

PLC School Council February Meeting Minutes
6:30 pm - Feb 5th, 2025
PLC Collaboration Centre

1. In Attendance/Introductions:

- Randie Dodman, Brigitte McKee, Jeremy Clements, Chris Shaw, Lacey Clark, Anne Montgomery, Shannon Akkerman (online)

2. 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."*

3. Approval of the Agenda:

- Lacey approves.

4. Approval of the Minutes:

- Brigitte approves.

5. Trustee Report: *Trustee Montgomery*

- *Presented by Anne Montgomery*
- *January 21, 2025 Board Meeting*
- *Quarterly Financial Report: The Board received the financial report as of November 30, 2024 with the following information: Revenue to date: \$42.3million; Expenditures to date: \$39.7million. A forecasted surplus for this fiscal year is \$575,000 by August 31, 2025, with plans to move \$681,000 to capital reserves. The board spent part of its capital reserves last year to move forward with projects that were unlikely to be funded by the provincial government (ex. Tomahawk Gymnasium Renovation) and further capital reserve funds will likely be needed when the new Spruce Grove High School is built.*
- *Special Board Meeting: The board met on January 14, 2025 to approve a recommendation to accept and ratify a contract with the International Union of Operating Engineers (i.e. caretakers/maintenance workers supporting our buildings). The terms of the agreement can be found on our website and includes a 3% increase each year from September 1, 2024 (retroactive), to and including September 1, 2027.*
- *Literacy and Numeracy Report: Each year the board receives an update on the current assessment information on literacy and numeracy. This report informs the board on the outcome of targeted supports in these areas. There is a continued need to address the impact of Covid*

restriction closures of schools on the cohort of students currently in grades 4-6.

- *Parent Engagement Feedback Summary: The division held a parent engagement evening on November 27th, 2024 to discuss education and school culture specific to learners in grades 4-6. The summary of notes from that evening is available for review and comments can be directed to board@psd.ca.*

6. Council Chair Report: *Brigette & Jeremy*

- We've had a bit of interaction with the "One Small Thing" which is great.
- Decent turnout when we hosted Constable Johnston on Jan. 22.

7. PLCFF Report: *Randie Dodman*

- Coffee fundraiser with Spark Plug is up and running, closing Feb. 27th.
- Will be starting to gather recipes for the cookbook.
- Looking at something for Pie day, donut day, pretzel day etc.
- Hot lunch site is going well.

8. Principal Report: *Chris*

- Bullying vs. Conflict - Summary
 - i. It has helped staff deal with students, using tips from the presentation.
 - ii. Will be holding another presentation regarding drugs.
- COSC Update
 - i. Discussed the possible 'disruption of work' with support workers. Will know more in a week or 2. There is a page on the PSD website that lays out the process very clearly.
 - ii. A lot of discussion about better engagement at school council meetings. Trustee Montgomery mentioned that our school council attendance is better than most. It's very important to keep meetings short and sweet, honouring people's time.
 - iii. Conversation about policy AP640 social media, anti spam. Cannot use free images for posters etc.
- PLC Onboarding
 - i. What kind of things do you, as a parent, want to know if you were a brand new parent coming to our school? I.e. Where do I find report cards?
- Student discipline procedures at PLC?
 - i. What do you need to know about discipline if your child is involved in a situation?
- Assessment - Formative vs. Summative etc.
 - i. Formative assessments are "practice" that don't affect the grade, summative are the assessments that affect the grades.
- Parking Lot & Social Media
- Events

- i. Valentines Day dances are coming up on Feb. 13, Ski Club is starting now, basketball is winding down and play offs are during the first 2 weeks of March.

9. Staff Report: N/A

10. Old Business:

11. Roundtable

- A parent is wondering if it's possible to know when there are substitutes in your child's classroom. Chris will talk about it at the next staff meeting.

12. Adjournment/Next Meeting: 6:30 pm Weds. March. 5th, 2025