

Minutes for the Meeting of Ecole Broxton Park School Council (Hybrid)

October 19, 2022

Call to Order: 6:39pm

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgment and Introductions

In Attendance: Nadia Geschke, Marc Dickner, Ashley Harms, Shawna Banack, Amber Ruben, Carrie Trueman, Cheri Day, Trudy Eyre, Shannon Tremblay, Lori Cote, Nick Robin, Jenn Robin, Anil Padayas, Maggie Lamigo, Karon Hamm, Jessie Bossert, Kalena Feist

2. Approval of the Agenda – moved by Carrie Truman, Nadia Geschke second
Approval of the Minutes – moved by Ashley Harms, Carrie Trueman second

3. Board News: See attached

4. Principal's Report: See attached

- Parent question about google classroom not being upgraded/items posted—Anil to address
- Question: Does testing take FI learners into account—no, it doesn't
- Question: Why don't we have school dances—need someone to organize; possible for junior high students to organize a dance including finding volunteers to chaperone

5. Action/Discussion Items:

a. Elections

- i) Secretary- Nadia Geschke and Maggie Lamigo will be Co-Secretary, by acclamation
- ii) Co-Chair- Kalena Feist, by acclamation
- i) Chair- Amber Ruben, by acclamation

b. COSC meeting- Oct 4, 2022

- Spirit of COSC – to hear what's happening within division, how to improve council, to provide PSD with information, to raise issues within the division, COSC consists of the Assistant Superintendent, Trustees, Administration, and School Councils in PSD
- Chair election—Catrin Thomson from High Park via acclamation
- School Council Engagement Grant—many stipulations for how it may be used, ASCA has asked that we consider using the grant to purchase one of their workshops as provincially their funding has been almost completely removed; PSD does not control how the money is spent, but they handle the funds as councils are not set up to do so; each council must look at how they will spend this year's funds; last year we paired up with Parkland Village School to bring in Paul Davis for a cyber safety webinar
- Meeting dates set: Oct 4/22, Nov 1/22, Feb 7/23, March 7/23, May 2/23

- Board Report—see above, with the additional information included that there are no busses in some rural areas this fall. It has been difficult finding drivers and busses provincially
- Superintendent report by associate superintendent Scott Johnston:
 - Director Blood with transportation has noted the many challenges in PSD transportation this fall; they have now filled all the routes but it is challenging to get new buses (about 1 year delay), contractor willing to pay for driver training at a cost of about \$5000 to the contractor, only about 3 substitute drivers so there will be shortages this year, pay approximately \$80/day
 - Athabasca under PSD will be short term; autonomously funded, not losing PSD dollars
 - Numbers within our division have increased by approximately 1000 students since pre-pandemic; will feel most in high school
 - There will be a calendar survey for the 2023-4 school year; likely the largest questions will be around early labour day next year
 - Students off site—insurance impacts PSD; able to save approximately \$1 million dollars in insurance but parents must sign off and say they are aware of the risks when students are off grounds
 - Memorial high school—still not at capacity; will get board numbers soon; old Stony Plain Central will no longer be a PSD building once new one operational
- Principal reports: back to school events well attended; schools happy to be having clubs in full swing, transportation was a large issue for rural schools
- Are councils interested in bringing fundraising groups together to bring larger events to our schools ie. Richard VanCamp

c. Concerns re: school unwelcoming to parents

- Feedback from parents includes being told they are not allowed in the school or it is highly discouraged to walk child to locker/classroom; feeling disconnected from the school/teachers; not establishing relationships
- Suggestion to use the Learning Commons as a place for parents to wait to pick up/drop off kids
- Anil responded by saying there needs to be a balance of keeping the students safe and secure while making parents feel comfortable when they come to the school; will address any issues with front staff

d. New item: Council/FIMESPAF/CPF can have information booths at parent-teacher interviews with coffee and donuts to help engage parents

6. Reports:

CPF

- Ashley has stepped down as Vice President of CPF; there is only one Broxton parent in the Chapter; CPF provides tutoring, promotes French language and culture, provides scholarships, and organizes French Family Fun weekends and contests; Chapter will fold if no interest, please come out and join

- Profits from the apple fundraiser will support Broxton and Meridian Heights for French culture; apples can be picked up October 26 from 4:00-6:30pm at Meridian Heights school

FIMESPAF

- Executive election
 - i) President- Carrie Trueman
 - ii) Vice President- Ashley Harms
 - iii) Treasurer- Shawna Banack
 - iv) Secretary- Maggie Lamigo
- Looking to start spending casino funds by July; top four items were determined by parent survey (classroom Chrome books & cart, Classroom FM systems, 3D printers/STEM, musical instruments)
- Succession planning discussed for Hot Lunch program and FIMESPAF
- Balance sheet reviewed
- Audit 2021/2022
- Watch for information regarding the Christmas Purdy's campaign

7. Next meeting: November 23 at 6:30, agreed to keep meetings at every 3rd Wednesday except for November as it lands during fall break

Adjourned: 8:20pm