

# Spruce Grove Composite High School Council

Tuesday January 25, 2021

7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

#### Item

With peace, harmony and unity, we honor the land on which we stand as Treaty 6 territory. This is sacred land to many First Nation, Metis and Inuit, in particular our neighbors, Paul First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Alexander Cree Nation and our friends of the Metis Nation. We recognize and acknowledge Indigenous values, traditional teachings, ways of being, contributions and historical inequalities. We respect all cultures with an open heart and an open mind. We ALL heal together.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Approval of the January 25, 2022 Agenda
- 3. Approval of the November 16, 2021 Minutes
- 4. Parkland School Board Report
- Administration Report
- 6. School Council Chair's Report
  - COSC Meeting on December 7th
  - Upcoming COSC Meeting on February 1st
  - We are still looking for a secretary
- 7. Canadian Parents for French Update

Date of Next Meeting – February 15th Adjournment of Meeting

## SGCHS School Council

November 16, 2021 | Meeting called to order by Brenda Cryer

#### In Attendance

#### 7:01 call to order

Brenda Cryer, Cheryl Otto, Nicole Buchanan, Cam Robertson, Anne Montgomery, Jill Osborne, Colleen

### Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Agenda: Colleen

September Minutes: Brenda

### PSD Board Report-Anne Montgomery

### Administration Report-Cheryl Otto

#### Drama

-Frozen will be presented Dec 1, 2, 3 @ 7:00 pm at the Horizon Stage. Tickets are on sale for \$18 each and can be purchased on this website. There will be assigned seating and Covid protocols will be in place.

#### General

- -Quarter has wrapped up and Quarter 2 started out with this Winter-not-so-Wonderland.
- -PowerSchool is now up with marks and comments for Q1
- -Please ensure your phone numbers and emergency contact information is up to date in PowerSchool.
- -We are working on having TCT for Quarters 2-4.
- -We have DLR set up on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 for students who have missing assignments/exams
- -Thursday, Sept. 30 is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation—no school.

#### Extra-Curricular

- -Sr boys Volleyball won silver. Three Cross Country runners made provincials. Football made semi-
- -Basketball tryouts are starting

#### Education Plan Update

-Over the course of the year, SGCHS staff engaged in PD on the Four Characteristics for Success which were identified through our earlier benchmarking: Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Communication. As well, the two supporting pillars, Excellent Teaching and Real World Learning were explored. Our Faculty Council furthered their learning on Excellent Teaching by actively engaging in the book study, Classroom Instruction that Works. Staff integrated Real World Learning into classrooms and curricular content. Of course, our purpose for doing all this was our three year goal of assisting our students to embody Characteristics of Success. June saw us survey our Grade 10 Students, Parents, Staff and Community looking to see if we had made any headway towards this goal. Our findings were mixed.

-When Grade 10 students were surveyed at year end, they actually felt less successful and less supported, by peers, parents and school, than they did after the first quarter when our benchmarking survey took place. Our parents responded to our survey stating that Covid had a negative impact on student learning and student achievement. There was a general consensus that success was not, could not, be fully actualized given the lived experience of the Covid pandemic. Meanwhile, our staff found that while Faculty Council were trying to implement newly acquired strategies and all staff were being overt in their exploration of the four Characteristics of Success identified, students were overwhelmed by Covid, especially if they experienced self or class isolation due to active case exposure. All this being said, it sounds as if year one of our three year plan to achieve students who embody Characteristics of Success did not hit the mark...

-Yet surprisingly, our Grade 10s had the same or lower failure rate than previous Grade 10 groups. Despite students, parents and staff's qualitative accounts of difficulties recorded in their individual surveys, our students demonstrated success in their coursework. This is not to be taken lightly; in the midst of a pandemic, students were able to cope and complete the required work to achieve passing grades in their courses. Despite cohorting, lack of social activity, general isolation and specific AHS enforced isolation, students were able to do what needed to be done. This demonstrates success. We are on the right track. Now to fine tune for next year so that, despite Covid's now long-term influence, we can support our students in further developing Characteristics for Success.

-This year, we will be working on Year Two of this plan. Please watch for and complete the parent survey.

#### Parent questions:

- -how long to get marks from diploma exams? —typically a month
- grad questions
  - -in the process of planning an in-person grad ceremony as of right now
  - -students usually get to vote on cap and gown vs formal wear
- -as of right now, no formal dinner/dance is being planned due to covid and number of grads participating in the dinner has gone down due to the cost of the event for families

## School Council Chair's Report

## Money from Government for School Council

- --\$500
- --have ASCA come and do workshops for parents
- --particularly with fundraising society—Brenda to look into getting ASCA to set up the presentation
- -- Anne to check to see how we can access the money

## **ASCA Virtual Engagement**

- --event information sent out in email from School Council chair
- --registration information included as well

## COSC meeting November 2

- --Brenda Cryer---Chair
- --Leigh Maxwell---Co-Chair
- --have ASCA come to give presentation on updating Operating Procedures for School Councils

## COSC meeting Dec 7 at 7pm online

Annual agenda framework from ASCA was also sent out through email Workshops information from ASCA was attached to email as well

### Adjournment

#### 7:49pm

## **Next Meeting**

January 18, 2022, SGCHS library and online



### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCIL (COSC) MEETING

Held Virtually

On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 7:00 PM

Attendance:

Parkland School Division:

Aimee Hennig (Trustee) - Regrets

Jill Osborne (Trustee)

Scott Johnston (Associate Superintendent) Roxanne Genereux (Recording Secretary)

**Broxton Park:** 

Cheri Day (Assistant Principal)

Amber Rueben

Anil Padayas (Principal)

Copperhaven:

Sean Rogers

Forest Green School:

Nealle Dickson (Principal)

Tammi Lucier

Graminia:

Amber Darragh

Memorial:

Dianne Jewell

Millgrove:

Anna Marie Jackson

Linda Madge-Arkinstall (Principal)

Parkland Village:

Chantelle deBoers Lindsay Kuelken Shannon Auger

Prescott Learning Centre:

Gayleen Hart Leigh Maxwell

Spruce Grove Composite High: Brenda Cryer, COSC Chair

Stony Plain Central:

Krystle Hoogendorn

Tasha Laurie

Tomahawk:

Fran Bell (Principal)

Woodhaven Middle School:

Lei Gryshik

Ashley Southworth Chris Shaw (Principal)

- Transportation Funding Envelope: Trustees approved the recommendation that Transportation
   Services can operate outside the envelope for the 2021-2022 school term.
- Ministers Youth Council: 2 Parkland School Division students from Woodhaven & xx presented to the Board regarding conversations with their peers and Minister of Education.

## 9. Senior Administration Report (Scott Johnston)

Associate Superintendent Johnston discussed updates with COSC members.

- Annual Education: Approved Annual Education results report for the jurisdiction schools, submitted their development plan reports. Working and meeting with principals in December 2021 to review the results from last year.
- Survey/Engagements: February is survey season parents with students in grades 4, 7, 10 receive the
  provincial survey. The main topic at the engagements in 2021-2022 will be citizenship to determine
  how students are doing.
- Unfinished Learning: Due to absences, work is being done in literacy and numeracy in grade 2 and 3, as well as other grades due to school attendance.

Discussions ensued with COSC members.

### 10. Items for Future Agenda

Departmental presentations: Next Meeting Corporate Supports & Services, Scott McFadyen

#### 11. Adjournment

Chair Cryer adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 1, 2021 @ 7:00 pm.



# **Council of School Councils (COSC)**

February 1, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. Virtual

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Welcome and Introductions
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Approval of Minutes (December 7, 2021)
- 5. Corporate Supports & Services Presentation Scott McFadyen
- 6. Board Report Aimee Hennig
- Senior Administration Report Scott Johnston
- 8. Items for Future Agenda
- 9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: TBD