



## High Park School Council

### October 15, 2024 Minutes

**In attendance:** Trustee Paul McCann, Nicole Marcinkevics, Lois Radbourne, Kimberly Shim, Korina Parent, Leanne Rafuse, Pam Russ, Rebecca Vishloff, Pam Armitage, Shelby Williams, Sarah Klimochko

#### 1. Call to order

- Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM

#### 2. Approval of agenda

- Korina Parent motioned to approve the agenda. Pam Russ seconded.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

- Korina Parent motioned to approve the minutes. Pam Russ seconded.

#### 4. Trustee Report

- The board met last week
  - Waiting on approval of the new high school in Spruce Grove. Trustees are hopeful it will be approved as new funding has been released
  - The board has requested 33 modular classrooms from the province. This will add space for 300 additional students.
- Trustee McCann went to Tomahawk school for the opening of their newly renovated/expanded gymnasium.
  - The school previously used Seba beach school's gym but since Seba Beach school shut down they have not had access to a full sized gym.
- 4 Reports were presented to the board. Full details of reports are available on the Parkland Division website
  - New Athabasca school has opened and is going well. It is a fly in community.
  - New Curriculum implementation
  - Student conduct and intervention
    - There has been a large increase in suspensions and expulsions across the division
    - Grades 5-7 are the majority of these suspensions and expulsions.
  - Enrollment report
    - There has been a small decrease in enrollment across the division. Not as large as other divisions in the province.
    - Down 31 students in Stony Plain and up 100 in Spruce Grove.
    - Budget will be adjusted down slightly to accommodate this decrease in enrollment
- All three union groups employed in the division are currently bargaining. Trustee McCann is involved with bargaining with two of the unions.



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- Trustee McCann reports that bargaining has been cordial so far and has been going well. He is hopeful they will come to an agreement without any labour unrest.

#### 5. AGM

- **Reading of roles and responsibilities**
  - Catrin read the roles and responsibilities for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.
- **Vote for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary**
  - **Chair** – Call for nominations three times. Catrin let her name stand for Chair. No other names were put forward. Catrin accepted the position through acclamation.
  - **Vice Chair** – Call for nominations were brought forward 3 times. Korina nominated Kim for the position of Vice Chair. Kim accepted the nomination. Kim has been acclaimed into the position.
  - **Secretary** – Call for nominations were brought forward three times. Kim nominated Rebecca for the position of Secretary. Rebecca accepted the nomination. No other names were put forward. Rebecca accepted the position of secretary.
  - **COSC representative** – Catrin has been elected as chair of COSC and will sit as High Park COSC rep.

#### 6. Principal's Report

- There are 482 Students enrolled at High Park.
- Nutrition Nook is up and running.
- Gr. 9 PAT's were above the Provincial average for achievement at the acceptable standard. The Gr.6 PAT's were not quite at the Provincial average for achievement at the acceptable standard. School Administration is looking to infuse skills / practice for digital assessments, including potential changes to future PAT's.
- New CTF opportunities are being offered by new teachers.
- The Cross-Country Track Meet that was held on October 3, 24 was a success. 700 students from across the division joined in the races. Received positive feedback from community members in regard to accessibility. Nicole would like to add additional accessible parking next year.
- The school is hosting approximately two elder visits a month for the 2024 – 2025 school year.
- At the beginning of the year Nicole met with each staff member and completed a survey. She took the main themes from those surveys to guide the schools' areas of focus:
  - The focus for High Park this year will be improvement in literacy, improvement in numeracy and well being of staff which will lead to a well being of students.
  - School has working on incorporating time for collaboration for teachers into the weekly schedule. Current amount of prep time is less than other schools in the division.



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- There is a desire from staff and parents to foster a greater sense of community. High Park will be working with other schools to offer more student opportunities and more teacher PD opportunities.
- Nicole introduced a new Development Plan for the school. Full Plan will be posted to the school website.
  - High Park is working on narrowing their focus. Looked at strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.
  - Main focuses will be on growing literacy and numeracy success
  - Reporting will now be done on an ongoing basis on PowerSchool to provide parents with more up to date feedback. Report cards will have more generalized comments about the student.
    - For younger grades marks and comments will be uploaded to power school monthly.
    - Teachers will provide pamphlets about this at parent teacher interviews
  - Focus on pushing the standard of excellence for Junior High Students
    - Nicole mentioned incorporating the use of AI in the classroom. An example was students using AI to receive feedback on an essay.
  - Catrin asked if the school will pivot if new methods are not working. Nicole said that their professional learning is structured in 4-6 week cycles and can adjust as necessary.

#### 7. PAL Report

- PAL has not met since our last meeting. Nothing to report at this time.

#### 8. Open Discussion

- Increase in behaviours
  - Nicole stated that requirements for reporting by teachers have changed which has contributed to the increase in suspensions.
  - Teachers are able to have a student leave class for one block and anything more than one block counts as a suspension.
  - In the past there wasn't always documentation which has led to gaps in services for some kids.
  - School wants to support kids learning.
  - Nicole is looking at some restorative justice opportunities for students as an alternative to suspension to make it right and contribute to their school community.
- Korina asked if there was an update on the sensory room. There is no update at this time.

#### 9. Next Meeting Date

- Next meeting is November 19 at 6:00 PM



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- Email Catrin with any other open discussion items for next meeting and they will be added to the agenda.

#### 10. Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM