

Entwistle School Council

Minutes

Date of Meeting: May 15, 2023

Attendees:

Trustee Aileen Wagner
Executive:
President: Willow Lazette
Treasurer: absent
Directors Sadye McCracken
Teachers

Total attendees:
Principal Christine Bileau
Vice President: Candace Craddock
Secretary: Amy Urie

1. Call to Order

Willow Lazette called the meeting to order at 15:51

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Additions or corrections to Agenda

No additions or corrections

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Motion to approve agenda made by Amy
Motion seconded by Sadye
Motion carried

5. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion:

Motion to approve agenda made by Amy
Motion seconded by Candace
Motion carried

6. Trustee Report

Trustee report as attached.

7. Principal's Report

Principal's report as attached.

8. Old Business

No old business

9. New Business

No new business

10. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting on September 18, 2023

11. Adjournment

Motion:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Candace Craddock
Motion seconded by Sadye McCracken

Willow Lazette adjourned the meeting at 16:28

Minutes Reviewed by

President _____

Secretary _____

On this day of _____

May 2023, Trustee Report

Budget

Trustees approved the [2023-2024 Fiscal Budget](https://www.psd.ca/download/416671). (<https://www.psd.ca/download/416671>)

The budget indicates:

- A deficit of \$483,401.
- Total revenue of \$153,486,289.
- Expenses of \$153,969,690.

It is expected that the Division's accumulated surplus from operations (inclusive of School Generated Funds of \$593,275) will have a balance of \$3,893,674 as of August 31, 2024. Revenues increased \$16.5 million (12.0%) from last year's budget and operating expenses increased by \$14.7 million (10.6%). The budget includes Athabasca Delta Community School (ADCS) as it was added to PSD by ministerial order on August 8, 2022. As ADCS was added after the 2022-2023 budget was approved, it is not included in the 2022-2023 comparators.

Education Plan

The Board approved the [2023-2026 Education Plan](download417124) (download417124). The Division's Education Plan is the document that guides the strategic plans for PSD and schools for the following year, within a three-year time frame. Information has been gathered from a wide variety of feedback sources, including Trustees, the Superintendent's executive team, school administrators, community stakeholders, students, teachers and parents.

Revised Transportation Fees

The Board approved a revised [Revised Transportation Fees](download416662) (download416662). Fee increases are required to operate the regional transportation system on a break-even basis. Fee increases are being proposed to offset Transportation's anticipated increases in contractor rates due to inflation and the recently announced changes in the student eligibility distances (1 kilometre for K-6 students and 2 km for 7-12 students). Ridership is expected to increase as a result of the eligibility changes, so PSD is adding 10 new routes to the system.

Board Policy

Trustees approved the revised [Board Policy 13: Appeals to the Board](#) Regarding Student Matters with amendments.

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:

- The receipt of a response (dated April 13, 2023) from the Minister of Education approving PSD's request to transfer \$1.6 million from Operating Reserves to Capital Reserves for the 2022-2023 year. This transfer will allow PSD to combine the two leased sites dedicated to providing outreach, alternative programming and virtual education into one new and improved site. [Read more.](#)
- Sending an email to the Minister of Education on April 27, 2023, regarding the Board's concerns about the new transportation distance parameters. [Read more.](#)

Other Highlights

Trustees received the following as information:

- [Career & Technology Report](#) (download416664)
- [Strategic Communications](#) Department Report (download416666)

In Education,
Trustee Aileen Wagner

Principal's Report May 15, 2023

- I am so grateful for the people around this table and on our screen. I feel like you should be updating me on how things are going and how we've been doing. I am so hopeful that our weather will shift and that the fires all around the province will get under control so that we all can have peace of mind and a true sense of normalcy. I have heard from our Division psychologist that the Government of Alberta is arranging for free or greatly reduced counselling for those affected by the fires. I will share more information as I get it. In the meantime, we have supports on standby who are able to come and work with our students if they need that additional support. We are going ahead with our May activities as planned, with some changes, and appreciate your patience and flexibility if we need to alter dates/times, etc.
- Month at a Glance: What's been happening at Entwistle
 - It's Cool Presentations with the 8/9 class in partnership with FCSS
 - Badminton finals
 - Visual Arts May 9th and 10th @ MCHS, 4:00 - 7:30 - thanks to Ms. Williams for organizing Entwistle's art
 - Talent Show April 25 9-10 am - what a show!
 - Wabamun School last week - attendance ranged from 1-21. We appreciate Wabamun hosting us!
- Upcoming Events:
 - Lockdown Drill next week
 - Teachers away on Literacy and Numeracy PD
 - PD Day on the 19th - work with our Division Health and Wellness leads to plan for next year
 - ELA Part A 6/9 PATs postponed
 - Zones Track Meet (6-9) May 16- thanks to Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Pettersen for taking our students
 - Volunteer Tea at the end of the month
 - Community Breakfast - when should we have it?
 - Elementary Track Meet - June 2
- New Counsellor advertisement
- Upcoming Field Trips grades 3/4 Devonian Botanical Gardens (approx \$1300)
- Reminder about the Elk Island Field Trip
- Next Parent Council (June) - will be sharing the draft School Plan for the 2023/2024 School Year and will look for your input.

