

GCMS Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 26/23  
6:30pm

**In Attendance:** Corey Haley, Aileen Peterson, Jill Osbourne, Kaeli Weir, Jenn Gilbertson, Heidi Mapstone, Dayla Cochrane, Chantelle De Boer

1. **Call to order, Welcome and Introductions and Treaty Acknowledgement** at 6:31pm

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

Motion: *Heidi* Second: *Dayla*

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

Motion: *Heidi* Second: *Dayla*

4. **Administration Report:** Corey shared his report.

- a. Slocan Ramblers Performance visited and performed Mar 23/23
- b. Grant Approval- MLA Searle Turton visited Greystone Apr 3 to present the cheque from CFEP for the rubber matting
- c. Choir Day May 5/23- Greystone and Millgrove participated in a workshop and performed for each other
- d. Leduc Music Festival Apr 12/23 Gr 5/6 and 7-9 choirs performed and received Silver/Gold/Gold with distinction. Gr 7-9 will go to Provincials. Provincials participation involves a video submission sent in for judging.
- e. Honouring the Spirit Award was given to Greystone Student Jay Strawberry- Waddell

- f. Quebec Exchange- Experiences Canada- (the second half of the exchange)  
Quebec students visited last week and left at 3am today to fly home,  
travelling to Banff, Drumheller and West Ed
  - g. Vancouver Sun Run- On April 22/23, 30 Greystone students attended.  
Exploring alternative options for future races.
  - h. Next meeting the budget and what next year will look like will be  
presented
5. **Trustee Report:** Jill attended this meeting. She shared Board Highlights from  
Apr 11/23.
- a. Budget assumptions were approved for 2023-2024
  - b. Approval of sharing of revisions to Operations planning and  
implementation to allow more transparency, not just final amendments
  - c. Trustees received the financial reports for review
  - d. Student Engagement report shared with the board
  - e. Education Day Apr 6/23- Jill shared that student participation revealed  
where satisfaction/dissatisfaction is at the high school level.
  - f. Election Campaign discussions/information for school councils to share  
with parents, meeting with Candidates on Tues May 2/23
6. **Executive Report:** Kaeli asked about education collaboration at the high school  
level. Experiences have been fairly difficult in some situations. Kaeli asked how  
do students ensure their experiences are balanced when different teaching  
experiences vary so significantly. Jill shared that trustees have an impact on  
governance but not operations and encouraged parents to continue advocating for  
students through school administrations

**7. Old Business:**

- a. Playground status- Rubber matting to be installed when its warmer at night before the end of the school year, fencing to be put around the spinner until the install is complete
- b. Gaga Ball Pit Status- at Division facilities ready to be installed when weather permits

**8. New Business:**

- a. Gender Neutral Washroom repairs begin tomorrow- tile being installed in the stalls to replace vandalized drywall, as well as new paint.
- b. Education Day on April 6 was attended by Jenn. Conversations tended to reveal a general satisfaction at the K-9 level for literacy and numeracy plans; learning needs; inclusion; extracurricular opportunities. Areas to work on included school/class sizes; parent engagement/collaborative approach to learning; learning loss gaps due to COVID; classroom supports that includes the need for appropriate education for EA positions to better support teachers; anxiety/mental health needs; disciplinary focus-teachable moments. Overall there was a sense that more work still needs to be done at the high school level for Gr 10-12. Areas identified included a need for improved high school learning supports/innovation/creativity and better use of technology in teaching; a post-secondary career path guide; standardization /team collaboration for high school core subjects and mental health supports. Other issues identified in all grades were a fall back to the basics including the need for manners, kindness, coping strategies, a sense that it's ok to be in uncomfortable situations but knowing how to cope/navigate them, tolerance and understanding of

viewpoints that are different from someone else's and a focus on  
Mindfulness.

**9. Partners:**

(a) COSC next meeting May 2/23

10. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 24/23 at 7:00pm

Adjournment at 7:12pm

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

### Slocan Ramblers Performance

The day before Spring Break, we hosted the Slocan Ramblers, a bluegrass band from Toronto. They put on a great show for an hour where they not only performed, but also taught about the different instruments and the bluegrass style of music.

### Grant Approval - MLA Visit

On April 4th, we hosted our local MLA Searle Turton as he presented the School Council and Foundation with a cheque to support a small renovation project on our playground. We were awarded a CFEP Grant of over \$8000 dollars.

### Choir Day (Greystone & Millgrove)

On April 5th, we welcomed the MillGrove choir to Greystone for a morning workshop. All choirs at both Greystone and Millgrove had some instruction from a local choir director, then had a performance for each other. In total, we had over 150 students involved.

### Choir Festival

Our 3 choirs at Greystone completed at the Leduc Music Festival on April 12th. Here we re the results:

- Grade 7-9:
  - Concert Group (Windy Nights, Adiemus & Gaudeamus)
    - Gold with distinction with a mark of 91
  - Folk Song (The Wellerman)
    - Gold with a mark of 87
- House of Harmony (Grade 5/6 Auditioned):
  - Concert Group (The Clouds & Obwisana)
    - Gold with a mark of 89
  - Own Choice (Aloha Spirit)
    - Gold with distinction with a mark of 90
- Grade 5/6 Concert Choir
  - Concert Group (Cherry Blossoms & Breathing with Beethoven)
    - Silver with a mark of 86
  - Folk Song (Obwisana)
    - Silver with a mark of 86

### Honouring the Spirit

#### Quebec Exchange - Experiences Canada

The second part of our reciprocal exchange with our partners in Quebec took place Apr. 19-26. This time our partners visited us in Alberta. We had some great activities planned while they were here including a trip to West Edmonton Mall, Banff, and Drumheller.

#### Vancouver Sun Run

We had a group of 30 students participate in the SunRun in Vancouver over the weekend of April 22-23. They ran well, even if the name of the race did not come true.



**PARKLAND  
SCHOOL DIVISION**

# Board Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 11, 2023



## Our Vision

Our students possess the confidence, resilience, insight and skills required to thrive in, and positively impact, the world.

## Our Board

Aileen Wagner  
WARD 1

Lorraine Stewart (Chair)  
WARD 2

Aimee Hennig  
WARD 3

Paul McCann  
WARD 4

Eric Cameron  
WARD 5

Anne Montgomery  
WARD 5

Jill Osborne (V. Chair)  
WARD 5

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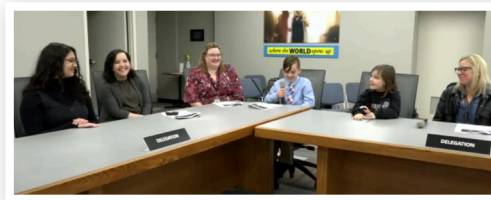
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## French Immersion Delegation

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.



## Quarterly Financial Report

Trustees received as information the [Quarterly Financial Report](#).

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. The Division projects an operating reserve (before School Generated Funds) of \$3.6 million. This amount is \$763,000 below the cap of \$4.3 million. The projection is pending provincial government approval of a \$1.6 million transfer to Capital Reserves.

## 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.

## Budget Assumptions

The Board approved the [2023-2024 Budget Assumptions](#). The assumptions are key components which the budget is built around, including revenues, allocation to schools, enrolment and key expenditures such as staffing.

## Board Policy 7

The Board approved the revised version of [Board Policy 7: Board Operations](#).

## 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.

## Other highlights

Trustees received the following as information:

- [Student Engagement Report](#)

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, May 30 at 12:30 p.m. ([watch the live stream here](#)).