

Spruce Grove Composite High School November 19th, 2019 - 2020 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Cheryl Otto, Principal; Linnaea Nielsen, Assistant Principal, Rhonda Stewart, Chairperson/Secretary, Eric Cameron, Board Trustee, Colleen Boumeester, Kris Trojan, Tracy Shanmugan

1. Introductions and call to order at 7:03 pm.
2. Approval of the October 15th, 2019 meeting minutes. Colleen Approved the minutes and Rhonda will send them to Leanne for approval.
3. PSD Trustee report by Eric Cameron, Board Trustee Chairperson

School Council Report November, 2019

Submitted by E. Cameron

- a. Two students from Memorial Composite High School presented to the Board their experiences with the Shikaoi, Japan exchange that took place this past summer; they were accompanied by Trustee Paul McCann as one of their volunteer chaperones
- b. The Board approved the Modular Plan which outlined the requests for Parkland School Division; modulars have been requested (unlikely to get all or even any this year) for the following:
 - Prescott Learning Center 4 modulars to increase capacity of the school (priority 1)
 - Millgrove School 10 new replacement modulars plus 4 new modulars to increase the capacity of the school
 - Ecole Meridian Heights School 4 replacement modulars
- c. The Board approved the postponing of the completion and presentation of the school viability study for Seba Beach School until the meeting of December 17, 2019
- d. The Board approved an amended Board Policy 10: Policy Formation and Review which updated the policy to align with the new Education Act and reflect the direction the Trustees and Senior Admin. want to go in
- e. Contrary to suggestions from the government that the budget would be status quo, PSD in 2019-2020 is receiving just over \$4.2 million dollars less than was received in the 2018-2019 fiscal year (decrease of 3.35% despite an enrolment increase of 293 students); the Division also experienced an unexpected increase of 274% in property insurance premiums (increase of \$1.3 million dollars). It is not possible for PSD to absorb this decrease without impacting schools. We will draw on existing Operating Reserves to minimize impact on schools and classrooms, but there still may be a reduction in staffing levels for this year. As the province has not budgeted for an increase for educational funding for the next four years, while enrolment increases year by year, we must be prepared for increased class sizes and declines in service levels moving forward. More information is available on our website at psd70.ab.ca.
- f. The Board approved a recommendation that directs the administration to explore alternate insurance providers and take appropriate action to procure viable coverage for PSD in response to the huge premium increases imposed by our current provider (274% increase)
- g. Due to a possible conflict of interest of the current Trustee on the Central Alberta Association of Municipal and School Employees labor relations committee a new Trustee (E. Cameron) was appointed

- h. The 2018-2019 Provincial Achievement Tests and Grade 12 Diploma Exam Results were presented and discussed. The Director of Educational Services will assist schools in analyzing and attending to areas that are below the provincial average. Most areas in both PATS and Diplomas did see positive growth over the previous reporting year
- i. A number of Trustees attended school Remembrance Day ceremonies on Nov. 8
- j. There is a second Board meeting in November (Nov. 26) when the 2019-2020 budget will be presented to the Board

4. School Council Report by Rhonda Stewart.

We will run the School council with the members that we have and will no longer pursue filling the remaining positions. If someone would like to take on a position, please let me know.

5. Canadian Parents for French Report by Rhonda Stewart

- 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.
- The French Family Fun Weekend is coming up on February 28th, 29th and March 1st in Jasper.

6. Administration Report by Cheryl Otto

The Arts

- Our Jazz and Concert Bands, Chamber Ensembles and Drumline are all practicing in order to be prepared for the Wednesday, December 18th Concert at 7:00 pm in the Horizon Stage
- The Musical Theatre Class has sold out their Thursday, December 5th and Friday December 6th evening performances so they have added a third evening performance on Wednesday, December 4th; those tickets are selling fast. The Play is The Lion King. Auditions for Freaky Friday, the spring show are fast upon us.

Ed Plan

- Updates should appear on the webpage soon.

General

- Parent/Teacher Interviews were well attended; looking for feedback on using the gyms instead of the lounge, cafeteria and CTS.
- Ambrose College Lunch and Learn tomorrow, November 20th.
- CPA Lunch and Learn is Thursday November 21st.
- Canadian Reserves Lunch and Learn is Tuesday December 3rd.
- Thursday December 5th, Augustana's U of A Campus is here.

Student Council

- Christmas Hamper Collection with Block One Classes run from Monday November 25th through Monday December 9th.
- Friday, November 29th grade 10 Assemblr during seminar.
- Tuesday, December 17th is the Winter Wonder Lunch.

Sports

- Basketball and Wrestling are up and running.

Staffing Update

- Mrs. Karley Guthrie has joined our English Department.

A discussion of the set up for the Parent/Teacher interviews was held after the reports.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting is January 21st, 2020 at 7:00 in the Union Café (Library)