



## Hillgrove School Council

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### Council Meeting

#### Minutes

October 25 2022

7:00 p.m. Hill Library

1. **Call to order at 7:02 p.m.**

2. **In attendance:** Amanda Ansah (secretary), Sarah Busch, Threasa Godin, Brandy Hanson, Renee Lukie (vice principal), Michelle Neraasen (co-chair), Lisa Pasichnyk, Randy Roszell (principal), Kristi Rouse (trustee), Timothy Sutton (co-chair), Dave Tolson, Chris Tse, and Lara Walsh.

3. **Reports:**

**Administration Report:**

Connection

- Monday Meetings (staff) – a chance to celebrate the week before and to connect for the coming week
- Open House (DIV II) – was tonight in DIV II – parents come and see what their Grade 5/6 kiddo has been doing these past two months, and to discuss the Home-School Connection with parents
- Student Attendance “High-flyers” – the one major change with students seems to be around attendance. More students with a higher percentage of absenteeism. About 10% of students have more than 15% absenteeism. Teachers have been reaching out to families and we have been reaching out to students to make stronger connections to support an increase in attendance
- Assemblies - a great opportunity to laugh and learn together
- Dance (Oct. 27) - \$10 at the door, or \$8 with a food bank donation
- Interviews (Nov. 23-24) – more info to come, but another fabulous opportunity for families to connect with staff

Growth

- Inclusivity back to pre-Covid years – so wonderful having students completely immersed again in all options and PE and being programmed for to meet their individual needs in a multitude of classes and programs.
- Indigenous Peoples Day – a great opportunity to learn about First Nations and Metis people, with a morning of story and song from a group of drummers from Alexis Sioux Nation
- Home-school connection (DIV II) – a document that Grade 5/6 teachers send home with the focus on the social-emotional growth of students

Wellness

- Sports Teams –
  - volleyball teams are about 2 weeks away from wrapping up
  - Junior High Track –District and Zone Champs (has been about 10 years for this feat)
- Scavenger Hunts – one happening again this Friday to coincide with Door Decorating contest
- Meet the Teacher – not sure if parents enjoyed the return to in-person as much as staff did, but this was enormous for teacher wellness
- Anxiety Presentation (Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>) – hopefully getting some uptake from parents. Five-six staff showing interest



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### Trustee Report:

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#### **CURRICULUM**

Curricular Services held curriculum implementation professional development sessions over the summer for teachers who are implementing K-3 English Language Arts and Literature and Mathematics as well as K-6 Physical Education and Wellness. Sessions were well attended and well received by eligible teachers. Many thanks to those who devoted their time on their summer break to this important learning.

Alberta School Boards Association Zone 2/3 hosted trustee engagement events in 2021/22 to deliberate governance considerations as school divisions prepared new curriculum implementation plans, and a comprehensive report was prepared for sharing with member division administrations. Similar events will likely be held this fall to provide input and share information on how rollout is progressing.

In response to the Minister of Education's May 17 announcement that updated draft curriculum can commence piloting in September 2022 for Science, French First Language and Literature, and French Immersion Language Arts and Literature, some teachers are participating in the pilot.

Information for parents on subject content by grade level can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-subject-areas.aspx>

#### **MEETING WITH MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

On September 13, trustees and senior administration met with Minister LaGrange for a short opportunity that was offered to all school divisions. Priority topics presented to the Minister included the urgent need for high school space that can be met through an unsolicited P3 project in Erin Ridge North; meeting the mandated reserve cap by August 31, 2023; and the challenges of working within the weighted moving average education funding framework.

#### **OTHER**

An inaugural professional development institute was held over the summer for educational assistants. It was well received and appreciated by those in attendance. The division would like to continue and build upon the event if resources permit.

The division is hosting thought leaders for special projects in the division who will form the focus of the October 7 professional development topics. These include Dr. Dustin Louie at Sir Alexander MacKenzie focusing on Indigenous education, Sandra Herbst at Lorne Akins focusing on assessment, and Tina Faiz at Elmer S. Gish focusing on anti-racism.

The division received positive feedback on hosting summer school solely at the Bellerose campus.

**RESCHEDULED TO NOVEMBER 30** - The first Council of School Councils meeting is scheduled for October 20 at Division Office.



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All 5 trustees are participating this year in a School Trustee Governance Program pilot cohort that is a partnership between the Alberta School Boards Association and the University of Calgary.

Trustees and senior administration are commencing tours of all division schools on October 4 that will carry through the end of November.

Trustees and senior administration attended the Public School Boards Association of Alberta fall conference and general meeting.

Some trustees and senior administration were in attendance at the legislature on Saturday, October 22 for the Stand for Public Education rally.

### **June 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting Highlights**

- The board **approved**:
  - The regular minutes of the May 25, 2022 public board meeting.
  - The Annual Budget and Planning Cycle for 2022-2023.
  - Bellerose Esport fee for 2022-2023.
- The board **defeated unanimously**:
  - The motion that in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, calls to action (62) and (63), form a call to action standing committee of the Board of Trustees with focus on education for Truth and Reconciliation, is to be established at a future date determined by the Board of Trustees. A call to action standing committee will replace the Wisdom and Guidance Committee and is open to all trustees. This standing committee will be chaired by a trustee, and composed of Indigenous consultants, senior administration and any others as deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees.
- The board **received as information**:
  - The quarterly financial report for the nine months ending May 31, 2022.
  - The results from the Division Satisfaction Surveys.
  - A report highlighting progress made on Outcomes 4 & 5 from the division's 2021-2024 Three-Year Education Plan.
  - A list of the school administration for the 2022-2023 school year.
- The board **adopted**:
  - Administration Regulation D-630-AR, Staff Expenses.

### **September 21, 2022 Public Board Meeting Highlights**

- The board **approved**:
  - The international student fees for the 2023-2024 school year and summer school 2023.
  - The 2023-2024 Basis of Allocation issues to be reviewed.
  - The transfer of an operating reserve to a capital reserve in the amount of \$122,400 for Paul Kane High School to be reflected in the division's ending financial position of August 31, 2022.
  - The minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees held June 22, 2022.
  - The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held June 22, 2022.
  - Paul Kane High School's uniform replacement school fees for the 2022-2023 school year.
  - Muriel Martin Elementary School's Royal Alberta Museum field trip fee request for the 2022-2023 school year.



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- The board **provided direction to circulate:**
  - The draft Board Policy G140-BR, Smoking on Division Property and the accompanying regulations.
  - The draft Board Policy G150-BR, Impairment at School or Workplace and the accompanying regulations.
- The board **received as information:**
  - A report outlining the key work of Student Services.
  - A report outlining the key work of Curricular Services.
  - The 2023-2024 Principles for the Allocation of Resources.
  - A report on recent government grants.
  - The status report for policies/regulations/procedures currently in development.

### Chairperson Report:

- Michelle and Timothy would like to a sub-committee created to design a Policy Manual for the school council. Sarah Busch has signed up.
- New chair email: [sc-chair.hg@spschools.org](mailto:sc-chair.hg@spschools.org)
- Randy will include new email in Friday's send-out.

### 4. Discussion:

- Staff member on school council: Will be a different teacher every month who will do a presentation for council. November will be Andrea Daly.
- Community member position for school council: Leadership students will be putting requests in neighbours' mailboxes.
- Meeting minutes sent out via email for approval: A draft of minutes sent out to those in attendance maximum of 2 weeks after meeting for approval. Once approved will be sent out to the general population.

### Questions:

- Q: Lara asked if the school has a mascot. A: Not yet. Grand Rapids Hockey Team has a Griffin for their mascot. Randy would contact to find out who made their mascot and if we could copy.
- Q: Why do only French-Immersion students get to attend Hockey Academy? A: Because W.D. Cuts offers it in English.
- Q: Why is the outdoor program lacking? A: Also a program offered at W.D.Cuts. Our school population is at an optimal level and Randy would prefer to not add and create over-population.
- Q: Does our school require students to bring their own technology? A: Not required but suggested.
- Q: Why is the climbing wall not used? A: Structurally sound and new ropes and harnesses have recently been purchased. Unfortunately, we do not have a staff member that is certified to operate.
- Q: Michelle asked Kristi about plans for the French Immersion Junior High. A: Kristi will investigate. There are 2 school sites in Riverside that Kristi is aware of, but no plans as of right now.

5. Adjournment: meeting adjourned by Randy at 8:08 p.m.

6. Next meeting is November 22, 2022