

PLC School Council January Meeting Minutes
6:30 pm - Jan 8th, 2025
PLC Collaboration Centre

-Called to order at 6:35pm

- **In Attendance/Introductions:**
 - **Nicole Blanchet, Heather Huisman, Chris Shaw, Lacey Clark, Jeremy Clements, Randie Dodman, Brigitte McKee, Sarah Iori, Anne Montgomery, Shannon Ackerman (Virtual)**
- **Land Acknowledgement:** *"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 neighbours, 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."*
- **Approval of the Agenda: (Brigitte Approves)**
- **Approval of the Minutes: Jeremy Approves**
- **Trustee Report: Trustee Montgomery**
- December 2024 Board Meeting Highlights
- Counselling Supports Presentation: The board heard from a delegation presentation on Counselling Supports in our Division from our Division Psychologist (Josee Huston), School Councillor (Brittany Thorarinson), and Principal (Leah Andrews) sharing our division supports and services for student mental wellbeing and support.
- School Calendar: The School Calendar for 2025-2026 has been released. It is one of those years where the breaks seem to make sense. The first day of school will be in September after the long weekend, a full week fall break will continue and Christmas/New Year's break will be from Monday, December 22, 2024 returning Monday January 5, 2026.
- Criminal Record Checks for Candidates: The board considered changing its Bylaws to require Criminal Record Checks for candidates who wished to run in the upcoming election. The recommendation to update the bylaw was defeated 5-1.
- New High School and Horizon Stage: We continue to work with the City of Spruce Grove on potentially building Horizon Stage onto the new high school and consideration of other options to support the City's efforts. We strongly believe that Horizon Stage is a valuable community space.

- Transportation: The division has a new (but not new) transportation director – Gail Lewis. Ms. Lewis has been with the division transportation department for many years and we look forward to supporting her leadership.
- Changes in Bussing distances for Grades 1-6: The government has amended the bussing boundaries for guaranteed bussing for grade 1-6 students. The Boundary was changed from 1.0km to 1.6km starting in September 2026 (NOT September 2025). One year has been provided by the government to implement this change.
- Are you interested in becoming a Trustee? Election Nominations are officially open. If you are interested in running for school trustee, the division has the trustee handbook available and other information on the division website.
- **Council Chair Report: Brigitte & Jeremy**
 - One Small Thing is up and running now with a poster and a QR code.
- **PLCFF Report: Randie Dodman**
 - New PLCFF executive members
 - Held Halloween dance in the fall, ran a used book sale in December. Considering making the book sale an annual fundraiser.
 - Looking into organizing a coffee fundraiser (Sparkplug Coffee) and recipe book.
 - New hotlunch site - feedback has been prices are a little higher but that is due to the sorting that the volunteers used to do, now the site is doing
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- **Principal Report: Chris**
 - Bullying vs. Conflict - Associate Superintendent Scott Johnson
 - i. Presentation on Jan. 22nd at 6:30pm.
 - Events - Grade 6's were included in the Christmas concert this year, Candy grams, collected food donations and called it Paws for a Cause which was the Kinette Hampers
 - Midterms will be starting mid January for Grade 7-9.
 - Piloted the PAT system Veretta. Staff liked it and the kids did well with it. Saved the admin numerous hours of work as well.
 - Looking at other options for 'voice to text' options for exams.
 - Had our Holiday Cheer activities such as door decorating, christmas carols in the gym.
 - Basketball started up in December. We have 7 teams with parent and teacher volunteers coaching
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- **Staff Report: Nicole**

- Ski and Snowboard Club- Meeting is Monday, Jan. 13th. Mrs. Vasileff & Ms. Coombs are the teachers running the club. It will be 4 Tuesdays in February.
- Indigenous People's Atlas- PSD has purchased this resource. It is a giant floor map. It is outlined with a timeline. It is really amazing to see, it is in the Innovation studio. Comes with a binder with a whole bunch of learning information and activities, also includes different symbols and art. Grade 5's are currently using the Atlas to tie in with their social curriculum. It is also open to all teachers and classes.
- **Old Business:**
 - No old business to discuss.
- **Adjournment/Next Meeting:**
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.
 - Next meeting: 6:30 pm Weds. Feb. 5th, 2025
- **Indigenous People's Atlas**