

**Prescott Learning Centre  
School Council Meeting Agenda  
January 12, 2022 - 6:30pm  
Google Meets**

**DRAFT PENDING APPROVAL**

1. Welcome

We honour all the many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. We acknowledge that the ancestral and traditional lands on which we gather are Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground for many indigenous peoples, and in particular our neighbors, Paul First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, and Alexander Cree Nation; on whose territory we work, live, and play, and on whose territory we stand.

2. Introductions

3. Attendance:

Bryn Spence - Principal  
Gaylene Hart - Parent and Vice President for Fundraising  
Sarah Iori - Secretary  
Lindsay Kuelken - Parent  
Leigh Maxwell - Co-Chair  
Eric Cameron - Trustee  
Nicole Rentz - Tilki - Teacher  
Shannon A - Parent  
Adam McArthur - Parent

4. Approval of Agenda

5. Approval of November minutes

- Sarah and Leigh have read through
- Approval of minutes postponed to email following meeting

6. Trustee Report - Eric Cameron

- This is the December report, please see attached documents.  
Gayleen: asked for more information about busing costs  
Trustee: they will shut down routes potentially

## 7. Leadership & Office Team Presentation - Bryn

- Literacy and numeracy interventions begun at school. First round has finished up with positive results.
- Kelly Holden will be taking on literacy for 2 and 3, then grade 1 afterward.
- Meant staffing changes. Ashley Edwards has joined grade 3s, 0.6FTE, to free up Ashley. Ashley did student teaching and walked into a position the next day.
- Ray Weavers, who teaches grade 3, has accepted an inclusive learning position with the division. Supplemented with Mr. Montgomery. It's all going well.
- Basketball tournaments coming up, and in the next couple months. 2 senior teams, 2 junior A teams (gr 7 +8), 2 junior B teams (developmental teams) who will play 10 games in the coming months with other schools. Huge impact for developing skills. Mr. Pedaniak and Mr. Spence as coaches.
- Massive food bank donation from grade 7 leadership team. Great job!
- Covid heavy during the last 3 days. Responses are rolling in, 273 responses so far. We do not have masks and test kits yet. Groundwork is done however, for distribution.
- Field trips are next. Field trips are curricular, non-curricular, and extra curricular. Evaluated on case by case basis. They are important for learning, ability to highlight and strengthen curricular ties. We need to consider the risks before running. Ex: grade 6 will be going to Alberta Aviation Museum, one class at a time, to do a program at a time. Covid protocols in place. Financial costs would be refunded if there were fees paid.
- Leigh: I have a question, Ms. Johnson's name is not on the list for teachers.
- Bryn: I will fix that
- Lindsay: Will play parkland be cancelled?
- Bryn: yes, they do not have the ability to move our dates. We need to honour their time as well. At this point it looks like we will have to. Disappointing.
- Gayleen: I understand for cohorting
- Bryn: Its a really good differentiation between the tri-leisure and the aviation museum, how we are transporting and putting precautions into place
- Leigh: Are we cancelling sports?
- Bryn: Parkland is following the direction of the government. We are following all protocols to ensure safety, and there are mental health benefits to sports. For

examples, kids are masked while on benches. We follow recommendations from the province.

- Adam: can we report absentees or classroom by classroom?
- Bryn: AHS has backed away from reporting cases. Back to self-report from parents. Recognizing that the class by class basis, looking at other numbers, is not feasible to continue. It will be a news item on our website, updated each week, reported by classroom. Historical trend available too.
- Adam: Do you measure mask adherence in K-gr3. Do you count?
- Bryn: no. Its higher coming back in January.
- Leigh: I have a question about masking in classrooms. My daughter came home saying kids are refusing to wear masks in the room. What are teachers doing about these kiddos?
- Bryn: is it forgetting after taking it down for eating? Parents are engaged if necessary. Grades 4-12 are expected to be masked. If kids are eating or engaged in physical activity, that is fine, otherwise, masked. If it continues to be an issue, they come to the office.
- Leigh: vaccines. Are you asking for notification if kids are vaccinated?
- Bryn: not legally able to ask.
- Leigh: parent self-report?
- Bryn: there is no mechanism to record this type of data.
- Leigh: testing? Requiring parents to test before school attendance?
- Bryn: daily, no. The number of tests required would be astronomical. At my son's school, it went to outbreak status at the beginning of December. Tests were recommended every 72 hours and rapid tests being sent home. As parents, we were sent daily emails for reporting, going from 10-12 per day down to 1 per day before break. It will still be a parent choice to test every 72 hours.
- Nicole: Did we speak at all about parkland play? The ski club? CTF?
- Bryn: ski club has been rescheduled, as has everything in January. Rabbit Hill allowed us to move dates to March. Hoping things will calm down. CTF has been delayed until the end of January. CTF was well received this year for our 8s and 9s. This year, we compressed day 1 basketball to consecutive days and then day two woodworking consecutive days as opposed to alternating day activities. Better able to pick up where you left off. Benefits while in foods.

- Eric: Ventilation system are at highest possible MERV scale. Hospital general setting is at MERV 14, our schools are at MERV 13. We have found a company who makes filters which fit our requirements. We are getting high level filters on order in the majority of schools. Absentee rate for teaching staff as of Jan 10 was 50 absences, Jan 11, 58 absent teachers and on Jan 12 we had 61 absent teachers. We are trying to put all pre-booked PD days on hold, encouraging a delay in non-essential medical appointments if possible. We hired 20 new teachers/recent grads to be floating subs. Trying to make sure the absenteeism does not drown us. Ex: EPSB had 78 unfilled positions today. There are no requirements for students to wear the masks which are going to be issued. We are NOT telling parents to get their kids tested every 72 hours. We just don't want them in garbages - don't take the masks if you aren't going to use them.
- Bryn: there are some people who want masks and no tests, there are some people who want the tests and no masks.
- Eric: we want everyone to do their part for safety. To work as a team.
- Sarah: kids masks or standard masks?
- Bryn: based on the information we have received, we will get pediatric and standard. Pediatric will go to the younger kids
- Gayleen: does Prescott need any changes to MERV system?
- Bryn: we are already at MERV 13, with some renewal for filters.
- Gayleen: are masks now available for K-3?
- Bryn: they will be, pediatric and adult size masks
- Leigh: what level of masks?
- Bryn: adults are level 3, pediatric are level 2

## 8. New Business

- PLCFF Update – Gayleen - Good news.
  - We got 50,000 from Alberta Blue Cross to fund the climber with new rubber. Will be done during the summer.
  - Hot lunch starts Jan 26, fingers crossed.
  - Fundraisers open at the end of the month including Little Caesars and cookie decorating.
  - We have not ordered the climbers, will be doing it soon.

9. Round Table - 10 - 15 min

10. Next Meeting – Feb 9, 2022

11. Adjournment