

# GCMS Council

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 22/23

7:00pm

**In Attendance:** Corey Haley, Aileen Peterson, Kaeli Weir, Kim Buchanan, Heidi Mapstone, Jenn Gilbertson

**1. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions and Treaty Acknowledgement at**

6:31pm

**2. Review and Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: *Heidi* Second: *Kim*

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: *Heidi* Second: *Kim*

**4. Administration Report:** Corey reported. Principal's report attached.

- a. Senior Girls won Division 1 Basketball Championships. Running Room games had 2 A teams move to quarter finals- placing 12 & 23- elementary level as junior high didn't have enough join.
- b. Volunteer recognition/credit system pilot at Greystone for coaches/extracurricular activities.
- c. Fees and Attendance for Extra-Curricular Trips being enforced and reminders sent home in order for students to attend due to the large volume of unpaid school fees and lower attendance.
- d. Report cards will be available March 24 for term 2.
- e. Spring Fling dance today was successful.

- f. Assurance Survey results shared. PATS results showed a need for Numeracy focus. Positive teacher/student/parent results with an upward trend over 5 yrs in areas of engagement, positive learning environments, supports/services, level of parental involvement in education, programming and safety.
- 5. **Trustee Report:** No trustee attended this meeting. Jill Osbourne sends her regrets. Report attached.
- 6. **Executive Report:** Kaeli reported. Parkland Village reached out in regard to doing a joint Webinar on Internet Security. PV Council chair will be in touch if they decide to use the council grant money for this purpose. Education Day on April 6. Jen will attend
- 7. **Old Business:**
  - a. Date for cheque presentation by MLA Turton- Jen will follow up and find a date that works.
  - b. Playground rubber matting. Corey has a phone call in to the company that will be completing the work. Will follow up. Note: conversation on April 3- price increased slightly due to inflation over time. Measurements needed and then company will proceed.
- 8. **New Business:**
  - a. Education Day April 6 as above
  - b. Toast program and peanut butter/food safety. Kaeli asked if measures are being taken to ensure that students with peanut allergies are not being exposed. Corey agreed this is a good reminder that staff need to be

diligent. Gail Souliere is now in the Grade 9 pod supervising toast making and clean up each day as issues were noted about proper food handling practices.

9. **Partners:**

(a) COSC- next meeting ? Kaeli will follow up. Chantelle wasn't able to attend the last meeting.

10. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 19/23 at 6:30pm

Adjournment at 6:55pm

## **Principal's Report - March 2023**

### BasketBall Championships

Our school teams finished the basketball season with some strong performances. Our Jr. Girls and our Sr. Girls both won the Division 1 championships.

We are very thankful for the volunteer coaches who have been able to make this season a success.

### Running Room Games

We have our 4 Elementary teams competing in the Running Room games. The 2 "A" teams moved on to the quarter finals, with the boys team placing 12th overall and the girls 23rd.

### Coaching Credit System

Greystone is piloting a system that encourages and recognizes coaches/directors for our extra curricular activities. Volunteers, both staff and community, receive either: 1) a credit for their child's participation or 2) a credit towards professional development.

### Fees & Attendance for Extra-curricular Trips

We have recently put in a stipulation for students who are participating in extracurricular trips. We are requiring students to have no unpaid fees and have a minimum of 75% attendance. These are trips that are not associated with classroom activities or instruction (ex. Marmot Ski Trip). This has been a very effective tool to remind parents that they have fees and to clean up any unpaid fees from previous years. It is also a motivation for students to come to school regularly when they are well.

### Report Cards

Report cards will be available on Friday for Term 2. We are working on an improvement to the report cards system to move to a more continuous reporting model. We will update any changes when we have more detailed information for the coming year.

### Assurance Survey Results 2021-2022

Information regarding the results of the Assurance surveys from last year can be [found here](#).

**March 7, 2023**

## **Parkland School Division: School Board Report**

On February 28 the Provincial Budget was announced, which included several changes for Education. The funding manual has been recently provided and is being reviewed by Senior Administration to figure out what this means for Parkland School Division. You may have heard that there are big changes coming for Transportation. This includes a change to the eligibility requirement for ridership. Currently, a student needs to live 2.4 KM or more from their designated school to be eligible for Transportation Funding. The province announced that the new requirements for eligibility will be 1 KM for grades 1-6 and 2 KM for grades 7-12. These changes will not take effect until the 2024/2025 school year. Bus and Bus Driver shortages are still a concern and advocacy efforts around improving transportation are on-going.

Other budget changes including increases to per student funding, increased funding for classroom complexities and an increase to the Nutrition Grant were also announced. These are all issues that we have been advocating to AlbertaEd to expand funding to. Grant funding makes it difficult to spend money where we need to based on local context. The Reserve Cap and claw back come with another set of challenges to long range planning and leave us in a vulnerable position when unexpected costs arise.

Spruce Grove Composite High School was announced for Design Funding following the release of the budget. Senior Administration will be working hard to complete this stage so that we will be eligible for Construction Funding as soon as possible. Watch for stakeholder engages regarding our new High School.

The Edwin Parr Committee selected Jenna Stumbur to represent PSD as our nominee for the outstanding new teacher award sponsored by Alberta School Boards Association. Jenna teaches Grades 7 and 9 at Duffield School and has been recognized as being an exceptional teacher in her first year in the trade.

The 2023-2024 Fees and Allowances Schedule was approved. There are very few changes from last year. One to note is that Rural Ineligible bus riders fees have increased by \$55 to bring them in line with Urban Ineligible fees. Any additional funding that goes towards fees as promised in the budget release will be for the 2024-2025 school year. Please see attached report for more information. <https://www.psd.ca/download/410967>

The Board of Trustees approved Westview School as the new name for the Stony Plain Central Replacement School. Stakeholder feedback was sought out and considered as part of the process.

The Three Year Capital Plan was approved by the Board. The replacement for Spruce Grove Composite High School will remain at the top of the list until we are approved for Construction Funding. The second request in the first year remains a new K-9 school for the Tonewood area, as construction in the area suggests that we will see 1000 more students once Easton, Fenwick and Tonewood are built out. Please see the attached report for more information.

<https://www.psd.ca/download/410963>

PSD will be relocating its Spruce Grove and Stony Plain Outreach programs. 5 existing modular units are being moved from locations that are under utilized to provide the space. They will be located at Broxton Park School, west entrance, but will be self contained. This will give PSD the ability to terminate our lease agreements for the current spaces and improve Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal funding at the schools where the capacity will increase. This represents both fiscal responsibility and improvement to service delivery. Please see attached report for more information. <https://www.psd.ca/download/410965>

Other reports received for information included the 2022-2023 Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) Capital Maintenance Renewal (CMR) Expenditure Plan and the Numeracy Report. Please see attached report for more information.

<https://www.psd.ca/download/410969> <https://www.psd.ca/download/410966>