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| Meeting: | Greystone Centennial Middle School (GCMS) Council Minutes |
| Date & Time: | Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. |
| Location: | Greystone Centennial Middle School - Staff room |
| Chair: | Natalie Stratmoen (Chair) |
| Attendees: | Scott Jaspers-Fayer (Principal), Lindsay McCulloch (Vice Principal), Eric Cameron (Trustee), Natalie Stratmoen, Anna Marie Jackson, Amanda Doucette, Kim Buchanan, Heidi Mapstone, Allison Chuey, Karen Hamm, Pam Pirie |
| Regrets: |  |
| Guests: |  |

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| 1.0 | Natalie | **Call to Order, Welcome and Treaty Acknowledgement**  Time: 6:32 p.m. |
| 2.0 | Natalie | **Additions, Changes and Approval of Agenda**  Motion: Anna Marie Jackson  Second: Allison Chuey |
| 3.0 | Natalie | **Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2025, meeting**  Motion: Anna Marie Jackson  Second: Allison Chuey |
| 4.0 | Scott | **Administration Report**   * Welcoming back support staff to the building * Busy choir season – performed recently at Winspear Centre and did well at Choral Celebration * Millstone Archery repeated as provincial champions * Staff vs student basketball game held today * Elder visits resuming on April 21 * Running Room Games teams did well – girls team placed 29th and boys team placed 19th * Badminton teams doing well * Mr Wallin – starting a CTF program on bike maintenance/repair * Junior high students head to Marmot for their annual ski trip tomorrow (52 students attending) * Paused parent/teacher interviews; those will be rescheduled to April 15 and April 16 * Spring Fling dance scheduled for April 17 |
| 5.0 | Eric | **Trustee Update**   * See full update below |
| 6.0 | Natalie | **Executive Report**   * Extended thanks and appreciation to all staff/support staff * Discussed ASCA grant funding and options – online/Internet safety discussed as an opportunity; look into pooling ASCA money from Millgrove School to bring in a speaker |
| 7.0 | All | **Old Business**   * n/a |
| 8.0 | All | **New Business**   * n/a |
| 9.0 | Natalie | **Partners**   * n/a |
| 10.0 | Natalie | **Next Meeting**   * April 23, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.   Motion: Allison Chuey  Second: Anna Marie Jackson |
| 11.0 | Natalie | **Adjournment**  Time: 7:15 p.m. |

**March 2025 Trustee School Council Report**

**Submitted by E. Cameron**

**Trustees Foster Quality Learning and Wellness:**

Please refer to the PSD website for highlights of the February 18, 2025 Board Meeting. <https://www.psd.ca/division/news/post/regular-board-meeting-highlights-tuesday-february-18-2025>. Please note that the Board approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to conduct an in-depth study into the most appropriate local and provincial advocacy strategies to address student conduct and behavior. More details to be provided at a later date on the committee’s work.

Also of note for your reading is the approval of a revised Board Policy on Learning and Working in a Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Environment.

**Trustees Engage, Listen and Advocate**

* The Student Advisory Engagement planned for March 2025 has been cancelled, and we are discussing whether it will be rescheduled later in the year.
* Labour Dispute:
  + Trustees have made the conscious and collective decision to send a written report for School Council meetings instead of attending remotely or in person during the labour dispute. Thank you for reading these reports.
  + The Board has received, through Ministerial Order #016/2025, an exemption from Section 2 of the In-Person Learning Regulation. Although this exemption is in place, PSD’s goal is to have as many students learning in-person as soon as possible and continues to examine staffing complements and operational capacity to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and staff.
  + Trustees are on the Parkland School Division Board of Trustees Canadian Union of Public Employees Labour Relations Committee along with members of the CUPE Local 5543 and the CUPE Alberta Relations Office. The Bargaining Committee is scheduled to meet this week. Trustees are committed to working towards a resolution that is fair and reasonable and meets the provincial bargaining directives.
  + If there are questions that come your way, please refer people to our PSD website pages for the most current and accurate information, or they can send an email to Board@psd.ca

<https://www.psd.ca/employment/unions-and-negotiations/labour-action-updates>

<https://www.psd.ca/division/news/post/cupe-strike-notice-served-to-psd>

**Trustees Demonstrate Responsibility:**

On February 27, 2025, the government announced that Education’s operating expense budget will be $9.88 billion in 2025-2026 which represents an increase of $426 million or 4.5% from the previous year. And that over the next three years, Education’s operating expense budget will grow by $1.25 billion to more than $10.71 billion by 2027-2028. It will take time to unpack what this means for Parkland School Division, and we will know more details when Alberta Education’s Funding Manual for School Authorities is released later in spring 2025.

**Board Chair Report:**

* Trustees have received many e-mails on the current labor dispute, but the Chair will be responding to all on behalf of the trustees.
* The provincial funding format (Weighted Moving Average) for basic per student funding has changed from a 3 year formula to a 2 year formula which will be positive for our division.

**Superintendent Report:**

* The new budget is still to be determined for PSD as the Funding Manual is not slated for release before April; initial reaction is mixed at this time.
* We will have 143 students from a number of schools travelling out of country during Spring Break (places like Italy, Greece, Phoenix, New York, France).

**Edwin Parr Nomination:**

* Each year the Alberta School Boards Association honors 6 outstanding first year teachers with the Edwin Parr Teacher Award. The Board had a committee of three trustees to select our candidate to move forward. We had two outstanding candidates to consider: Jennifer Jones (Ecole Meridian Heights) and Joshua Weins (Memorial Composite High School). Joshua Weins was chosen as our candidate to move on in the process.

**Special Contribution to Public Education Award Nomination:**

* Board of trustees passed a recommendation to nominate the Spruce Grove Community Partners Society for the Special Contribution to Public Education Award sponsored by the Public School Boards’ Association in recognition of their wonderful efforts to ensure that our students have access to nutritious food while at school (by providing bagged lunches for the Community Pantry twice per week).

**Student Conduct Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference:**

* Board passed a motion to accept the Ad Hoc Terms of Reference as presented from which a committee of three trustees will operate to get a better handle on the increase in student conduct concerns not only in PSD but also in other divisions in the province.

**Three Year Capital Plan:**

* The Board approved the Three Year Capital Plan recommendation as presented which included:

Year One:

1. New K-9 School in Tonewood Spruce Grove
2. Modernization and expansion of Brookwood School

Year Two:

1. Modernization and expansion of Forest Green School
2. New K-9 school on the west side of Spruce Grove

Year Three:

1. Replacement of Parkland Village School
2. Modernization and preservation of Ecole Broxton Park School

\*\* these are our wish list and none have been granted yet

**2024-2025 Infrastructure/Capital Maintenance Renewal;**

* This report highlighted the infrastructure maintenance renewal and capital maintenance renewal projects completed, in progress or to consider for this year. The focus is to have our schools operate in an efficient and safe manner and to anticipate future needs (proactive planning: eg. Regular roof/boiler replacements).

**French Immersion Report:**

* This report provided an overview of the successes and challenges yet to be met that contribute to our current student performance in French Immersion. We are seeing some major positive changes in our performance results in our three schools: Ecole Broxton Park, Ecole Meridian Heights and Spruce Grove Composite High School.