



Division School Council Meeting **MINUTES**

March 3, 2025

6:30 pm

Education Centre Board Room / Microsoft TEAMS

**PARENT LEARNING SESSION AT 6:30 PM – Budgets, (Click [HERE](#) to view) by Christine Lee,
Avice DeKelder & Mike Nightingale**

Division's funding profile to be received mid-March 2025. Alberta Education funding falls into 5 main targeted grant areas. The weighted moving average formula has been adjusted. Budgeted enrolment for 2025-2026 is 12,017.50. Will not receive funding for approximately 76.5 FTE students. Alberta Education increased operation, transportation, nutrition grants. 92.53% of the budget is provided by the province. Slideshow to be attached to the minutes. Our division's reserves are around the 2% range which is concerning to the division. May 20 is the public budget meeting.

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Additions to the Agenda - request by Tisha Elford to discuss a screen time policy at schools
4. Approval of the Agenda - adopted by Danica Forsyth - seconded by Meg Fester
5. Errors and Omissions -
6. Approval of the [Minutes](#) of January 13, 2025 - approved by Danica Forsyth, seconded by Meg Fester
7. Business Arising from the Minutes
8. Trustee Report –February 25, 2025, Board [HIGHLIGHTS](#) - Craig Whitehead - Board will meet this Thursday/Friday for their strategic planning committee, PAT data and other feedback will be examined. Next Community Conversations is March 19th @ 9-10:30am at the Fish and Game Hut - 946 9 Ave S - next one after that is May 7 @ 7-8:30pm, location TBD. Trustee Code of Conduct first reading has happened. Two policy amendments were approved. Possible partnership with YMCA for modernization of Galbraith - would be similar to Family Center at Coalbanks, lease for 20 years.
9. ASCA - see [attached](#) ASCA Conference Attendance Application - new framework will come into effect for the 2025-2026 school year. Online attendees would only be able to submit for registration reimbursement and no other expenses as it is set up right now. Mileage

reimbursement is approximately \$278 one way to Edmonton. Questions were asked regarding using division funds to reimburse fuel directly or use the monies for childcare for when the conference is attended virtually. Discussion of deadlines and approvals. We will continue to discuss at future meetings. Up to \$400 is available for this year's conference attendees (this year will only be held virtually).

- a. Spring Symposium - <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference>
 - i. Saturday, April 26th - 9:30am-3:30pm
 - ii. Sunday, April 27th is the AGM
 - iii. Deadline to register is April 18
 - b. 2025 Resolutions - <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/256168>
 - i. Please review in your school councils and determine how your school council would like to vote - there are five resolutions for this year's meeting.
 - c. AGM Documents - <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-general-meeting/meeting-documents-2025>
 - i. Must fill out the proper form as well as have the form signed by the school council chair and have a motion in the minutes to be a voting delegate at the meeting
10. ATA Report – Aaron Fitchett - see [attached](#) - ATA has executive council elections next week. New Teacher Induction happening March 20th. Education Week 2025 is happening April 7-11, parents and teachers are invited to nominate a teacher for prizes. Information available in regards to the provincial funding is here <https://teachers.ab.ca/news/alberta-ranks-last-education-spending-0>

A parent referenced the following link with information from Statistics Canada on ranking of teacher salaries per province
<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=3710024301>
11. Admin Committee Report – Andy Tyslau
 - a. Administrative Professional Learning - have focused this year on assessment - specifically clarity surrounding assessments and assessment journeys, communicating learning to parents, what assessment should look like and how the new curriculum factors into all of it.
 - b. Evergreening - technology costs have skyrocketed since COVID, so conversations surrounding all pieces of technology have been taking place.
 - c. Assurance Survey - admin group has been taking a lot of time considering results, looking at trends, examining what the students are being asked and what the parents are being asked. Admin group is pleased with the changes to the parent survey.
 - d. A parent questioned what happens to old pieces of technology that are replaced - if they are sold, where does the money go? Especially if fundraising funds were used to purchase in the first place - request for transparency. If old technology was available that could go to use in families in need would that be an option?
12. Superintendent's Report
 - Town Hall - great turnout, thank you to Tina and other staff for all their hard work - over 2000 comments were received, hopefully summaries will be out next week - Tisha suggested that the moderator at each table could provide a summary in case attendees at the table

aren't able to get to the survey afterwards. Also, Tisha was impressed with how well her fifth grader was treated and was able to make connections at the Town Hall.

- ICE Scholarships - March 27th at Winston Churchill - doors open at 6:25pm
- Strategic Planning
- Assurance Survey - Grades 4, 7, 10 - schools will get a random access code to give to parents - students may bring home paper version, may be emailed to parents. Division will send out a message that codes won't be sent via snail mail this year. NB: a "don't know" response on the survey counts as a No/Disagree response so schools need to work on reducing the amount of "don't know" responses.
- World Teacher Day - October 5th - but we have Appreciation Week coming up March 10-14, Education Week April 7-11, and school councils at the end of their school year often do something to recognize staff - Tisha Elford has lots of teacher appreciation ideas if anyone wants

13. Committee Reports

- a) Policy Advisory Committee- Shelley Roest/Skye Curtis/Meg Fester – February 12, 2025
 - a. 402.11.2 Support Staff - continuing to work on this one
 - b. Next meeting March 5th
- b) Poverty Intervention – Kristina Gilmore - January 20, 2025
 - a. Christine Light reported - focusing as a committee on the financial support of students such as nutrition (Weekends & more bags that carry \$100 value) - last meeting focused on community awareness, updating the website, potential community/business partners and sponsorships, as a committee applied to the Tim Hortons cookie fundraiser and were selected (yay) so more information to come on that.
 - b. Next meeting March 10
- c) Division Wellness – Ryan Walker - January 13, 2025
 - a. Alberta Health has a speaker series on mental health
 - b. ***[RecoveryAB-Workshops-Spring-Sumer-2025.pdf](#)***
- d) Community Engagement – Gurpreet Singh/Ryan Walker – February 10, 2025
 - a. Click for [Minutes](#) also are on the website
 - b. Scholarship applications are open, deadline is April 30th
 - c. ICE at Winston Churchill on March 27th
 - d. Everyone is welcome at Community Engagement
 - e. Next meeting June 11

14. New Business

- Corporal Bangle Presentation Update – Nicole Williams
 - o March 27th at CASA at 7pm - 60-90 minute presentation plus Q&A
 - o Nicole suggested that a school council volunteer to provide water bottles
 - o Michelle will arrive early to assist
 - o Kaylee Low will introduce the speaker and thank the participating school councils
 - o Meg Fester will present a thank you gift at the end
 - o City of Lethbridge Building Safer Communities has developed an online safety tool kit and they are working to develop school council presentations as well

- If there are any school councils that would like Corporal Bangle's direct email, Nicole can give that out
- Nicole will contact Mike to determine how to best spread the invite to the entire division
- Click [Link](#) for poster
- Screen Time Policy Request
 - perhaps a refresher for teachers on what is appropriate? Language warnings?
 - a lot of things are done on a screen that don't necessarily need to be done on a screen
 - more transparency on what children are watching at school
 - To take back to school councils - what is the current practice? what supports do teachers need so they don't need to use screens at lunchtime or other times?
 - continued conversation/topic

15. Upcoming Events

March	5	Policy Advisory Committee Meeting 12:00 p.m. Ed Centre Board Room
	10	Poverty Intervention Committee Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 2nd Floor Conference Room
April	2	Policy Advisory Committee Meeting 12:00 p.m. Ed Centre Board Room
	7	Division School Council Meeting Ed Centre Board Room

16. Adjournment 9:26 p.m.

Division School Council 2024-2025 Meeting Dates:

- April 7
- May 5
- June 9

2024-25 Division School Council Representatives

Chair	Shelley Roest
Vice Chair	Nathaniel Kinisky
Recording Secretary	Carrie Boschman
Policy Advisory Committee	Shelley Roest, Alternate, Amber Murray/ Carrie Boschman, Alternate, Tasha Olsen /Skye Curtis, Alternate, Danica Forsyth
Poverty Intervention Committee	Kristina Gilmore/Alternate, Danica Forsyth
Division Wellness Committee	Ryan Walker/Alternate, Skye Curtis
Community Engagement Committee	Gurpreet Singh/Ryan Walker
School Calendar Committee	Skye Curtis (Middle/HS rep), Tasha Olsen (Elementary rep), Danica Forsyth, Alternate

In Attendance:

Mike Nightingale

Christine Lee

Avice DeKolver

Shelley Roest

Craig Whitehead

Andy Tyslau

Aaron Fitchett

Tisha Elford

Tyler Waldron

David Franz

Danica Forsyth

Cynthia Young

Michelle Bore

Megan Fester

Nicole Williams

Allison Purcell

Nathaniel Kinisky

Skye Curtis

Tina Carnegie

Christine Light

April Gedlaman (TEAMS)

Ryan Walker (TEAMS)

Carrie Boschman (TEAMS)