

Minutes for the Meeting of Ecole Broxton Park School Council

May 18, 2022

Call to Order: 6:33 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

In Attendance: Nadia Geschke, Marc Dickner, Ashley Harms, Amber Ruben, Cheri Day, Catherine Debeaudrap, Eric Cameron

2. Approval of the Agenda – moved by Nadia, Catherine second
Approval of the Minutes – moved by Catherine, Ashley second

3. Board News: Eric Cameron - see attached

4. Principal's Report: see attached

There was a discussion about the idea of changing the school logo (Fusion).

5. Action/Discussion Items:

- a. COSC meeting update from Amber - see attached
- b. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant - ASCA can review governing documents for \$500. Possibly a cyberbullying prevention presentation in June or buy the ASCA conference videos. Grant should be available next year.
- c. Parking lot update - had a meeting with Serge. Parking lot is city property and any signage, etc. needs to be approved by the city.
- d. ASCA AGM & Conference - focus on compassion; how to defuse a child in crisis; how to support Indigenous parents; there is money from the government to include more financial education; resolutions all passed, most with revised wording; advocating for a delayed start of the new curriculum and a school resource officer.

6. Reports:

CPF

- No update. Keep following the FB page for information on French summer camps and Fall into French weekend dates.

FIMESPAF

- Approved the new instrument request. There are some funds remaining from previous fundraising.
- Have not moved forward with the allotment of casino funds; yearly payments have been made.

7. Next meeting: June 15

Adjourned: 7:40

School Council Trustee Report

May 2022

Submitted by E. Cameron

- May is budget deliberation month when we set our 2022-2023 school year budget; we deal with close to \$137 000 000 to cover all aspects of operations for the division; we expect to have to pull money out of our reserves to cover expenses this year.
- Our Attendance Area Review is proceeding according to set out timelines; we have completed our first round of consultations and we will be posting our results before entering our second round of stakeholder input; most decisions will not take effect until the 2023-2024 school year.
- We were disappointed to hear that the Alberta School Council Association has lost basically all provincial funding (used to receive about \$650 000 yearly). Coincidentally (or maybe not) the Minister of Education has set up her own Parent's Council made up of 40 handpicked members of public to provide stakeholder input.
- We will be hosting the Tri Me Triathlon this year after a 2 year absence due to Covid. This year's event will be held in Stony Plain.
- The minister has announced that K-6 subjects are ready for piloting for schools (some K-3 subjects are already mandatory for the 2022-2023 school year). We have not decided yet whether to pilot and what to pilot. Minister expects an answer by early June.



**Administration Report for School Council
École Broxton Park School
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Seven Grandfather Teachings (character building) focus on “Truth” for the month of May.

- École Broxton Park School Survey went out to all parents Apr 22, 2022 through the school messenger
 - Survey will help Administration facilitate Education planning for the next school year
 - Key points:
 - Overall very positive.
 - A No Cellphone in non-instructional periods rule will be implemented for elementary classes in 2022-2023. Administration and teachers will revisit the Jr.High cellphone rule.
 - Communication: Email, remind and facebook seemed to be the most preferable.
- Grade 8 students have completed their DELF exams on May 4th and 5th.
- Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) dates
 - Monday, May 16th: ELA - Part A - Written Components
 - Wednesday, May 18th: FLA - Part A - Written Components
 - Friday, June 17th: FLA - Part B - Reading Comprehension Component
 - Monday, June 19th: ELA - Part B - Reading Comprehension Component
 - Tuesday, June 20th: National Indigenous Peoples Day - No exams
 - Wednesday, June 21st: Math - Part A & B (A: Numerical Responses, B: Multiple Choix)
 - Thursday, June 22nd: Science
 - Friday, June 24th: Social Studies
- ÉBPS 4-6 and 7-9 Track and Field Meets occurred May 9th and 10th.



- Monday Music Mania - May 2nd was a great success! All performances were well attended and there was great feedback from families.
- Jump Rope for Heart for grades 1-6 takes place May 18th or May 19th, depending on class.
- PSD's 6th annual "Try-Me Try-Athlon" is back this year! It takes place in Stony Plain on June 3rd. For more information check the PSD website and to register your child, if interested.
- Marketplace is coming back! May 31, June 1st and 2nd
 - Grade 9 students are organizing food venues for the rest of the school population to raise money for their grade 9 farewell and year end event.
- Kindergarten Test Drive is scheduled for June 3rd and June 17th. This opportunity allows next year's registrants the chance to see what a day in French Immersion kindergarten looks like.
- Classlist and Staffing is underway for next year but should have those plans finalized by the end of the school year.
 - FI-PSAA students will be mixed in regular FI classlist rather than having a separate classroom. This will better facilitate for our FI-PSAA students to see themselves as being part of the FI community and more efficient timetabling.
- Preparing for the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration on June 21. We wish to celebrate the diversity of cultures within the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities through whole school educational activities and our calls to action towards the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. This work will springboard us into the next year with many more opportunities of our students to deepen their learning and celebrate diverse cultures.

COSC meeting May 10/22

1. Transportation—John Blood, Director PSD, transportation
 - 7 within the department; customer service, dispatchers, planners
 - Dispatch 6-5:30; liaise with bus routes
 - 2-way radios on all buses
 - Parent hotline—
 - Planners—verifying data after registration; routes made, refined
 - Now 155 routes up to 156 next year—a lot of logistics to get students on routes and get bus passes out, drivers to contact parents
 - Daily deal with misplaced students (wrong buses), parent inquiries, driver/contractor inquiries, complaints
 - Bus cancellation—monitoring weather; ie. storm predicted—early in am, will go out on road and assess—if whiteout conditions, then decision made with superintendent; sometimes if conditions poor in some areas, will cancel those routes and leave others running; don't always get it right; always try to decide by 6 am to give parents notice; difficult but balanced approach; extreme cold (minus 40) will cancel—can also cancel based on area; other conditions: fog, tornado
 - Routes—always try to keep pick-up on right side of road; look at congregated stops—a centralized stop; in country-- look at whether close to a bend, hill, can a vehicle see the lights when they're stopped (front or rear); will liaise with RCMP in certain conditions ie. 779 highway—there is a pick up on the highway—will issue tickets; will do public campaign
 - If an issue—ask parents to call; can follow bus, etc. to follow to ensure safe; bus drivers can also speak up if problematic stops
 - Try to keep 400-500 m from stops; 2.4 km is distance from government
 - The more stops you make, the longer the trip is—ie. especially in the country
 - Route planned based on the time has to be at the last school—drivers will run route and make more accurate timing
 - Receive money from AB government for any student over 2.4 km from designated school (major issue)
 - AB Education makes the rules; PSD doesn't
 - Current funding review (distances, funding)—is gone to minister—how it will look...no one knows
 - Comment—App is fantastic
 - Province wide shortage of bus drivers

2. School Council Funding Options
 - Amber Muir Lake—many schools interested in pooling funds
 - Scott Johnston spoke with ASCA (Wendy). They can review governing documents; draft operating procedures; meet for 1 hour with each chair and principal to finalize documents
 - ASCA—AGM and conference—school councils can purchase sessions \$125 for all; \$60 for breakout sessions

- Book 2-hour operating procedures—can book into fall
 - CFO---preference that things started and completed before Aug 31/22
 - Can we pay this year and book in the fall? Sounded like yes, we can.
 - Can we ask to carry money over because it is the first year?
 - Individual school chair/principal/council will be deciding, not pooling money together
3. ASCA Conference (on ASCA website)
- Carried with amendments—
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 - Passed
 - Carried with amendments
4. COSC 2022-23 Potential dates—Tues, Oct 4/22, Nov 1/22, Feb 7/22, March 7/23, May 2/23—
dates passed
5. Board Report:
- Aimee Hennig providing report
 - Governance and planning sessions in am; afternoon branched off and met gr 7 students for advisory panel; amazed at how mature and articulate the students were; interesting to hear from the students—feel supported by teachers/schools/administration; peer-to-peer interaction—mixed bag; some felt they get along well, some felt not; talked about GSA alliances that are doing good work; would like to see substitute teachers use preferred names rather than legal names
 - Engaging is part of full assurance (Scott Johnston); in surveys—saw peer-to-peer strain in surveys—trying to do some work around this
 - Governance and planning—boundary and attendance review; a lot of work being put in by everyone to ensure least disruption
 - Advocating—delayed start date for curriculum
 - Advocating to bring back School Resource Officer
6. Senior administration report: Scott Johnston report:
- Losing 2 current administrators accepted positions within other school divisions--Kathy Mann associate superintendent role in Aspen; Dr. Tebay--accepted role in SK
 - Entwistle
 - We do get a lot of applicants
 - A lot of work around attendance review; impact; transportation
 - Breakfast clubs of Can for piloting—breakfast nooks in schools
 - Eric Cameron was at his first COSC meeting last meeting
7. Principal Reports:
- Shaw: Woodhaven: first time in 3 years—staff/student hockey game—to Agrena—extracurricular event; kids had an amazing time; good community building; spring league basketball; badminton, soccer, drama—getting close to the end of pandemic—energizing
 - Madge-Arkininstall: Millgrove--transition for G r4 to 5; open house—kids excited to see potential school; admin team from Greystone will be visiting to answer questions; kids will go to visit next week; Juno award winning singer will be in

- Fran Bell—CTF (options); trickster theatre; PATs next week; outdoor learning—to camp Warwa; info parent night re: My Path; opening schools for in-parent meeting
- Andy Fune—planning for next year and end of year activities; to SGCHS—to attend a play—first in 2-3 years—kids were amazing; sports running—badminton, track and field, soccer
- Marc—preparing for PATs; last week DELPH exam (internationally recognized certificate for French proficiency); sports—badminton, soccer, track and field; track and field days yesterday and today; music performances

8. Items for Future Agenda



2022 ASCA AGM RESOLUTIONS RESULTS

#	Title	Sponsor	Carried	Carried with Amendments
A22-01	<p>Amend (Revise) Advocacy Policy: 12-2 High Risk Bus Stop Awareness and Signage</p> <p><i>That Alberta Education and Alberta Transportation</i> collaborate to develop universally recognized signage and make this signage, and other appropriate steps, available to school boards to be placed at higher risk bus stops.</p>	ASCA Board of Directors		YES
P22-01	<p>Diploma Exam Weighting Change</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> extends the weighting of Diploma Exams at 10% while children's education is being affected by significant learning disruption.</p>	George McDougall High School Council		YES
P22-02	<p>Policy Review for Operations and Maintenance Funding</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> Conduct a policy review of the current infrastructure maintenance funding formula to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) address the large, deferred maintenance problem facing Alberta schools b) ensure Alberta schools receive operations and maintenance funding that considers building needs and allows for efficient, ongoing maintenance of schools into the future c) center the needs of students ensuring they have equitable access to safe and healthy schools that are well maintained d) remove utilization rates as a factor in operation and maintenance funding <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> engage key stakeholders in the education system in the policy review including school boards, school councils, and teachers.</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> work with the municipal level of government to coordinate planning and ensure that building new and maintaining old schools are considered as communities grow and change.</p>	Sam Livingston School Council	YES	
P22-03	<p>Restoration of Funding for Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> provide a full and public explanation for the decisions to de-fund ASCA and to create the Minister's Parent Advisory Group.</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> initiate a full and broad consultation into the decision to de-fund ASCA.</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> reconsider the function of the Minister's Parent Advisory Council.</p> <p><i>That the Minister of Education</i> validate the important role of ASCA in supporting school councils by reinstating reasonable funding.</p>	Gateway Christian School Council		YES