71 billion by 2027-2028. It will take time to unpack what this means for Parkland School Division, and we will know more details when Alberta Education's Funding Manual for School Authorities is released later in spring 2025.

6. Admin Report (Stephanie)

- March Theme Days organized by Grade 4 classes
 - March 14: Colour Day
- Winter Walk rescheduled from February 5 held on February 24
- February 24 – Brookwood School Chapel
 - Classes selected favourite songs for worship, Kira M. from Love Made a Way Ministries spoke, Oge M. provided special Nigerian treats
- School Assembly held on March 14
 - School choir sang, recognized Running Room Games participants, Read-A-Thon results
- Choral Celebration on March 17 → Thank you to Mrs. Gottenbos and Ms. VanNetten for their work this choir season!
- March 21 – Brookwood Spring Chapel
 - Organized by parents, worship by Ben Loates, Erica Vanden Pol speaking
- Extra-Curricular
 - Choir for Grades 3 and 4 - 75 + students
 - Spirit Team for Grades 1 and 2 - Lots of excitement - 60 + students
 - Running Room Indoor Games - Grades 3 and 4 - 17 students
 - Girls placed 105 out of 238 teams, boys placed 32 out of 238 teams
 - Thank you Mr. MacKay, Mr Robson, and Mrs. Dickson for this season!
- Woodhaven Spring League Basketball is upcoming → Mr. Chan will be sharing details soon
- Spring Break: March 31 – April 4

7. Council Chair Report

COSC Meeting Notes

- Lots of talk around labour action
- Budgeting → Some information shared around insurance which we will need to consider for the dance...will have a conversation during the Association meeting

ASCA 2025 Resolutions

- Five total (*three apply to elementary schools)
 1. Pilot Program for Electric School Buses in Alberta
 2. Mandatory Funding for Specialist Teacher in Elementary Schools *
 3. Mandatory Public Reporting on the Safety of Public Schools*

4. Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing in K-Gr. 3)
5. Online Safety

ASCA 2025

- Any parent of a student who attends a school may attend and vote on the resolutions.
- Melody motioned to request funds for ASCA registration (will also apply for the Trustees grant to have funds reimbursed).
 - Tyneal approved the motion
 - Robyn seconded

Approved

8. Parent Motion

- Tabled until next meeting as Karen is away and she needs to be present for the conversation.

9. Other

- Motion from Tyneal for funds to pay for the DJ for the Spring dance and for funds to pay for balloon display for the Spring Dance.
 - Seconded by Melody
 - All present voted in favour

Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 pm