

# **BROOKWOOD SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 pm (Met in the Art Room)

**In Attendance:** Melody Bertrand, Tyneal Johnson, Robyn Funk, Erica Vanden Pol, Anne Montgomery, Lisa Huffman, Megan Sider, Stephanie Carrozza

## **1. Meeting called to Order at 6:34 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)**

Erica motioned to approve minutes

Tyneal seconded

Approved

## **5. Trustee Report (Report Submitted)**

School Council Report – April 2025

Report Shared by Trustee Anne Montgomery

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### Updates from the April 15, 2025 Board Meeting:

**Fees & Allowances:** The Board approved the 2025-2026 Fees and Allowances. There were no changes to Transportation fees as changes in the provincial Transportation grant offset the anticipated inflationary increases. Some school fees required adjustment, based on discussion with schools, to keep up with inflationary increases.

**Budget Assumptions:** Trustees approved the 2025-2026 Budget Assumptions. The assumptions are the foundational components around which the budget is built, including revenues, allocation to schools, enrolment and key expenditures such as staffing.

**Trustee Remuneration:** The Board approved the Audit Committee's recommendation for Trustee Remuneration Scenario 3. This scenario includes no increase to Trustee base salaries, but a \$250 annual increase to the Health Spending Account and an increase of \$2,980 per year to the Board Chair allowance.

**Board Policies:** Trustees approved the revised versions of Board Policies 15 and 19.

▷ Board Policy 15: School Closures

▷ Board Policy 19: Surplus Land and Buildings

**Advocacy Update:** As per PSD's Board Policy 2: the Board shall establish and maintain governance and organizational structures that promote student well-being and success which includes an annual plan for advocacy. Recent Board activity related to advocacy includes:

- The Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors responded to the joint letter sent by PSD Trustees and Parkland County, regarding roadway and traffic flow concerns along Highway 779 near Muir Lake School. The Minister confirmed that an operational review of the area will be conducted to determine if any changes are required. The review will include safety performance, signage, turning lanes and various other factors. In the meantime, Transportation and Economic Corridors will continue to monitor the location and work with stakeholders to ensure that safety is prioritized.
- The Board sent a letter to Mr. Andrew Boitchenko (MLA for Drayton Valley-Devon), Mr. Shane Getson (MLA for Lac Ste. Anne/Parkland) and the Honourable Searle Turton (Minister of Children and Family Services and MLA for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain) expressing concerns regarding how reduced funding in Family Support for Children with Disabilities and Persons with Developmental Disabilities programming affects PSD students. A meeting with the three MLAs is scheduled for May 22, 2025.
- The Board is pleased to report that the new collective agreement between PSD and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 5543 was ratified by both parties.

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

- **CUPE Staff Returned on March 20 - yay!**
- **March Days**
  - School Assembly - March 14
  - Organized by our Grade Four students to provide leadership opportunities:
    - March 14 - Colour Day
  - Christian Program Chapel
    - March 21 - Brookwood School Chapel
    - April 14 - Combined Easter Chapel here at Brookwood
  - Choral Celebration - March 17
- **April 16 - PSD Education Planning Day**
  - Thank you for spending your time and sharing your ideas ...
    - Melody Bertrand - School Council Rep
    - Erica VandenPol - Parent Rep
- **PTI's Rescheduled: April 23 and 24 - Parent / Teacher Interviews**
  - Based on parent and staff feedback
    - In-Person
      - Unless GMeet or telephone interview were requested
    - Increased time for interviews - 13 min
- **April 25 - School Wide Assembly**
  - **Elder Maryann** to continue with our Indigenous focus

## **7. Council Chair Report**

COSC Meeting Notes

- Review of resolutions for ASCA

- Directions on how to vote: Should reflect the opinion of the school council as a whole

ASCA 2025 Resolutions

- For each resolution there is a vote to approve (with opportunity for discussions and revisions).  
ASCA then brings forward to the Education Ministry those resolutions that pass.

#### Review and Discussion of 2025 ASCA Resolutions:

1. P25-01 Pilot Program for Electric School Buses in Alberta: Collective Decision - No

- Concerns around weather, longevity (e.g. failure of Edmonton bus fleet)

2. P25-02 Mandatory Funding for Specialist Teacher in Elementary Schools: Collective Decision – No (as is)

\*Yes with altered wording (e.g. additional funds clarification)

- Discussion of the word 'allocated' and potential effect of funds being pulled from elsewhere
- Impact of allocated funds prevents base funding from increasing
- Targeted funding also results in increased administrative costs
- Intent is likely equalization (rural vs. urban programming and access)

3. P25-03 Mandatory Public Reporting on the Safety of Public Schools: Collective Decision – No

\*Maybe a yes if majorly simplified

- Administrative costs associated would likely be quite high
- Not all items listed necessarily provides significant useful information
- Independent third party? Publicly posted? Lots of questions and concerns around these elements
- Questions and concerns around usage of data
- As is...way too much

4. P25-04 Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing in K-Gr. 3: Collective Decision – No

- Impact on classroom → Significant time for staff resulting in need for subs to allow for testing, or increased group/independent work time for teachers to be able to pull students for one-on-one testing requirements
- Administrative tasks and costs associated with the province wide program as is
- Curricular alignment? Teachers are already collecting similar and meaningful data to guide instruction

5. P25-05 Online Safety: Collective Decision – Mostly No

- Questions around committee: Would it be paid? Seems like it would be a significant amount of work...
- Very subject specific expertise would be required
- Okay with the section about mandatory instruction for teens
- Overall, think school boards are already trying their best in this area, and this would become a logistical nightmare

#### **8. Parent Motion**

- Requires the bylaws to be changed, so the motion must be presented one month in advance. Will vote next month.

#### **9. Other**

- Motion: Request for \$70 to renew from the Brookwood School Association to renew the Kashoo Accounting System. Motion: Tyneal Seconded: Lisa All approved
- Motion: Request for \$3500 to renew from the Brookwood School Association for the Hot Lunch

system renewal fees which happen over the summer. (\*save money if auto renewed)

Motion: Tyneal    Seconded: Lisa    All approved

Motion: Request for a maximum budget of \$2000 for the school dance (all inclusive – some items mentioned include snacks, decoration, photo booth materials, glow sticks, and the rest of the items that may be required for the dance).

Motion: Tyneal    Seconded: Lisa    All approved

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 pm**