

# MINUTES

## SGCHS School Council

April 19, 2022 7:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Brenda Cryer

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### In Attendance

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Brenda, Cheryl, Nicole, Cameron, Jill, Elizabeth, Tasha

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### Approval of Minutes

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Called to order: 7:02pm

Agenda approval: Colleen

-Grad 2023 info cannot include fundraising (can discuss after adjournment)

Minutes approval: Colleen

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### Trustee Report – Jill Osborne

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- The Board received a Delegation who presented on the Dual Credit Program in PSD High Schools. The program gives students the opportunity to work towards their Post Secondary goals while receiving High School Credit. It also provides the opportunity for students to try something they may be interested in pursuing as a career option while they are still supported at the High School level. Any family interested in learning more about this opportunity should reach out to Mike Partington, Off-Campus Education Facilitator for Parkland School Division.

Board Report: The following letters have been sent by our Chair, Dr. Lorraine Stewart and highlight advocacy initiatives by PSD Board Trustees:

- A letter to Minister Lagrange asking for clarification on Charter School applications and how they are communicated to potentially impacted School Boards.
- A letter to Minister Lagrange highlighting the impact of the new curriculum roll-out and asking, again, for a delay in implementation.
- A letter of support from Spruce Grove Mayor Jeff Acker was also sent to Minister Lagrange to highlight the need for a new High School, with an increased capacity, in Spruce Grove. Increasing population in Spruce Grove has created capacity pressures in an aging building.
- A letter was also sent as follow-up to a joint meeting conversation between our Board and Parkland County Mayor and Council regarding their support for the Student Resource Officer position in our Division.

Superintendent Report:

- We continue to hear from potentially impacted stakeholders regarding the Attendance Area Review. We are listening to people's concerns and encourage anyone who wants to leave feedback to visit PSD webpage or email [board@psd.ca](mailto:board@psd.ca) Administration is compiling data and preparing a report on each recommendation that includes feedback collected and other implications to the school division such as financial, transportation, utilization, human resources and opportunities for Legacy students to be considered at their current school. As each report is completed, it will be posted to the PSD website under the Attendance Area Review tab and potentially affected families will be contacted so that they are able to review it. There will be time for a second round of feedback for the Board to take under consideration once the recommendations have been posted (this will be a shorter turnaround for feedback).

- The Annual Education Planning Day was held Thursday April 7, 2022. This was my first chance to participate in this day and it has been the highlight of my first year, so far. Educators, parents, community members, elders and Trustees came together to discuss several topics of concern and brainstorm actionable strategies for the coming school year. I am thrilled to report that we have already seen movement within the division on one of the concerns that was highlighted throughout the day. Mental health and student well being was at the top of many people's list of discussion topics. Superintendent Boyce announced at our April 12 Board meeting that for the upcoming school year, each of our K-9 Schools will have a staffed School Counselor (the high schools already have a Counselor on staff). This is big news and something that the Board and senior leadership have recognized as a priority. The new Division Psychologist that was hired this fall will be evaluating the School Counselors, as well as the School Administrator.
- The Board received the 2022-2023 Budget Assumptions for approval. These are the assumptions that will be the basis for the 2022-2023 Budget, which is due to Alberta Education by May 31, 2022. We will receive the Budget for approval at the May 24, 2022 Board Meeting. Some budgeting considerations that continue to be of concern include impacts of Covid-19, Operating Reserve Cap and Restrictions and Funding/Enrolment. The second quarter financial report was also received for our information.
- The Board also received the School Resource Officer Report for information. We were able to hear from and ask questions of Spruce Grove Comp Asst Principal Cam Robertson and Corporal Zanbak (Constable Gord Marshall was unable to attend). The Division continues to see the positive impact of the important role that Constable Marshall plays in making connections and advising both students and staff in Parkland Schools.

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## Administration Report – Cheryl Otto

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### Band

- Concert on April 1 at the Horizon Stage was a success!
- April 8<sup>th</sup>'s Drumline festival in Calgary was a great experience for the students involved. They got to see the Stampede Drumline and other school drumlines perform and they received useful feedback on their performance. It was a long but wonderful day.

### Drama

- We Will Rock You tickets on sale; there are seats available for all public performances
- Performances are next week with five matinees (four for schools only on Thurs and Fri, and one public on Sat) and three public evening performances (Thurs through Sat)

### General

- Online Registration is up on websites so you can get it done early
- Course Selections will be made by gr 10s and 11s soon; we have Grade level assemblies this week to review the process—these will be our first indoor assemblies in years!

### Edwin Parr

- Taylor Pocock has his interview tomorrow to see if he has advanced beyond PSD to win next level—Northern Alberta.

### Extra-Curricular

- Badminton league play next week; one person going on to provincials.
- Rugby and track have both men's and women's teams; soccer has a men's team.

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## School Council Chair Report – Brenda Cryer

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- ASCA AGM  
--on April 24, 2022
- COSC meeting—next meeting May 10, 2022
  - Principals who are attending are going to give updates on their schools
  - Reviewing ASCA AGM
  - Put together a presentation from our division for the ASCA AGM

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### Canadian Parents for French

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--no update

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### Grad 2023

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--start a parent committee to plan and discuss

-process about being able to use a space at the school—Cheryl will talk to custodians about availability

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### Adjournment

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7:36pm

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### Next Meeting

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May 17, 2022 at 7:00pm at SGCHS