

GCMS Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15/22

6:30pm

In Attendance: Corey Haley, Aileen Peterson, Leigh Wolitski, Jill Osborne, Kaeli Weir, Heidi Mapstone, Dayla Cochrane, Jenn Gilbertson

1. **Call to order, Welcome and Introductions and Treaty Acknowledgement** at 6:33pm
2. **Review and Approval of Agenda:**
Motion: *Kaeli* Second: *Jenn*
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes:**
Motion: *Kaeli* Second: *Jenn*
4. **Guest Presentation**
 - a. This month's presentation was by Leigh Wolitski. Leigh presented French as a second language. COVID interrupted French optional programming for Grade 7-9, so some catch up was required for those students taking French as an option this year. There is a collaborative group of teachers working together to bring in second languages together within PSD. CI (Comprehensible Input) is used, where teachers present their Grade 5-12 experiences teaching second languages. Weaving basics through all levels with their purposeful experiences works well to improve skills and communication in those languages. Cultural components include special projects, cooking, Carnaval. Carnaval will be held for the first time in 2 yrs on Thursday morning for grade 5/6 students, hosted by the Grade 7-9 FSL students. 8 stations will be available: crepes, snowshoeing, sled races, games, Maple sugar toffee, indoor games, hockey, dance. Thank you Leigh for a great presentation!
5. **Administration Report:** Corey presented his Principal's report.
 - a. Summary of the short month- Teacher's Convention, PD Day, Family Day.
 - b. COVID update includes optional masking, spectator attendance at extracurricular, increased ability to have parent involvement in school, continuation of streaming of games for parents as well. PSD will continue to communicate changes around COVID response. So far the changes have gone well. No issues with masking versus no masking, common area versus at their desks.

- c. Upcoming surveys: Grade 7 Education Assurance survey coming to students and parents; Greystone surveys also have been sent out.
 - d. PTIs start tomorrow and Thursday evening for Grade 5-8. Grade 9 will be March 9/10 after their initial introductory visit from the High School.
6. **Trustee Report:** Jill joined tonight's meeting for the first time since being elected trustee.
- a. Copperhaven presented to the board about their numeracy interventions program.
 - b. Learning Loss grant application has been submitted for Grades 1-3 in PSD.
 - c. Ministry has responded to the advocacy letter around the new curriculum and letter regarding the increased transportation costs. This work is ongoing. Municipality meetings will be coming soon.
 - d. Attendance Area Review Study has been reviewed by the board. Options are being explored. School year calendar was approved for 2022-2023 school year. COVID restrictions changes were reviewed by PSD. Kaeli asked about boundary changes being less than 4 years since the last change. What is the projection for these options to be in place before another review would be necessary? Possible K-4 school may be needed. Feedback opportunities will be possible. High School consideration is being explored. PSD is awaiting word regarding government approval for another high school in Spruce Grove after requesting local MLA's to advocate for it. A new build has been requested due to renovation costs exceeding 75% of the cost of a new build. Thank you Jill for attending.
7. **Executive Report:** Kaeli reported that the ASCA AGM is in April. Cost is \$125 for the entire conference. To attend the voting portion is free. Jenn said it is in the budget already if Kaeli plans to attend. Kaeli asked if a track and field day is possible. Staff are hoping that this will be a possibility in May.
8. **New Business:** No new business.
9. **Old Business:**
- a. Grade 7-9 awards will be discussed at this Friday's PD Day. Information will be available for the March meeting.
 - b. Logo update: will hopefully be available in April/May.
 - c. A/V Equipment will be installed over spring break. Gym floor refurbishment will occur in the summer once the A/V equipment is installed.

10. Partners:

- (a) COSC- February 1 meeting; next meeting is March 29/22 at 7pm.
- (b) ASCA conference is April 22-24/22.

11. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 15/22 at 6:30pm

Adjournment at 7:17pm

- 1) The Board viewed a Video Presentation from a delegation at Copperhaven School demonstrating the Numeracy Intervention Program at work. Teacher Linda Trippel, along with 4 Copperhaven students, expertly demonstrated the 4 areas of focus in the program which include: Visual Recognition of Numbers, Comparing and Ordering, Counting, and Addition/Subtraction. Well done Copperhaven!
- 2) Superintendent Boyce reported that the application for the Learning Loss Grant has been submitted for Grade 1 students for Literacy and Numeracy. Much like the Grant received for grades 2 and 3, it is in response to gaps in knowledge in our early learner's due pandemic disruptions.
- 3) Board Chair, Dr. Lorraine Stewart, reported that the Board has received communication back from Minister for Education, Adrianna Lagrange regarding two letters sent. The Board, as Governors for the division, sent an advocacy letter in support of Parkland School Divisions review and report on the proposed draft K-6 Curriculum (report authored by Division Principal Kathy Mann). Minister Lagrange thanked us for our efforts. She stated that work continues on the proposed curriculum. A communication was also sent regarding inflationary prices to insurance for Contract Bus Operators. The Minister stated that the Ministry is aware of the pressures School Boards face regarding insurance premiums and has taken it to Caucus.
- 4) The Board Chair met with the mayors from our three municipalities to further the dialogue of working together. Our School Board has always had a positive and productive relationship with our municipalities. Our Board will meet with municipality Mayors and Councils in the coming months.
- 5) The Board approved a recommendation for Senior Administration to further explore the following scenarios in response to the Attendance Area Review Study. The following recommendations are being considered and several Stakeholder engagement opportunities are being scheduled to hear from families affected by these potential changes. The Board welcomes any and all feedback so that we can understand the impact and any unintended consequences that may arise in support of a recommendation.
 - a. Recommendation A, Option 1: Address Prescott Learning Centre space constraints by converting Parkland Village School to a K-6 school.
 - b. Recommendation A, Option 3: Address Prescott Learning Centre space constraints by redirecting Parkland Village students to Woodhaven School.
 - c. Recommendation B: Address space challenges at Copperhaven School by monitoring future growth and predesignating growth areas to Brookwood and Woodhaven while adding 2-3 modular classrooms at Copperhaven.
 - d. Recommendation F: Address High Park School space constraints by adjusting rural boundaries.
 - e. Recommendation G: Address Forest Green School's future capacity by monitoring enrolment and adding 1-2 modular units if warranted.
 - f. Recommendation J: Move senior high French Immersion from Spruce Grove Composite High School(SGCHS) to Memorial Composite High School in Stony Plain addressing both over capacity at SGCHS and transportation challenges busing students from PSD's west end for high school French Immersion.
 - g. Recommendation K: Address future growth areas in East Spruce Grove.

- h. Recommendation L: Address future growth challenges in developing areas of West Spruce Grove.
 - i. Recommendation M: Address future growth challenges in developing areas of Stony Plain.
 - j. Recommendation N: Prioritizes plans for future capital projects to address projected future growth challenges. (Eventual new school requests for Spruce Grove East, Spruce Grove West and Stony Plain.)
 - k. The Recommendations are more fully explained in the Study:
<https://www.psd.ca/download/378346>
- 6) The [School Year Calendar 2022-2023](#) was presented to the Board for information. Extensive and considerable engagement always happens on the calendar development. Thanks for your input and feedback.
- 7) I have also attached a link to the communication Board Chair Dr. Lorraine Stewart wrote on behalf of the Board in response to the lifting of restrictions in our Schools by the Alberta Government. Please take the time to read our response and know that we are committed to maintaining safe and caring schools. <https://www.psd.ca/division/news/post/message-from-the-board-re-covid-19-measures>

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COVID Update

As was communicated through PSD, there has been an update to the COVID Health Measures. The biggest change is that masks are now optional for all students while at school and on the bus. We have also been able to welcome back spectators in the gym for Basketball games. We are anticipating additional changes around March 1st and will keep you updated as we receive information.

For a full list of changes and what they mean in PSD, [you can visit the PSD website](#).

Survey Season

Shortly, or it may have already come, families in grade 7 will receive the Assurance survey from Alberta Education. We really encourage you to complete the survey, as it helps us to know how we are doing.

You will also be receiving another survey from the school. This one will go to all parents and it helps us track our progress and improvement over the grades.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our conferences will again be online this round in the coming days. If you have not booked yet, please consult [this information sheet](#) for how to book a conference.