

Parent Council Minutes

December 19, 2022 3:50 pm

Entwistle School & Google Meet

In Attendance: Christine Bileau, Aileen Wagner, Willow Lazette, Amy Urie, Online; Candace Craddock, Kyla Tuttle, Kaili Ditner.

1. Call to Order and Introductions - Willow Time: 3:56pm

2. Additions to the Agenda – N/A

3. Approval of the Agenda – Candace motioned to approve, Amy 2nd

4. Review of Previous Minutes – Amy motioned to approve, Candace 2nd

5. Trustee Report –

Of note:

Alberta Parenting for the Future is hosting weekly Mom and Tot sessions in the rural areas, for 0 - 5 year olds. This is a no-fee experience where they set up a play area provided with toys, climbing structures and other options for kids to experience.

[Click here for information and schedule.](#)

From our Board meeting Tues. December 13th, 2022, the Trustees received the following as information:

- Transportation Services Department Report 2022-2023: Highlights the accomplishments along with some of the challenges that Transportation is facing now and anticipates in the coming school year.
- Student Conduct and Intervention Report: Provides an overview of PSD's approach to supporting students and families to ensure student behaviour and conduct.
- Student and Workplace Wellness Report: Presents a summary of the wellness practices in place throughout the division to support students, families and staff.
- Alternative Programs Report: Features the variety of program options that students can access within the division.
- Class Size Report: Provides class size information, including charts that give a breakdown of classrooms within each school.

Best wishes for a safe, peaceful and joyful Christmas season and winter break,

Aileen Wagner

6. Principal Report –

Principal's Report PAC/FOELS December 19, 2022

Hello and welcome! It's been a busy month since we last met, with a lot going on at the school.

I want to extend my appreciation to the members of parent council for your continued support and feedback. It is wonderful to have you in the school, and I look forward to more opportunities for volunteering in the new year. The Community Lunch was such a highlight—it was fantastic to be able to see so many of our families there, and we were very lucky to have Trustee Wagner and Superintendent Boyce in attendance as well.

We received an additional donation from the community towards our hot lunch program, which is much appreciated!

Leadership Update: Cookies for our neighbours, leadership students put together, junior high delivered; planning another one for the Spring

School Plan Update- as we spoke about in November, our main focus for this year is on literacy and numeracy. Our lead teachers are working with Division staff to put together presentations to share best practices and teaching strategies with our staff during all our upcoming PD days, and Entwistle teachers will partner with colleagues at another school so that we can learn as part of a grade level cohort—we have lots to share, and this is a great opportunity to see what work is going on in a different school. Every school is receiving support in the new year to help with intervention as well as capacity building. We are working to determine what that will look like exactly at Entwistle—I will have more information prior to our next meeting, and will share with you then. We are looking to bridge the gaps that many of our students still have, and are using Division and Provincial screeners to assess baseline and progress.

Thank you to everyone for your support as we reorganized some of our classes over the past month. I am grateful that we made the change prior to the break, and it seems like our classes are settling in. A benefit of this change is that our support staff are able to spend time with students in every class on a much more regular basis. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

A reminder that report cards were released on December 2. Please let Jesse know if you are having difficulties accessing them—remember that you need to either put your phone onto desktop mode or access Powerschool from a tablet or laptop, the mobile app doesn't have the report card on it.

Severe weather - PSD has updated the regulation to better reflect the options that we have available to stay connected in case buses aren't running. Teachers will use their best judgement regarding new material—if the majority of students are in attendance, then new learning will likely occur. If the majority are at home, teachers may reach out to set up a google meet or add information to classroom for a check-in

7. Old Business:

A. District Engagement Evening –

Review of Engagement Evening with PSD Presented by Willow Lazette

I had an opportunity to represent our Parent Council at the District Stakeholder Engagement Evening. I wanted to share what I tried to bring to the table in the discussions I was involved in and also share some of the ideas I was hearing throughout the event.

We were first asked: From your perspective, what are the issue and/or concerns that have the greatest impact on our children and youth today?

The first thing I thought of was to ensure our little school in the very corner of the district was seen. I had heard a few times people mention not being seen by the District and I wanted to make sure they knew that we were important. We discussed how Covid has impacted families long term and how educators are trying to fill the gap created by the pandemic. I asked how the District or even Province was going to plan for the gap long term and asked if they are going to be making allowances on the high school end of things, given that students have until a certain age to graduate.

The second conversation I was involved in was to ask us how Trustees can better represent us. My major input in this area was to ensure that the correct voices are being heard (allistic making decisions for autistic, abled for diverse-abled, etc.). others brought up concerns around adequate mentorship and support for students, there was a large focus on mental health issues and how we can be supporting staff in teaching diversity and inclusivity while maintaining those values ourselves.

I felt included and heard throughout the evening and look forward to further opportunities in the future.

8. New Business: N/A

9. Other:

10. Adjournment – Candace, Kyla 2nd

Time: 4:38pm