

# SGCHS School Council | MINUTES

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Meeting date | time Jan 19, 2021 | 7:00pm | Meeting location Online

Meeting called by Brenda Cryer (Chair)

Note taker Nicole Buchanan (Secretary)

Begin: 7:02

Adjourn: 7:41

Attendance: Brenda Cryer, Rich Haggarty, Eric Cameron, Cheryl Otto, Linnea Nielsen, Shauna Sak, Tracy Lebel, Nicole Buchanan, Crystal Neilsen,

Approval of Minutes: Tracy, Brenda (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Approval of Agenda: Tracy, Shauna(2<sup>nd</sup>)

## AGENDA TOPICS

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| PSD School Board Report | Presenter Eric Cameron

- COVID Update: We had a smooth first week back after the required one week online after Christmas break. There are 1100 continuing online (both the full year online and those choosing option 2) which is 100 more than before Christmas break. COVID costs are projected to be \$7.6 million. Even with the federal government \$4 million commitment and limited COVID supplies from the provincial government, we will have a deficit in this portion of our budget for this school year. Extra costs include additional salaries and benefits related to offering both the online and in-class programs; time spent on contact tracing, extra COVID supplies.
- Board directed Administration to establish a deadline for schools to nominate a first-year teacher for the Alberta School Boards Association's Edwin Parr Award as February 19. This award recognizes a teacher who exemplifies the criteria laid out for outstanding teachers in their first full year of teaching. Trustees Montgomery and Cameron will be the Trustee representatives on the selection committee.
- The Board directed Administration to conduct an attendance area review of all schools in Parkland School Division in order to facilitate long term planning and the effective use of our school facilities. This report will be presented to the Board in the fall of 2021. This is a timely review for Spruce Grove and Stony Plain with the completion of Woodhaven modernization in Spruce Grove and the new K-9 school to be built in Stony Plain. The modernization and expansion of Spruce Grove Composite High School is our number one capital priority and is the hands of our provincial government at this time.
- The Board reviewed the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending Nov. 30, 2020. A balanced budget is forecast for the year ending Aug. 31, 2021 even with the extra costs of COVID prevention measures and materials.
- The Board received as information the Alternate Education Programs Assurance Report. The Choice in Education Act affirms that parents have the right to choose the kind of education they feel will be best for their children. Parkland School Division has a strong history of offering a variety of choices for educational programs and continues to do so with the recent implementation of a variety of new programs.

- The Board received as information the Wellness Assurance Report which outlined initiatives focused on working collectively with staff, caregivers and community to provide programming support and services aimed at fostering wellness in children, youth and families: create healthy responsive and innovative learning environments that are rich with the evidence-based norms for healthy communities (daily physical activities, physical literacy, food security and nutrition, environmental education, active transportation and creation of positive social environments).
- Trustees met virtually with MLA's Turton and Getson to engage in discussion on a variety of topics (these are regular scheduled meetings to keep abreast of the latest government initiatives and bringing MLA's up to speed on what is going on in PSD).

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#### | ASCA Report | Presenter *Rich Haggarty*

--ASCA—group of parents that represent school councils and COSC at government level, bringing forward concerns from divisions

--government cut funding for ASCA halfway through 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter by 75%

--re-alignment of paid positions within the organization, while keeping as many as possible

--board of directors is down to 8 people (normally 12)

--AGM in April with elections taking place then

--will still be online, but trying to make it seem like an in-person event

--working with vendors that have normally attended with making information videos

--planning to revise fee schedule—will be a slight increase in upcoming year (not drastic, but is reasonable for work that is required)

--started vetting resolutions that have been received (about 12 currently)

--if wanting to put forward a resolution, deadline is coming up

--encourage all to take part in conference (check website for information about registration and resolutions)

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#### | School Council Chair Report | Presenter *Brenda Cryer*

--COSC meeting in November,

--Scott Johnston spoke

--reminding school councils to do year-end report and handing them in

--next COSC meeting is Thursday Jan 21

--Stake Holder meeting in February—will only be having some people who signed up attend the meeting

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#### | Canadian Parents for French | Presenter Name *Tracy*

--presentation from French for the Future (nationwide organization)

--discussed their programs: national forums, pen-pal, franco connection program

--had resources for French immersion students

--fundraiser raised about \$500

--looking for more fundraiser ideas

--looking for tutors

--question about high school open house — will be in contact with admin about going forward

--next meeting is March 2, 2021

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## | SGCHS Administration Report | Cheryl Otto

### Open House –Feb 25 from 6-8pm

- every department for cores and individual electives will create a video that will be sent out to students and parents in grade 9s
- can watch the video and if they have questions, they can drop into the Google meet on the evening of the open house to discuss (will have teachers in each of those meets)

### General

- Quarter 2 ends next Monday, January 25. It is followed by three days of in-school class finals on the 26-28 with Friday, January 29 serving as Semester Break. Quarter 3 starts on Monday, February 4. Those of you who have students who will be pursuing At-Home Learning during Q3 will have or will be hearing from the pertinent Grade Coordinator to set up programming.
- Our Education Development Plan has been submitted to be posted on our website. I'm not sure when it will be up. To summarize, our plan is currently set for three years and its focus is to develop "Students Who Embody the Characteristics of Success" through Excellent Teaching and Real World Learning. Thank you to those parents who have assisted us with this by completing the benchmarking survey this fall. We will be surveying several times in order to assist us with gauging our success in achieving our goal.
- The Division and school are currently working with Group 2 Architecture, Alberta Education and Alberta Infrastructure to do value scoping towards a major modification/renovation of our school to bring capacity to 1900. Thanks to those of you who responded to the survey which we sent out.

### Extra-Curricular

- Sports are still on hold.
- Wrestling is cancelled for the year regardless of if sports are back.

### Grad

- Begun initial conversations with both Memorial and SPA regarding possibilities. We are bound to follow all government issued Covid Protocols. We will be sharing more information soon and surveying/consulting Grads/Parents/Guardians at that time.