

Parent Council Minutes

April 17, 2023 3:50 pm

Entwistle School/Google Meet

In Attendance: Christine Bileau, Aileen Wagner, Willow Lazette, Amy Urie, Sadye McCracken, Leticia Webster, Kyla Tuttle, Kelsey Spuehler

1. Call to Order and Introductions - Willow Time: 3:50pm

2. Additions to the Agenda

3. Approval of the Agenda – Sadye, Amy 2nd

4. Review of Previous Minutes – Kyla, Amy 2nd

5. Trustee Report –

Welcome back from Spring Break - I hope everyone had some time getting together with family and friends.

Our last Board Meeting was held on April 11, 2023.

1. The Board welcomed a delegation comprised of students and staff from Spruce Grove Composite High School, École Broxton Park School and École Meridian Heights School.

The group shared information and experiences from French Immersion, an optional program of choice in PSD.

2. Trustees received as information the Quarterly Financial Report (<https://www.psd.ca/download/413320>).

As of February 28, 2023:

- Revenues year-to-date were \$75.1 million.
- Expenditures year-to-date were \$73.0 million.
- The result was a surplus of \$2.1 million.

A deficit of \$2.8 million is forecast for the year ended August 31, 2023, which is higher than budgeted.

3. PSBAA Award Nomination:

The Board recognized longtime Trustee and former Chair and Vice Chair, Eric Cameron by announcing his nomination for the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) Dick

Baker Legacy Award. The award is bestowed on a public school board trustee who has modelled the values of integrity, compassion, respect, mentoring, leadership and engagement of the heart and mind while putting children first.

4. The Board approved the 2023-2024 Budget Assumptions.

(<https://www.psd.ca/download/413318>).

The assumptions are key components which the budget is built around, including revenues, allocation to schools, enrolment and key expenditures such as staffing.

5. The Board approved the revised version of Board Policy 7

(<https://www.psd.ca/download/413315>)

6. Advocacy Update.

As per PSD's Board Policy 1: the Board shall establish and maintain governance and organizational structures that promote student well-being and success which includes an annual plan for advocacy. Recent Board activity related to advocacy includes:

- On March 20, 2023, Trustee Stewart and Superintendent Boyce met with Spruce Grove Mayor, Jeff Acker to discuss support for the Spruce Grove Composite High School replacement school and the role of PSD in regards to Horizon Stage (a municipal asset located within SGCHS).
- Developing messages that will help parents/ guardians, school councils and the public advocate for public education leading up to the Provincial General Election. Messaging will focus on our local priorities, including school builds to address population needs, provincial funding for long-term planning in public schools, cross-ministry partnerships, curriculum development and stability in learning.
- Arranging discussions with local candidates to inform them of our issues and priorities.

****Note:** Our Election Readiness and Advocacy postcards are in for printing and should be ready by Tuesday, April 18, 2023 for distribution to School Councils and other stakeholders.

7. Other Highlights:

Trustees received the following as information:

- Student Engagement Report (<https://www.psd.ca/download/413319>)

8. Transportation Update:

- PSD operates one of the largest regional transportation systems in the province - our system travels over 19,000 kms/day and serves over 7,000 riders
- Newly created distance parameters do not take effect until September 1, 2024. The current eligibility criteria will remain in place for the 2023-2024 school year, meaning there will be not changes to our current process for determining who is an eligible rider and who is not.
- Alberta government has since announced that they will be providing funding to school divisions, beginning in 2023-24 if transportation can be provided to a currently ineligible rider who will become eligible in 2024-25.
- Although we encourage people to apply if they wish, we cannot guarantee a seat on the bus for everyone who requests it - only to current eligible riders.
- This application can be done through the registration process - contact your school if you have already submitted registration.
- PSD is currently in the process of examining potential impacts these announced changes will have, including potential number of riders. We appreciate our stakeholders patience while this analysis is underway.

In education,

Aileen Wagner

6. Principal Report –

- It is National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Your support and contributions are greatly appreciated! I am so happy that we have the gift of our community breakfasts and hot lunches. Thank you also for all of our field trip opportunities! We can't make this happen without you. Your input and feedback is also so important, and we are grateful for the chance to share ideas and collaborate with our parent community. We will be hosting a volunteer tea in May and are looking forward to celebrating with all of you

- Month at a Glance: What's been happening at Entwistle

- PD Collab with High Park - very robust PD regarding using HLAT data to inform teaching

- Mrs. Richter worked very hard over Spring Break to do some deep cleaning throughout the school
- Goota Desmarais - Presentation on Inuit/Eskimo Culture - thanks to Mrs. Kiers and Mrs. Germscheid for making this happen
- Literacy and Numeracy Support : Staffing Update (Miss Freund agreed to increase time), thanks to Mrs. Pequin for putting together our literacy kits
- PD opportunities throughout the next 10 weeks - some new supply teachers to help support this work
- Working with MCHS to transition our 9s to 10s
- Education Planning Day - April 6 - Excellent chance to hear from parents and staff across the division as well as have the chance to share info with our trustees
- Easter Egg Hunt/Easter Bunny! Thanks to Mrs. Nash for organizing
- It's Cool Presentations with the 8/9 class in partnership with FCSS
- Badminton practices after school Wednesdays and Thursdays at Lunch - Thanks to Mrs. Kiers, Mr. Seely and Mrs. Pettersen for running this
- Lots of budget work! More info later on
- Upcoming Events:
 - Fire Drill tomorrow
 - Lockdown Drill Next Tuesday, early May
 - Talent Show April 25 9-10 am - all welcome! Thanks to Mrs. Leteta and Mrs. Kiers for organizing, and Mrs. Nash for getting things going.
 - Teachers away on Literacy and Numeracy PD
 - PD Day on the 28th - session on supporting student regulation, wellness
 - First part of PATs coming up quickly
 - Kindness Blooms at Entwistle - Junior Highs and their Buddies
 - Visual Arts May 9th and 10th @ MCHS, 4:00 - 7:30 - thanks to Ms. Williams for organizing Entwistle's art
 - Zones Track Meet (6-9) May 18 - thanks to Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Pettersen for

taking our students

- Budget Update: Process and where we are at (right now!)
- Projected enrolment
- Spring Projection vs Fall Forecast
- Staffing Procedures: Clarification on process
- Lots of factors to consider
- Parking Lot Update
- Upcoming Field Trips grades 4/5, still looking into a grade 3/4, will speak more to this at the FOELS portion, Mrs. Klingspohn has been instrumental in organizing transportation, etc.
- MyPath Changes: Thoughts behind the changes, what I know so far, the power of your input
- Next Parent Council (May) - will be sharing the draft School Plan for the 2023/2024 School Year and will look for your input

7. Old Business: N/A

A. My Path – Fee and Date change (Christine covered in principal report)

8. New Business:

A. Parent Inquiring about signing Oh Canada daily. – School will be playing the anthem on Tuesdays

B. Childcare – is it possible to have, will more parents attend?

9. Other: N/A

10. Adjournment – Amy, Sadye 2nd

Time: 4:59pm