

District School Council Minutes for January 14, 2019

Presentation on Curriculum by Director of Curriculum, Karen Rancier

To view the most recent drafts of the K–4 curriculum, please visit the links below:

- [Summary overview of draft Kindergarten to Grade 4 curriculum](#)
 - Shifts between current curriculum and future curriculum
 - [Copies of the draft Kindergarten to Grade 4 curriculum as of December 2018](#)
 - [Curriculum timeline tool](#)
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Meeting started at 6:45 p.m.

Welcome

Welcome by chair Joy Morris; parents introduced themselves

1. Approval of Agenda

Minutes should read December 3 (not November 5)

Allison Pike moved; seconded by Marylou Williams; passed

2. Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2018

Moved Heather Paul; Seconded Brook Cully; passed

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Joy Morris reminded parents of the opportunity for parents to come to the parent learning nights (can bring their children); curriculum, games, activities. Hosted at Paterson (ALL parents from any school can come); does not have to be middle school age; the activities can be engaged in at all levels. Thursday evenings 6:30 – 7:30. Last night will be February 7th.

It is drop-in – and a parent does not have to have attended the previous session.

4. Trustee Report

Tyler Demers reviewed the Trustee Report. Highlighted the success of the recent job fair in December with adding subs/ regular employees.

Community Engagement Committee – ICE Scholarship

Jan 24th Tender closes for south elementary school – will move forward with approval so that we can get moving on construction.

Solar School Project – will pay for up to 50% - taking a look at Coalbanks.

Big projects at Westminster and Senator Buchanan for new mechanical.

Technology evergreening – replacing smart boards with interactive white boards.

Full day kindergarten – being explored by some schools.

Question by Allison Pike re: Trustee Remuneration – how did it get passed on the December Board meeting when it was not passed on the November Board meeting agenda? Tyler explained that trustees would not let any particular employee group in the district be disadvantaged as trustees were by change in the tax laws. Tyler conveyed that comments from DSC did have some influence on trustee's changing their minds.

5. Alberta School Councils Association Report

Resolutions are due January 15th. Conference is April 26th-28th in Edmonton.

All schools in the District are members and can vote. The district pays for all schools to be members.

6.1 Policy Motion for ASCA – Joy Morris

Motion was attached. Joy wanted the DSC to consider voting on the motion because her school (Paterson) does not meet until after the resolutions are due.

Joy provided some background to the resolution calling for the provincial government to continue funding for the Canadian Mathematical Society's math education activities for Alberta students. Joy highlighted the number of benefits students have from the support provided by CMS (see resolution in agenda). It would be helpful if the funding was predictable and reliable.

Brooke Cully moves the motion: "Be it resolved that the ASCA ask the Alberta Ministry of Education to continue to provide at least \$5,000/year support for the Canadian Mathematical Society's math education activities for Alberta students, on an ongoing basis."

Passed - unanimous

6. Reports:

6.1. Policy Advisory

Committee met on January 9th. The policies were distributed for feedback. Policy that may be of interest to parents is the transportation policy.

7.2 District Wellness Committee – did not meet.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1. Town Hall Meeting – Questions for the meeting were shared:

What do you value most about what is happening in your school community? (parents/ students/ staff).

What do you value most about your relationship with Lethbridge School District? (business/ community agencies/ community members)

What can the District do better? (all)

School Council chairs should have received an invitation.

Even if not invited directly by the school, all community members are welcome.

7.2. Innovation Scholarship – reminder to parents regarding the opportunity to buy a ticket for breakfast as well as spread the word to secondary age students to apply for the scholarship.

7.3. One District One Book

Cheryl highlighted the event and reviewed some of the information in the handout. Exciting event that will roll out on March 25th with the book announcement.

8. Roundtable Reports

Allison drew attention to the Agnes Davidson first place CBC music challenge win.

9. Adjournment

Reminder Town Hall – February 5

Next meeting March 4