

School Council Monthly Meeting

Monday, May 17th, 2021

Video Conference

Attendees: Shelly Wiebe, Krystal Alston, Kerri Williams, Leticia Webster, Candace Craddock, Janelle Adamson, Sheri Duchene, Ron Heinrichs – PSD Trustee

1. Call to order – 3:56 pm Krystal
2. Additions to the Agenda –N/A
3. Approval of Agenda – Candace, 2nd Shelly
4. Reading of last months minutes – Adopted – Candace, 2nd Janelle
5. Trustee’s Report – Ron Heinrichs
 - 1) COVID 19 - School Re-entry - No firm date has been set for students to return to the classroom for their learning. On-line learning may continue past the long weekend.
 - 2) CURRICULUM - Most school boards/jurisdictions have indicated that they will not be piloting the proposed new curriculum for the upcoming school year 2021-22. Parkland School Division will not be involved in the pilot program.
 - 3) ASCA Conference - A summary chart of all resolutions that will be forwarded to the Alberta Government can be found at the ASCA website. <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/178720>
 - 4) PSBA of Alberta - (PSBAA) - Spring General Assembly - (June 3-4, 2021) - School Council members from across the province will be invited to attend. Each jurisdiction will be able to send five school council members. In Parkland School Division we will be sending the Council of School Councils (COSC) Chair and four other members representing rural and urban school councils chosen from those who are interested in attending. Information will be forthcoming to school councils and chairs.
 - 5) ALBERTA GOVERNMENT STUDENT TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE - This report will look at all aspects of student transportation in Alberta including safety, ride times, fees, rural and urban differences, regional cooperation opportunities, etc.. Recommendations will be made for September 2022 - 23 and 2023-24.
 - 6) WEST END ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS - Entwistle School: Congratulations to Shelly Wiebe who will continue as principal at Entwistle School for the 2021-22 school year. Duffield School - Congratulations to Cherie Lovsund who has been appointed to the Principalship of Duffield School for 2021-22 school year. Congratulations to Diane Jewell who will be moving to assume the assistant principalship of Memorial Composite High School, thank you for the past two years that you have served as the principal of Duffield School.
 - 7) MILESTONES & MERITS - Friday, May 28th - Congratulations to all recipients for their long service with Parkland School Division. This will be an online virtual event.
 - 8) UPCOMING MEETINGS - Regular Board Meeting - Virtual - 9:30am Tuesday, May 25th. Regular Board Meeting - Virtual - 9:30am, Tuesday, June 15th.

Please contact me by email or phone if you have any questions, comments or concerns.
Please feel free to contact Ron if you have any concerns at rvheinrichs@psd70.ab.ca or call him at 780-339-2151.
6. Principal Report – Ms. Wiebe

Current enrolment: 126
In school: 119
At home: 7 students

 - 1) As of today, we have 119 students registered for next year. This is down about 7 kids from our current year. There are still a few families on the fence due to covid, and who knows what summer may bring?
 - 2) Proposed Grade Level Configurations for Next Year:
Kindergarten - Mrs. Kiers (enrolment currently at 16)
 - 1 / 2 Mrs. Jensen (25)
 - 3 / 4 Ms. Williams (24)

4 / 5 Ms Chornopyski (27)

6 - 9 Mrs. Webster (30)

6 - 9 Mr Seely

Mrs Kiers has been moved to full time, so she will be supporting grades 1-3

Mrs Wiebe and Mr Seely will be supporting the 4 / 5 group

*** increased enrolment may lead to changes.

Goal is to create more opportunities for smaller groups so ALL kids are getting the support they need.

EA support will be sorted out soon, but I have not reduced EAs.

- This year we were granted the gift of covid money, so we were able to keep classes smaller. There are some strange little blips in our numbers, particularly in grades 2, 3 and in grades 6-9. This makes it hard for stand alone classes, and pulls total funding down.

- Proposing a 7-9 combined class would have been sudden death for our numbers.

- Good news is that we have had strong enrollment in Kindergarten for two years in a row. We will continue strengthening our programming to grow this. I have earmarked some money for increased SLP supports in K-3. Mrs. Kiers brings a robust knowledge base to our Kindergarten and primary grades to support literacy and numeracy development.

- We also have some larger numbers heading to junior high in the next few years. The junior high team and myself are looking at ways to make our junior high an attractive place for kids to be. I will be pursuing community connections to build increased learning options and sports opportunities.

- Long term goals: Increased academics K-6 and robust junior high planning to keep kids in our school from K-9.

3) Pinnacle: Pinnacle has generously donated \$5000 to our school! We are beyond grateful. We will use this money to beef up the library and purchase cooking equipment for our upgraded foods lab.

4) At-home learning is a bit smoother this time. As per Alberta Education's mandate, there are a few students who require specialized programs and support coming into the school in the morning.

7. Old Business: N/A

8. New Business: N/A

9. Other: Krystal – asked Shelly about the Speech Therapist if they still plan to come next week if we return to in person learning, Shelly answered Yes. If we do not return, would it be possible to have the therapist still come to the school and allow these students to come in individually? Shelly is going to ask and if not to at least have a virtual option, in person is always better.

10. Meeting Adjourned – 4:19 pm – Krystal