

Spruce Grove Composite High School October 15th, 2019 - 2020 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Cheryl Otto, Principal; Cam Robertson, Assistant Principal, Rhonda Stewart, Chairperson/Secretary, Anne Montgomery, Board Trustee, Leanne Tolbert, Colleen Boumeester

1. Introductions and call to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Approval of the September 17th, meeting minutes.
3. PSD Trustee report by Anne Montgomery, Board Trustee Chairperson
191015 - SGCHS School Council Report

Vision: Our students possess the confidence, resilience, insight and skills required to thrive in, and positively impact the world.

Mission: We assure supportive learning environments, meaningful experiences and healthy relationships that create opportunities to develop resilience, to gain diversity in perspectives and to achieve enduring success.

Advocacy

- We still do not have a budget from the government. Conversations continue with government officials. Our Board Chair - Lorraine Stewart attended an ASBA information session with Assistant Deputy Minister Gene Williams to discuss with school boards, what funding may look like this year. The pot of money remains the same, but there is conversation about how the funds are to be distributed.
- Our Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Shauna Boyce and her team also met with ADM Williams to specifically discuss the complexities of Parkland School Division.
- The board sent a letter to the Minister of Education regarding the use of the word PUBLIC in our name. Our legal name has been changed by the government from Parkland School Division No. 70 to "The Parkland School Division". Some school divisions had their names change to delete 'Public'. The Minister has advised that if ALL school divisions want the word 'Public' in the legal name, she will permit it.

Resource Stewardship

- Enrolment: PSD student enrolment is up 2.6% this year. SGCHS population is holding. This year's count is 1032 students.
- Viability Study: Board has approved that the Superintendent of Schools perform a viability study for Seba Beach school to be presented at the November 26 board meeting.

Requests for Information coming up in future.

- Cost of Adult supervising on special needs bussing
- Does the government provide any provisions/guidelines about transportation times
- UCP trade increase initiatives: Number of students attending an off-campus programs.
 - RAP - Registered Apprenticeship Program

4. School Council Report by Rhonda Stewart.
 - Elections have been held off until next meeting as there were only 2 parents here. Details of the positions will be available upon request and will accompany the agenda for next month's meeting.
 - The first COSC Meeting of the year will take place on Thursday October 17th.

5. Canadian Parents for French Report by Rhonda Stewart

- CPF Parkland Chapter AGM will be October 17th here at SGCHS in the Conference room.
- The CPF Falling into French Family Fun Weekend will be on October 24th – 26th in Canmore.
- The Annual French Toast will be on November 20th. This is where CPF Alberta will meet with Ministers and Dignitaries for a petite breakfast to chat about CPF and issues it is working on

6. Administration Report by Cheryl Otto

General

- The Post Secondary Event at the TLC was well attended
- UBC Lunch and Learn at 11:00 Oct 17
- School Photos Retakes are Wed., Oct 23
- Oct 23 is PSD HS Fall Career Pathways evening

Student Council

- Spy vs Spy Registration at lunch Oct 17 and 18; plays out the week of Oct 21-25
- Panther Pride—wear school colours or jerseys Oct 18

Sports

- Swim Team is a go, in conjunction with Memorial
- Panther Sr Volleyball Invitational Tournament last weekend, huge hit
- Panther Jr Volleyball Tournament this coming weekend
- Football Game this Friday
- 4 Cross Country students will be competing in Provincials in Eagle Butte this weekend

Staffing Update

- Ms. Samar Hammami is replacing Mr. Musselman as he is on paternity leave. Her first official day was Oct 7.

Discussion of the effectiveness of the monthly newsletter as opposed to a weekly memo style letter.

Discussion was held about the website and is it user friendly.

Twitter vs Instagram which is better.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next Meeting is November 19th, 2019 at 7:00 in the Union Café (Library)