

Parkland Village School Council

January 20, 2021

- 1. Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2020** – Christine Ward
- 3. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2020** – Lindsay Kuelken
- 4. Board Trustee Representative** – Lorraine Stewart
 - Governance engagement with students has been postponed, unsure of the exact date but it will be virtual.
 - February 10, 2021 will be the stakeholder engagement meeting, held virtually.
 - Met with MLA Searle Turton for board advocacy. Discussed the need for continued support, covid expenses, impact of new education funding on early education.
 - Projecting a balanced budget for 2021.
 - Estimated \$7.6 million for covid expenses. Continuing to track.
 - Attendance area review to begin, but changes likely won't be seen until 2022/2023. Please see attached Report for more details.
- 5. Principal's Message** – Archie Lillico
 - Teacher's convention February 4 & 5th, no school these days.
 - Online Kindergarten registration opens February 8 and closes March 25. Open house will be February 17 and will be virtual.
 - February 12- no school, professional development day.
 - Parent teacher interviews will be Feb 23 & 25, virtually or by phone.
 - February 24 is pink shirt/mask day to promote anti-bullying.
 - Swimming lessons/Play Parkland are tentative right now depending what happens with government restrictions.
 - PVS plan is still in the works but will be ready for the next meeting.

6. Teacher Representative – Nicole Blanchet

- First week of virtual school went well. A good soft start to coming back.
- Will be bringing in a new support program for kindergarten to grade 2. Intensive Phonological Program. Will provide stepping stones to a good foundation in reading.

7. School Council Board Update – Shannon Auger

- COSC meeting on November 19, 2020. Health presentation focused on when educators are good, students are good.
- ASCA – funding cut by 75%. Parent voice is important now more than ever. Important to speak with your principal with any concerns.
- Hot lunch – on hold until further notice.
- Parent council will collect milk cartons.
- Stakeholder engagement meeting – Feb 10, 2021.

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:45 pm.

Next Meeting: February 17, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.

Board Meeting Updates:

January 12, 2021

- Check the Board Highlights that are posted on the PSD Website:
<https://www.psd70.ab.ca/view.php?action=object&id=23557&stream=Homepage%20News>

Stakeholder Engagement:

- February 10, 2021 is our virtual stakeholder engagement evening - more details to follow. This is an opportunity to gather views on programming and education in our division.

Board Advocacy:

- Trustees met with MLA Turton and MLA Getson - MLA Smith sent his regrets. These meetings are an opportunity for us to provide MLAs with information, challenges and celebrations. We asked the MLAs to be mindful of the need for continued support with contact tracing for COVID, and we relayed the COVID-related expenses to MLAs.
- One of our topics at the MLA meeting was Choice in Public Education. PSD provides choices in programs and some examples were highlighted: Maranatha Christian Program; Parkland Student Athletic Academy; French Immersion; Home Education; virtual; online option 2; About 33% of our students are involved in alternative programming. This is a celebration of our division's commitment to student success and well-being!
- One of the topics that we will explore with MLAs at a future meeting is the impact of the new funding model on our early education programming,

Fiscal Responsibility:

- The division is currently forecasting that COVID-19 will cost approximately \$7.6M. One of the division's largest COVID-related expenses is staffing with additional staff required for our online learning. In addition, sanitizer and disposable masks are an added expense. The division received \$4.0M in federal Safe Return to Class funding to help offset the costs.

Communication/Community Relations:

- Trustees attend the Rotary meetings and Chamber meetings to remain connected with a diverse population, share ideas, and hear all perspectives. It is good to have education at the table.

Policy Governance:

- One of trustee responsibilities is to review and approve student attendance areas and assure supportive learning environments for all students. Currently schools in PSD are at a 75% utilization overall. Administration will hire a consultant to complete a thorough review and submit a report; there will be consultation; implementation of any changes approved by the board would occur in September 2022 or September 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Stewart, Trustee