

MINUTES

SGCHS School Council

Feb 15, 2022 | *Meeting called to order by* Brenda Cryer

In Attendance

Cheryl Otto, Cameron Robertson, Brenda Cryer, Eric Cameron, Nicole Buchanan

Called to order: 7:03

Approval of Minutes

Agenda approval: Nicole Buchanan

Minutes approval: Brenda Cryer

Trustee Report – Eric Cameron

- **Numeracy Intervention Project:** Trustees were informed via virtual presentation on the Numeracy Intervention Project being used at Copperhaven School. Teacher, Mrs. Tripple, and 4 students demonstrated strategies that addressed: visual recognition of numbers; counting-visual to words; comparing and ordering; relating to addition and subtraction. The program has been developed by Numeracy Leads from within the division.
- **Board Chair Report:** Board Chair received 3 letters:
 1. Letter from Christine Jeans, a reporter from the Examiner thanking PSD for the great cooperation with the paper, but she informed us that she is leaving to take on a new job at another newspaper.
 2. Minister of Education sent a letter confirming receipt of our letter outlining our analysis of the proposed curriculum and our numerous concerns. The Minister has assured us that there will be full consultation on any revisions.
 3. Minister of Education letter to all Boards acknowledging the concerns being raised on rapidly escalating costs of bus transportation. Hopefully there will be consideration in the 2022 budget.
- **Superintendent Report:**
 1. A \$6000 donation was received from Stony Plain Dental Center to support “choice in education”. Donation will be used for the Connections for Learning programming.
 2. Superintendent met with our Field Services representative (Alberta Education) to go over our Annual Education Results Report. We received compliments on its thoroughness and transparency.
 3. Superintendent submitted 4 names of students for the Alberta School Board “Honouring Spirit” award. These First Nation students represent youth who have provided service to their school and community.
 4. The temporary contracts of the 20 extra teachers to help support teacher absences due to Covid have come to a close, but the nice thing is many have remained on our substitute teacher list. Staff absences are decreasing.

5. Registration for the 2022-2023 school year begin February 14.

- **Parkland School Division Attendance Area Review:** After reviewing the Parkland School Division Student Attendance Area Study completed by Edmonton Public Schools, Trustees directed administration to further explore selected recommendations and report back to a future Board meeting. Stakeholder consultation process and dates have not been established yet, but there will be ample opportunity for robust stakeholder input.
- **Health and Safety Report:** A summary of programs and practices and statistical information for PSD staff and students was presented and covered items such as: Occupational Health and Safety regulations for non-certified staff covering right to know, right to participate in workplace health and safety, right to refuse dangerous work, and reporting incidents. Also the creation of a Divisional Joint Health and Safety Committee was explained. One topic discussed was Covid and Occupational Health and Safety and the steps taken for air quality in schools (upgrading to MERV 13 filters in all schools- Minimum Efficiency Reporting Values; and researching into classroom HEPA filters if needed; use of N95 masks was also discussed-masks supplied by the provincial government to schools were not N95 masks).
- **Student Services Report:** this report highlighted the various ways in which the Student Services Team supports schools to provide an all-inclusive, safe, supportive, academic learning environment that serves the needs of a diverse population of students from K-12. The Student Services Team was listed and some of its provided supports and services were explained including: Relating Everyday Academics and Life Skills (REAL program); Life, Academic and Work Skills program (LAWS) and Specialized Classrooms for those with mental health needs. A new Inclusive Education Parent and Community Advisory Panel will soon be calling for applicants for a 2 year term to help the Division to strengthen our inclusive education system.
- **2022-2023 School Year Calendar:** after extensive stakeholder consultation the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar was presented. The stakeholder survey asked respondents to consider: start date for students, fall break, start of winter break, February and April PD days.
- **Transportation Services Department Report:** Parkland School Division operates one of the largest regional transportation systems in the province to provide safe, effective and efficient transportation services to PSD and other jurisdiction students. Our system travels 18 630 kms daily for 6 887 students using 155 busses and 6 cabs (160 drivers and 16 contractors); has 7 office staff and 12 Transfer Site Bus Monitors. School bus safety procedures were discussed: First Ride program, GPS live tracking, route monitoring, student tracking and communication, safe stop assessments, school bus rodeo, bus operators professional development opportunities, bus cameras and bus registration procedures.
- **New Covid Protocol Changes:** on February 8 the government of Alberta announced that starting Feb. 14 masking on school busses and in schools will no longer be mandated and students cannot be denied access to schools or bussing whether masked or not and cannot be denied access based on personal vaccination status. School Boards cannot institute their own masking protocols and were not consulted with regard to these changes. All adults will be required to still mask until that protocol is rescinded. All other requirements of enhanced sanitizing and cohorting are still in effect.

Admin Report-Cheryl Otto

Drama

- We Will Rock You rehearsals have begun.

General

- The mask mandate transition with students has not seen any bumps.
- Please remind students they are to enter, exit the school and their classrooms through their zones until March 1 if hospitalizations drop.

Extra-Curricular

- Fans are allowed back in the stands in PSD! Yay!
- Basketball wraps up Feb 23 unless we make finals
- Badminton starts in March.

2022-2023 School Year

- Online Registration is up on websites so you can get it done early.
- Course Selections will be made by students in April.

Parent questions:

--School Council chair asked that the website updated with correct/current school council information

School Council Chair Report-Brenda Cryer

--COSC meeting on Feb 1

-report from Scott McFadden

-corporate reports

-more principal and admins at the meeting than school council chairs

-next COSC on March 29 about resolutions that are put forward for ASCA AGM

-is there \$125 for ASCA conference from school budget? (Brenda question, Cheryl will look into it)

-hopefully go over resolutions at our next meeting before

CPF

-no report

Next Meeting

March 15, 2022 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned 7:27 pm