

**Graminia School Council**  
**6:30 pm Tuesday, March 8, 2022, in Google meets**

**Attendees:** Angie G (Chair), Amber Darragh(Vice-Chair), Kelly Heiser(Secretary), Treena Neuman (Principal), Erin Chessor (Acting Vice-Principal), Scott McFadyen(Associate Superintendent) Sheila Avison, Joe Leder, Tanya Vogel, Andria West, Jennifer King, Danine Regenwetter, Randy Boonstra, Angela Waterman, Paige Schriner, Andrea Smith, Katrina Jackson, Darren & Amy Hudson.

**1. Meeting Called to Order and Introductions**

- 1.1. Angie G Called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and gave a brief explanation of what the Council is and a reminder that some information goes out in advance.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- 2.1. Randy B made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Amber D seconded. Carried.

**3. Review of February Minutes**

- 3.1. Sheila A made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Amber D seconded. Carried.

**4. Special Guest - Associate Superintendent Scott McFadyen**

4.1. Provincial School Funding and Insurance

- 4.1.1. The budget was announced on February 24th but we don't have specific numbers yet.
- 4.1.2. WMA-decrease flow of money from smaller boards to larger growing boards
- 4.1.3. New students are funded at 50% in the first year, 30% in the second year, and the last 20% in year three. For a growing board like Parkland, this is difficult as it takes 3 years to get full funding for a student.
- 4.1.4. The allocation model for funding to schools is based on enrollment; small rural schools get a base amount to ensure the quality of education can be met. Infrastructure needs are prioritized by the need to provide a safe and acceptable environment for students. In October if a school is having a problem meeting its needs it can be re-evaluated.
- 4.1.5. Just over 3 years ago our insurance increased 278% for a property. A committee of 10 formed the ARMIC(Alberta Risk Managed Insurance Consortium) chaired by Mr. McFayden. This consortium works to get better insurance and premiums for school boards.
- 4.1.6. 10% of the transportation budget needs to come from fees. The board did vote in favor of a small increase in fees to keep in line with inflation and rising costs.
- 4.1.7. <https://www.psd.ca/download/383965>
- 4.1.8. <https://www.psd.ca/board/board-meetings>

**5. Trustee Report- Amee Hennig**

- 5.1. Not in attendance.

**6. Principal's Report-Treena Nueman**

6.1. School Funding

6.1.1. Specialized funding

- 6.1.1.1. PUF funding based on coding moved to a % of school division students with complex needs requiring specialized funding.

6.1.2. Overall School Budget

- 6.1.3. Base allocation is helpful but the WMA means we don't have full funding for all our enrolled students. This means hard choices must be made on what to prioritize; staffing, class size, specialized programming, etc.

6.2. Registration Completion

- 6.2.1. Please complete your child(rens) registration online asap. Our secretaries are calling to support and remind parents. Registration numbers are needed

- for planning and budgeting for next year.
- 6.3. Update on Purchases
    - 6.3.1. C-Pens-8 in the school being used to support students who struggle with word decoding.
    - 6.3.2. F&P reading kits for grade 3,4,5 and 6 out in classrooms and being used
    - 6.3.3. Working to finalize decision on FM systems
    - 6.3.4. Recess bins Admin and Mr. Danielson are putting together
    - 6.3.5. Yoga
    - 6.3.6. 80% of skis have been delivered
  - 6.4. Kindergarten Test Run -
    - 6.4.1. This will allow students and parents to visit the classroom and “try-out” kindergarten. There will be a one-hour time slot where students “go to class” and caregivers come for a small tour
    - 6.4.2. Sign-up would be shared through the emails provided at registration. We would hope to host this towards the end of May or the beginning of June on a Tuesday or Thursday.
  - 6.5. Spring League - begins in May with Mr. Danielson coordinating.
  - 6.6. Parent Volunteering will begin happening following the [Administrative Procedure](#)
    - 6.6.1. Teachers will first look to find cross-graded supports when available and appropriate.
    - 6.6.2. We will work slowly to build opportunities for parent volunteering
    - 6.6.3. There are forms for confidentiality and criminal records checks that need to be completed for certain situations.
  - 6.7. Visitors to the School Building: [From the PSD Guidance for School Re-entry:](#)
    - 6.7.1. “Non-essential visitors will gradually be welcomed back into Parkland School Division Schools”
    - 6.7.2. All visitors must sign in at the office during school hours regardless of the reason
    - 6.7.3. Students, other than gr 7-9, will still play outside prior to the bell ringing in the morning, parents will continue to drop off students outside their designated
    - 6.7.4. The front door will remain locked during school hours for safety reasons due to sightlines and distance from the main office - please ring the bell or call and the secretaries will come and let you in :)
    - 6.7.5. If wanting to speak with your child's teacher, please book a meeting to ensure they are available
  - 6.8. School To Parent Communication - Some changes for the Spring to try and then get feedback for next year:
    - 6.8.1. Monthly Newsletters with a Principal's message and pictures and info about the upcoming events and classroom experiences.
    - 6.8.2. NEW \*\* School Facebook Page - weekly info and upcoming events, parents can join and share and get notifications
    - 6.8.3. Emergent emails are specific to the group being informed regarding the information being shared.
    - 6.8.4. A suggestion of having students help create a newsletter, pictures.

## 7. ASCA - Online AGM and Conference April 22-24, 2022

7.1. Please let Angie, Amber, or Treena if you are interested in attending. We will pay for 2 people to attend.

**8. New Business**

8.1. No new business.

**9. Adjournment**

9.1. Shiela A adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm. Tanya V Seconded

**Next council meeting date: April 12, 2022**

**If you have questions or thoughts that you think School Council should look at please speak to**

**Megan Foster, Angie Gehlert, or Treena Nueman**