

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

1. In Attendance/Introductions:

- Brigitte McKee
- Randie Dodman
- Brian Akkerman
- Jeremy Clements
- Chris Shaw

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:

JC moves to approve

4. Approval of the Minutes:

RD moves to approve

5. Trustee Report: *Submitted Electronically*

Trustees Foster Quality Learning and Wellness:

Please refer to the PSD website for highlights of the February 18, 2025 Board Meeting.

<https://www.psd.ca/division/news/post/regular-board-meeting-highlights-tuesday-february-18-2025>. Please note that the Board approved the formation of an ad hoc committee to conduct an in-depth study into the most appropriate local and provincial advocacy strategies to address student conduct and behavior. More details to be provided at a later date on the committee's work.

Also of note for your reading is the approval of a revised Board Policy on Learning and Working in a Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Environment.

Trustees Engage, Listen and Advocate

- The Student Advisory Engagement planned for March 2025 has been cancelled, and we are discussing whether it will be rescheduled later in the year.
- Labour Dispute:
 - Trustees have made the conscious and collective decision to send a written report for School Council meetings instead of attending remotely or in person during the labour dispute. Thank you for reading these reports.
 - The Board has received, through Ministerial Order #016/2025, an exemption from Section 2 of the In-Person Learning Regulation. Although this exemption is in place, PSD's goal is to have as many students learning in-person as soon as

possible and continues to examine staffing complements and operational capacity to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and staff.

- Trustees are on the Parkland School Division Board of Trustees Canadian Union of Public Employees Labour Relations Committee along with members of the CUPE Local 5543 and the CUPE Alberta Relations Office. The Bargaining Committee is scheduled to meet next week. Trustees are committed to working towards a resolution that is fair and reasonable and meets the provincial bargaining directives.
- If there are questions that come your way, please refer people to our PSD website pages for the most current and accurate information, or they can send an email to Board@psd.ca
<https://www.psd.ca/employment/unions-and-negotiations/labour-action-updates>
<https://www.psd.ca/division/news/post/cupe-strike-notice-served-to-psd>

Trustees Demonstrate Responsibility:

On February 27, 2025, the government announced that Education's operating expense budget will be \$9.88 billion in 2025-2026 which represents an increase of \$426 million or 4.5% from the previous year. And that over the next three years, Education's operating expense budget will grow by \$1.25 billion to more than \$10.71 billion by 2027-2028. It will take time to unpack what this means for Parkland School Division, and we will know more details when Alberta Education's Funding Manual for School Authorities is released later in spring 2025.

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Stewart, Trustee, Ward 2, Parkland School Division

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6. Council Chair Report: *Brigette & Jeremy*

7. PLCFF Report: *Randie Dodman*

- coffee fundraising
 - i. price tag might have been a factor for lower interest
- collecting recipes for cookbook
 - i. need classes involved for art, etc
 - ii. \$15-\$20
 - iii. end of March deadline for recipes
- vote next week on keeping healthy hunger hot lunch
 - i. kids are getting the right food
 - ii. sorting and distribution is much easier
 - iii. the price difference may be because of the different vendors
 - 1. will probably bring Dairy Queen back and see about price compared to previously
 - 2. new pizza vendor

8. Principal Report: *Chris*

- RCMP Visit - Date?
 - i. April 23rd 6:30
- Attendance Update
 - i. division hired attendance officer
 - 1. track groups by attendance gradients
 - 2. can get involved where needed
 - 3. seeing results, attendance is slowly increasing since COVID
 - 4. focused on 50%-75% attendance kids
 - 5. 0% - 50% kids are very few, but the attendance officer is working hard here, too
 - 6. transportation days (no busses) don't count
- COSC Update
 - i. Associate Superintendent Finance
 - 1. ARMIC Alberta Risk Managed Insurance Consortium
 - a. 274% increase in insurance a few years ago
 - b. created their own insurance co underwritten by government
 - c. a lot of tight rules are because of events that have happened
 - 2. Budget released
 - a. WMA is changing
 - i. reducing timeframe for funding to transfer to new division
 - b. funding manual is coming in May, but budgets are due in April
 - c. inflation
- PLC Onboarding
 - i. A few suggestions from staff, but more input is requested
 - ii. Powerschool

/* Save the rest of the topics for future meeting */

- Student discipline procedures at PLC?
- Assessment - Formative vs. Summative etc.
- Parking Lot & Social Media
- Events

9. Staff Report: N/A

10. Old Business:

11. Roundtable

12. Adjournment/Next Meeting: 6:30 pm Weds. April 9th, 2025