

Parent Council Minutes

March 14, 2022 3:53 pm

In Attendance: Aileen Wagner, Shelly Wiebe, Krystal Alston, Candace Craddock, Amy Urie, Kyla Tuttle.

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Krystal Alston Time: 3:53pm

2. Additions to the Agenda – N/A

3. Approval of the Agenda – Candace Craddock

4. Review of Previous Minutes – Kyla Tuttle

5. Trustee Report - Trustees approved the 2022–2023 Fees and Allowances.

Fee increases are required to operate the Division’s regional transportation system on a break-even basis. Increases are being proposed to offset Transportation Service’s anticipated increases in fuel, carbon tax and contractor rates due to inflation and Insurance.

Increases are based on three principles that previous Board members had set.

1. The Transportation department will operate within the funding envelope.

2. Current service levels will be maintained.

3. Rural and Urban fees will move towards being equal and reflect the cost of the service provided to riders

The Outcome:

Ineligible rural rider fee increase is larger at 16% (\$70) Other rider fee increases range from 5%-10% (\$5-\$50)

The Good News:

All other fees - Tuition, specific programming etc. remain the same with zero increase.

Edwin Parr Award Nominee

Each year Alberta School Boards Association honours six outstanding first year teachers. This award was established in 1964 in memory of the long and meritorious service of past Alberta School Trustees’ Association president Edwin Parr.

The Board recognized Alyssa Bridgeman (Connections for Learning), Laura Kraus (Graminia School) and Taylor Pocock (Spruce Grove Composite High School) as Parkland School Division’s nominees for this year.

The Board submitted Taylor Pocock's nomination to the Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 Edwin Parr Selection Committee for consideration.

Three-Year Capital Plan

Trustees approved the Three Year Capital Plan (2022–2025) submission. The plan serves as the Board's ranked priority list that is submitted to Alberta Infrastructure for consideration when it comes to funding future capital projects.

YEAR ONE: 2022–2023

Priority #1 -- Replacement of Spruce Grove Composite High School (\$60-70 M).

Priority #2 -- New K–9 school with capacity for 900 students on Spruce Grove's east side (\$25 M).

YEAR TWO: 2023–2024

Priority #1 -- Modernization of Tomahawk School (\$2-3 M).

Priority #2 -- Modernization and preservation of Brookwood School (\$12-14 M).

YEAR THREE: 2024–2025

Priority #1 -- Modernization and preservation of Forest Green School (\$12-16 M).

Priority #2 -- New K–9 school with capacity for 900 students on Spruce Grove's west side (\$25 M)

6. Principal Report - Current enrolment: 123

1) Covid:

- All restrictions are now lifted except for stay at home protocols
- Students and staff who are not well will still be sent home. We are on the upswing in terms of absences due to illness
- Staff will be planning field trips, assemblies, and other school activities as we proceed towards the end of the school year.

2) Keep those registrations coming in! Deadline for transportation is Friday, March 18

3) MyPath expansion into West schools

- Essentially, students will engage in core academics at their home school in the morning, and will access different programs of interest in the afternoons.

- We are looking for possibilities within the 4 schools located in the West (Duffield, Wabamun, Tomahawk, Entwistle)
- We have been discussing expanding MyPath into the West schools for some time now.
- Survey has been emailed out to parents. Please encourage families to complete the survey so we can make our next steps in planning. So far, Entwistle has heard from around 30 families, and most are interested in this type of programming at our school
- Information sessions will be planned and communicated shortly.
- This expansion has the potential to impact our school in the most positive of ways.

4) Skate donations: we are in need of some skates. Our donated skates are getting pretty close to being ready for wings. We could use some skates in all sizes from K to Grade 9

- Sharpeners: do we know anyone that would be willing to donate or subsidize skate sharpening so our skates are ready to go next year?
- We have about 40 pairs of skates that need sharpening
- We may look into a JumpStart purchase for next year. There is also a need for an ice sledge for a few students.

7. Old Business: N/A

8. New Business:

a) New opportunity – My Path Program of Choice Fall 2022

Discussed some potential programs; art, dance, skating, sports, mechanics, horsemanship, gardening, outdoor exploration around Pembina Provincial Park.

b) Field trip plans for remainder of the year –

Current field trips planned:

- Farm Day - Grades 6-9 (May)
- Drumheller - Grades 4-7 (May)
- Tipple Park - K-2 (June)
- Swimming - K-9 (June)
- Zoo - Grade 3 (May)
- Telus World Of Science - Grade 3/4 (May?)

c) Badminton starting up – Mrs. Kiers heading up with help from Yvonne Grimshide.

9. Other: Shelly mentioned the need for baseball helmets for the school

10. Adjournment – Krystal Alston

Time: 4:49pm