

Entwistle School Council

Minutes

Date of Meeting: September 18, 2023

Attendees:

Trustee Aileen Wagner
Executive:
President: Willow Lazette
Treasurer: absent
Directors Kyla Tuttle
Teachers Danielle Pequin

Principal
Vice President:
Secretary:
Louise Genovey

Total attendees: 7
Trustee
Executive:
President:
Treasurer:
Directors
Teachers

1. Call to Order

Willow Lazette called the meeting to order at 15:55

2. Welcome and Introductions

Willow welcomed attendees to meeting and spoke about making sure our

3. Additions or corrections to Agenda

Added election of new executive to "New Business"

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Motion to approve agenda made by

Louise Genovey

Motion seconded by

Candace Craddock

Motion passed unanimously

5. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion:

Minutes from May and June are missing – Willow will follow up and ensure the minutes are produced for October meeting for review and approval of board.

6. Trustee Report

Trustee report as attached.

7. Principal's Report

Principal's report as attached.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

a) **Election of Executive**

President: Willow Lazette

Vice President: Candace Craddock

Treasurer: Louise Genovey

Secretary: Kyla Tuttle

10. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting on October 18, 2023

11. Adjournment

Motion:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by

Candace Craddock

Motion seconded by

Louise Genovey

Willow Lazette adjourned the meeting at 16:30

Minutes Reviewed by

President

Secretary

On this day of _____

September 2023 - Ward 1 Trustee Report

Welcome back everyone! Hope your summer was peaceful, restful and enjoyable.

At the Organizational Meeting for the 2023–2024 school year, back on June 20, The Board re-elected Trustee Lorraine Stewart (Ward 2) as Board Chair and elected Trustee Aileen Wagner (Ward 1) as Vice Chair. Both Trustees took their oath of office at the Regular Meeting on September 12.

Recommendations:

Trustees approved the recommendation that the Board convene an Appeal Hearing Panel composed of all Trustees who expressed interest to hear the appeal of a parent regarding an education matter affecting their child.

The Board approved a Governance Budget Allocation up to a maximum of \$6,000 to support representation from School Councils at the 2024 Alberta School Councils' Association Conference and Annual General Meeting.

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:

- A meeting held in July with the Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaides, where Trustees introduced the Minister to the uniqueness of PSD and voiced concerns regarding curriculum, new school builds, the funding model and mental health of students and staff.
- The receipt of a response (dated August 31, 2023) from the Minister of Education approving PSD's request to access operating reserves for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Participating in an upcoming town hall meeting, hosted by the Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council, where the focus will be on transportation issues, including driver and bus shortages.

Trustees received the following as information:

- 2023 Facilities Services Department Report - <https://www.psd.ca/download/425501>
- 2022-2023 Human Resources Report - <https://www.psd.ca/download/425499>
- Off-site Activities Report - <https://www.psd.ca/download/425495>

Other Information:

The Stronger Together Newsletter is available on the website -
<https://www.psd.ca/division/student-wellness/stronger-together-newsletter>

This Newsletter is created by Jan Goulden and Fristy Thomas, Divisional Family Support Coordinators.

Check out September's Edition for information on;

- Creating Healthy Routines
- Strong family session
- Community Sessions
- Upcoming Resources
- Community Events
- Tri Municipal Region
- Food Resource
- Municipal Region Support Guide

The next School Board Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023

Welcome and thank you everyone for taking time to join us today. The relationship between the school and its stakeholders is critically important and I want you to know how much I appreciate your contributions to Entwistle School.

September Update

- Reminder about Mr. Nordstrom (grade 6-9 Humanities), Mrs. Morgan (formerly Miss Freund) and that Mrs Germscheid is now Miss Yvonne and is our counsellor (Thursdays)
- Start-up went smoothly - nice to have everyone back and our second annual mini carnival on the last day of the first week was a hit!
- Enrollment is currently at 98
- Please know that our class compositions are subject to change depending on a lot of factors—I will give parents as much notice as possible if this is the case
- School Plan - Focus on literacy and numeracy, particularly reading and reading comprehension, student wellness also key, adjusted timetable to allow for more consistency and targeted instructional time so that on Friday we can have a model where we focus on core when we are all together and then for blocks 4-10 we go to the public library for our programming, nature-based learning and career pathways (impact student wellness). This is the first year of this model, and I welcome feedback. If you would like to speak to our students about your career, or know someone who would be interested, please let me know.
- Portables at CFL, the Division has designed an outdoor classroom and will be installing it this fall
- The parking lot is taking longer than projected, Facilities is in conversation with Parkland County (they are the ones doing the work)
- Nutrition update - received \$\$ from various grants, will be receiving new items for the fridge, looking for more parents to help prepare grab and go items as well as small hot lunches
- Meet the teacher - 26th, will be held in the school, parents have the chance to see their child's classrooms and learn more about what their child will be learning
- Division provided new furniture and large items for our Kindergarten classroom
- Cultural Wheel presentation was a great way to set the tone for the year
- Two new bus drivers, routes changed
- Two report cards, check on Powerschool for ongoing reporting, P/T Interviews held first week of November
- As of right now, my schedule is designed so I can help provide literacy instruction and interventions; assessing 1-5s, then will be supporting in classes, small group and one-on-one
- Student Leadership has started, more formalized in October, 6-9s with 7-9s taking lead, leadership retreat at Library, running intramurals, spirit days, etc.
- Monthly Assemblies - Exceptional Eagles - expanded to include our citizenship award criteria
- Volunteers needed!! Terry Fox, Kitchen (more from Mrs. Pequin), in classrooms, etc.

