

## Parent Council Agenda

November 22, 2021 3:52 pm

### Video Conference

In Attendance: Shelly Wiebe, Krystal Alston, Aileen Wagner, Janelle Adamson, Justin Seely, Kelsey Kiers, Jasmine Nuthall, Kyla Tuttle, Kaila Minion, Angela Ruiter, Amy Urie.

**1. Call to Order and Introductions** – Krystal Alston **Time:3:52pm**

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

**3. Approval of the Agenda** – Kyla Tuttle

**4. Review of Previous Minutes**

**5. Trustee Report** – Aileen Wagner is our new trustee for ward 1. It is a pleasure and an honour for me to have been elected in Ward 1 as School Board Trustee. I look forward to my involvement with the four west end schools, Tomahawk, Entwistle, Duffield and Wabamun.

We've been off to a busy start as a Board.

Our first official week consisted of a couple days of onboarding and orientation, then right down to meetings. During our Organizational Meeting we elected our President - Trustee, Lorraine Stewart and Vice President -Trustee, Anne Montgomery. We have three new trustees this term, Aimee Hennig, Ward 3, Jill Osborne, Ward 5 and myself, Ward 1. Returning trustees are Lorraine Stewart, Ward 2, Paul McCann, Ward 4, Eric Cameron, Ward 5 and Anne Montgomery, Ward 5.

During this meeting Approvals were made for 2021-2022 Meeting Dates, Board Remuneration, and the 2021-2022 Board Annual Work Plan (Further details are available on the Parkland School Division website).

During our regular Board Meeting the submission for a request for 30 new modulars was approved. The breakdown of schools to receive these modulars is as follows:

Ecole Meridian Heights - 6 replacements - old ones are 48 yrs old

Copperhaven - 4 new to increase capacity

Blueberry - 9 replacements

Muir Lake - 5 replacements

Ecole Broxton Park - 6 replacements

The majority of the units being replaced are over 40 years old. Recommendations are based on

age of units, health and safety issues, general condition, and feedback from various staff.

The new units have large windows with lots of natural light and the furnace workroom on the outside of the classroom.

#### Enrollment Report

As of September 29, 2021, there are 11,944 students enrolled in Parkland School Division. This is an increase of 427 students or 3.7% over the previous year.

Community A - increase of 66 students, 11.6%

Community B - increase of 267 students, 5.6%

Community C - increase of 188 students, 3.2%

Outreach - decrease of 94 students or -25.5%

Last week we were busy with Fall AGMs. The Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) general meeting and elections were held from Sunday through Tuesday. Some discussion here around the state of bussing in Alberta and high operating costs for small fleet or Contracted Bus Operators. A 591% increase in insurance rates over 2 years is a huge concern.

The Public School Boards Association of Alberta, PSBAA, also held it's Fall General Meeting last week in Edmonton. Our board chair Lorraine Stewart was elected as 2nd Director on the PSBAA board. A predominant topic of discussion as this is the Public School Boards' Association was around just that - what exactly is a Public School Board. Concern that all schools that receive funding from the government are Public Schools - not the case as they can set parameters around the populations they accept. A true public school is open to anyone - no student can be denied public education. There are 6 provincially funded education systems - Public, separate, francophone, charter, private, and homeschooling.

Our next regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

#### **6. Principal Report** - Current enrolment: 123

- Loss of one student - moved

1) Covid: We are rolling with covid mandates and protocols.

- Adult Visitor Vaccination Protocols now in place; masking protocols have not changed

- Adult visitors to the school must show either proof of vaccination OR negative test results to Principal if they go beyond the office.

- Regular volunteers to the school can sign attestation form and show Principal proof of vaccination on one occasion, and then will not be asked for further proof of vaccination.

- Vaccination Protocols only apply to ADULTS not children.

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2) Kitchen update: Big refrigerator has been repaired and is working, but now two stoves are not working; seems to be a power issue and I am following up with Facilities.

- We are getting workstations set up and organized.

- I would like to ask that one volunteer from FOELS comes to determine what belongs to FOELS so supplies can be properly secured and not used by students and staff.

3) Field trips:

- Mr. Seely is presenting a proposal for Rabbit Hill to FOELS

- School wide field trip to Frozen Production December 3.

- Deposit made on Tyrell Museum

4) Learning Loss Grant interventions start Monday, November 29 and runs for 16 weeks

- Mrs. Kiers and myself are running the interventions; at this time, the government is only requiring us to run interventions for Grades 2 and 3 but we are going to interventions in Grade 1 as well.

- Students receiving interventions will receive a minimum 20 minutes of intervention 4 days per week.

5) Christmas Concert: teachers and students have started planning and practicing their Christmas Concert performances.

- Each class will record their performance and a video compilation will be put together for families to watch from home.

- As a staff, we felt this was the most inclusive way to celebrate the Christmas concert this year

## **7. Old Business:**

A. School Photo company. Krystal suggested using a new company, Smart Photography, for 2021/2022.

## **8. New Business: N/A**

## **10. Adjournment**

**Time: 4:45pm**