

High Park

School Council Agenda

April 15, 2025

In attendance: Melissa Dallinger, Nicole Marcinkevics, Ashley Skopyk, Catrin Thomson, Rebecca Vishloff, Shely Williams, Korina Parent, Leanne Rafuse, Pam Armitage, Paul McCann, Lois Radbourne.

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Shelby asked to remove PAL update from future agendas as PAL now occurs after School Council
 - b. Korina motions to approve agenda
3. Approval of March 2025 Minutes
 - a. Shelby motions to approve minutes.
4. Trustee Report
 - a. Trustee Paul McCann attended School Council. The board met today.
 - i. Fee schedule has been approved for next year. It has mostly stayed the same from last year.
 - ii. Full day kindergarten bussing has increased
 - iii. There has been increases in cost of some junior high and high school courses
 - iv. Fee schedule is available on Parkland School Division website.
 - v. School board has amended two board policies regarding infrastructure in order to align with education act.
 - vi. Bryn Spence will be taking over for Scott Johnson. There will now be a division principal spot open. This is the time of year movement happens with teachers and principals taking new positions. There are also some retirements happening this year that have not yet been announced.
 - vii. Audit/budget committee has reviewed trustee remuneration. This always occurs at the end of their term. Remuneration will stay the same for trustees. There will be a slight increase for the board chair. Trustee health spending has increased for the fall.

5. Principals Update

- a. Book fair and parent teacher interviews are happening now. Were rescheduled from March.
- b. Hero Impact Society was at the school doing presentations for grade 8 and 9 students on self confidence, goal setting, peer pressure etc. Would like to get them in for the grade 7s next year.
- c. First drama CTF presentation will be tomorrow. They are doing dress rehearsals for students throughout the day and will perform for parents in the evening.
- d. Mrs. Klack is leaving until fall. Mrs. Garley has been hired to replace her.
- e. Admin received positive feedback from readathon. Students were very excited. Nicole and Melissa would like to do a numeracy a thon next year.
- f. 441 students are currently registered for next year.
- g. School has had some cultural performances – drumming and Professor Wow
- h. Track meets are coming up.
- i. There is a new art installation in the library.
- j. Year end activities
 - i. No one is planning fun day yet but admin will find a teacher to take it on. Looking at doing yard games, etc.
 - ii. Will do field trips to the outdoor pool
 - iii. June 24 is grade 9 farewell
 - iv. June 25 is talent show
- k. The school has money left over from the food grant. Can roll over some but not all. Nicole and Melissa have brainstormed ways to spend the remaining money
 - i. Host a taste the rainbow event – bring in produce and do a tasting event
 - ii. Provide food for meet the teacher night
 - iii. Track and field – provide a hot dog and juice box for all track kids
 - iv. Paul has access to a large BBQ that we could borrow

6. ASCA Resolutions

- a. ASCA AGM is April 27, 2025. There are 5 resolutions being put forward to be voted on
- b. P25-01 Pilot Program for Electric School Buses in Alberta
 - i. It was decided to vote NO for this resolution
- c. P25-02 Mandatory Funding for Specialist Teachers in Elementary Schools
 - i. Vote NO unless the wording is changed to “additional” funding

- d. P25-03 Sunlight is the Best Disinfectant – Mandatory Public Reporting on the State of Public Schools
 - i. Vote NO
- e. P25-04 Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing of Kindergarten to Grade 3
 - i. Vote NO
- f. P25-05 Online Safety
 - i. There are three parts to this resolution. First part – Vote YES only if it changes to remove parents and community members from committees. Part 2 (mandatory instruction for teens on reporting of online harms, risks of sharing digital content etc.) – YES. Part 3 (Storage of online records)– YES
- 7. Open Discussion
 - a. There was nothing brought forward during open discussion
- 8. Next Meeting Date
 - a. May 20, 2025 at 6PM
- 9. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM