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## Spruce Grove Composite High School School Council Meeting February 25, 2025

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1. Welcome and Introductions, 7.02 pm: Kalena Feist, Aileen Peterson, Peta Hamdon
2. Approval of the Agenda for February 25, 2025
3. Approval of the Minutes - November (tabled)
4. Parkland School Board Report: January 2025

Presented by Anne Montgomery  
January 21, 2025 Board Meeting

**Quarterly Financial Report:** The Board received the financial report as of November 30, 2024 with the following information: Revenue to date: \$42.3million; Expenditures to date: \$39.7million. A forecasted surplus for this fiscal year is \$575,000 by August 31, 2025, with plans to move \$681,000 to capital reserves. The board spent part of its capital reserves last year to move forward with projects that were unlikely to be funded by the provincial government (ex. Tomahawk Gymnasium Renovation) and further capital reserve funds will likely be needed when the new Spruce Grove High School is built.

**Special Board Meeting:** The board met on January 14, 2025 to approve a recommendation to accept and ratify a contract with the International Union of Operating Engineers (i.e. caretakers/maintenance workers supporting our buildings). The terms of the agreement can be found on our website and includes a 3% increase each year from September 1, 2024 (retroactive), to and including September 1, 2027.

**Literacy and Numeracy Report:** Each year the board receives an update on the current assessment information on literacy and numeracy. This report informs the board on the outcome of targeted supports in these areas. There is a continued need to address the impact of Covid restriction closures of schools on the cohort of students currently in grades 4-6.

**Parent Engagement Feedback Summary:** The division held a parent engagement evening on November 27th, 2024 to discuss education and school culture specific to learners in grades 4-6. The summary of notes from that evening is available for review and comments can be directed to [board@psd.ca](mailto:board@psd.ca).



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### 5. Administration Report

**See attached School Report**

#### **Assurance Measures Report overview**

- i. A query was raised regarding French Immersion results. Additional classes are being added at SGCHS.
- ii. There are plans to expand student activity through physical education programming.
- iii. University visits have been scheduled onsite for students planning to pursue further education.

### 6. School Council Chair Report

- i. A letter will be drafted from the School Council in support of striking CUPE workers, directed to Alberta Education, cc'ing our local MLA, and including the leader of the official opposition.

### 7. Discussion Items

#### **[COSC - Council of School Councils \(Engagement Grant\)](#)**

- i. A discussion took place about how to allocate the funds.

#### **ASCA Conference and AGM**

- ii. This event will be held online in 2024-25.
- iii. The Board of Trustees will provide a grant for parent attendance at the ASCA conference, distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **Annual Conference ~ ASCA 2025 Spring Symposium ~ Saturday, April 26th, 2025**

This virtual half-day event requires only 1 registration per School Council! Click on the link --> ([ASCA 2025 Spring Symposium](#)) to find out how to register, view the event brochure, and many more details .

#### **ASCA 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) ~ Sunday, April 27, 2025 ~ ONLINE**

Registration is open for the AGM with no cost for School Councils to attend this online event! Click on the link --> ([Annual General Meeting](#)) to find out how to register, and to view the meeting documents, which includes the [2025 Resolutions Package](#).

***Deadline to Register is Monday, April 14 @ 1:00 pm***

### 8. Adjournment of Meeting, 7.50 pm.

**Date of Next Meeting – March 25, 2025**



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## SGCHS School Council Administration Report Feb.2025

### CUPE Labour Action

- TCT- Wed.Feb. 26 - Cancelled
- “No Seminar” Bell Schedule
- Other changes to office and school operations
- Focus is on student safety and continuing student learning

Semester 2 is underway; course changes etc. are done.

Feeder School Visits for Grade 9 registration are happening

Diploma Exam marks available on “MyPass”

- **Panther Athletics**
  - a. Basketball - season wrapping up
  - b. Wrestling
  - c. Badminton
  - d. Rugby
  - e. Soccer
- **Fine Arts**
  - a. Theatre Arts “Beetlejuice” practices are continuing -- parts are selected, singing
- **Off-Site and Innovative Learning Opportunities**
  - a. **Humanities**
    - i. Italy trip over Spring Break
  - b. **Languages & Fine Arts:**
    - i. NYC trip in May
    - ii. Band trips
  - c. **Various PE activities** - ie: Fitset Ninja, Swimming, Curling
  - d. **CTS etc:**
    - i. Skills Canada
    - ii. “Wild” Panther
- **Input Requested**
  - a. Annual [Alberta Education Assurance \(AEA\) Survey](#) -- Staff, Grade 10 students, Grade 10 parents
  - b. [Parent Notification Letter](#)
    - i. Parents of Gr. 10 students will be getting RANDOM ACCESS CODES (RACs) between Feb. 18 - Mar. 21 (electronically)



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- ii. Staff and students will also be completing the survey prior to March 21, 2025
  - c. These results will become part of our Assurance Measures Report as well as help to guide our SGCHS Education Plan.
- **AMR** (Assurance Measures Report)
  - a. Diploma multi year reports are available on the [Alberta Education Website](#);
  - b. Assurance Results public on Nov. 29 also on the ABED. website
  - c. Each school and jurisdiction will have an Assurance Measures report based on survey results from last year (parent, student, teacher -- Grades 4, 7, and 10) as well as High School Completion, Provincial Achievement Test and Diploma Examination results
  - d. [SGCHS overview 2023-2024](#)
- Addition to Fee Schedule for 2024-25 school year
  - PE 10 Individual Pursuits
    - Proposed fee: \$50. Fee covers the cost of participating in off-campus activities such as hiking, fitness classes, yoga, curling, etc.
  - WILD PANTHER program
    - For-credit program that takes students on overnight camping excursions to the mountains. Students complete theory work before heading into the field experience portion.
    - Proposed fee: \$60 - covers the cost of food, supplies, permits, and transportation costs.

### Upcoming Events

- **Feb. 26-** TCT Cancelled
- **Feb. 27-** Wild Panther Meeting
- **Feb. 27-** Italy Trip Family and Traveller meeting @7:00 pm
- **Feb. 28-** DELF Student Registration deadline (B1)
- **Mar. 4-** Concordia University Visits
- **Mar. 4-** Grade 12 Grad Assembly
- **Mar. 6-** "Vive le français" 5-7 pm at Central Park, Spruce Grove -- FI/Francophone cultural opportunity
- **Mar. 10-14-** Substitute Teacher & Casual Support Staff Appreciation Week
- **Mar. 12-** University of Calgary Visit
- **Mar. 13-** Alberta University of the Arts Visit
- **Mar. 17-** Choral Celebration
- **Mar. 26-27-** Marmot Basin Ski Trip
- **Mar. 28-** PD Day
- **Mar. 29-** April 6 - Spring Break