

School Community Council and Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes

Aberdeen Composite School

Date: Monday, September 27, 2021

Location: Aberdeen School Staff Room

Call to Order: 6:45 p.m.

1. Attendance Call:

In Attendance: Deane Martin Gray, Grace Wudrick, Chelsea Baron, Jamie Wright, Carla Beaulac, Rachelle Regier, Jenny Guest, and Shari Chelack.

Absent: Brandi Tomy and Kelli White.

2. Elect New Positions / Re-affirm Positions:

Chair – Shari Chelack

VP – Rachelle Regier

Secretary – Brandi Tomy

Treasurer – Jenny Guest

3. Review Last Meeting's Minutes:

Action Item: Deane to review decals and their location with Jodi Levy (past chair of board).

No other questions in regard to last meeting minutes.

4. SCC Constitution

Reviewed by Deane.

5. Budget:

Financial Report: SCC has a carryover of \$1,231.66 from previous year (**Action Item:** confirmation/to be reviewed by Jenny Guest)

6. Committee Reports

School Report:

- ✓ Deane reviewed the school report;
- ✓ SCC is allotted \$2,000 every new year from the government. To be used for parent engagement, keynote speakers, school sport jerseys, collective books for parent/student engagement, etc.;
- ✓ Enrollment and Staffing:
 - 290 students enrolled, considerably down from previous years. 14 grade 8's moved from last year. Less enrollment equals less resources and more split classrooms;
- ✓ Timetable/Course Selection Update:
 - Four options – In-school learning, Spirit eLearning School, Learning@Home, and Home-based education.
 - New Quadrant Learning – four mini semesters. 9-11a.m. class, 11-noon class, and 1-3 p.m. class per quadrant. More parent/teacher interviews required with new quadrant system.
- ✓ Learning for Life:
 - Division of school goals to match the provincial goals (focus on math, reading, mental health and well-being for students);
- ✓ Extra-Curricular:
 - Senior Girls Volleyball team, Senior Boys Football team in conjunction with Wakaw, no Junior Girls Volleyball interest this year; and
- ✓ Focus for School Planning: Mental health for students, teachers, and community—with a focus on middle years needed. Continue to focus on family engagement.

Division Trustee Report:

- ✓ Grace reviewed the report (see also attached below);
- ✓ Everyone to wear masks effective as of September 14th, 2021;
- ✓ Pandemic Expenses: Ministry approved \$6.8 million, \$5.2 million already allocated. Main categories of spend are online learning, caretaking, technology, and supplies and resources (masks, etc.);
- ✓ Provincial Education Plan (PEP) – to include learning response, reading, and mental health & well-being sections; and
- ✓ Board strategic plan – to be developed as a three-year plan to extend to 2024.

7. Fundraising Ideas:

- a. Christmas Gift Cards (Action Item: Deane to initiate process, all agreed to do this year)

- b. School Dances by Cohorts (all agreed good idea, would like to implement, no action was directed at this time)
- c. Green Thumb Sale
- d. Christmas School Basket Fundraiser via Christmas Concert (all agreed good idea, would like to implement, no action was directed at this time)
- e. More Spirit Days (all agreed good idea, would like to implement, Deane mentioned the school is already planning more days this year)
- f. Movie Nights & Concession Available (all agreed good idea, no action was directed at this time)
- g. Outdoor Movie Theatre
- h. Magician (all agreed good idea, no action was directed at this time)
- i. Hypnotist
- j. In-school canteen and concession
- k. Welcome Baskets (should we reinstate this initiative?)
- l. Children's Author Visits with a focus on mental health, learning, growth mindset, and well-being (Action Item: Shari to reach out to Laura Lawrence & Kristin Pierce and give booking details to Deane.)

Deane has been working with Cargill and received a \$5,000 grant for breakfast program. Grant now \$12,000 as it was matched by a company. Feeding 60+ children at school now with this program. Ideas (fruit cups, yogurts, cheese strings, muffins...)

8. Important Dates:

3-Way Conferences:

Oct 6th (Grades 6-12);

Oct 20th (Grades K-8); and

Sept 30th (day in lieu has been removed due to new federal holiday).

9. Next meeting:

October 25th @ 6:30 p.m. @ School Staff Room

10. Meeting Adjourned:

7:35 p.m. by Deane.

11. Attachments:

Prairie Spirit School Division Trustee Report Notes:

PRAIRIE SPIRIT SCHOOL DIVISION

Trustee Notes September 2021



School operations – COVID protocols

- Prairie Spirit moved to full indoor masking for all students effective September 14. The school year started with masking for all students born in 2010 and later, as well as all staff. A provincial Public Health Order for indoor masking throughout the province came into effect on September 17.
- Prairie Spirit continues to work closely with the local Medical Health Officer to guide us in our safety plan.
- The Saskatchewan Health Authority is currently confirming updated processes to respond to COVID cases in schools.

Pandemic expenses

To date, the Ministry has approved \$6.8 million in pandemic spending for Prairie Spirit, of which \$5.2 has been spent or committed. The main categories of expenses are:

1. Online learning
2. Caretaking
3. Technology
4. Supplies and resources

Provincial Education Plan

The Ministry of Education has designed three interim Provincial Education Plans (PEPs) to span the period between the end of the Educational Sector Strategic Plan in 2020 and the full unveiling and implementation of the *Provincial Education Plan 2030*, which is expected to be announced in 2022.

The interim PEPs are designed to be a learning response to the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Learning Response

Learning Response is intended to consider the various ways that students experienced (and are experiencing) the COVID-19 pandemic. This will focus on supports to access and meaningfully re-engage in K-12 learning.

2. Reading

This plan acknowledges that some student reading levels and results have impacted by pandemic-related disruptions, particularly in the early years.

3. Mental Health and Well-Being

This plan focuses on supporting learning, practices and strategies to support mental health and well-being among staff and students.

Prairie Spirit schools are actively designed their plans to address each area throughout the school year.

Board strategic plan

The Board of Education is renewing the Division's strategic plan. As part of this process, the Board will be inviting feedback from parents and stakeholders. The plan will be developed as a three-year plan to extend to 2024.

Learning options

The Division is strategically providing options for families, based on their specific needs. Prairie Spirit offers and supports:

1. **In school learning** – Learning in one of our schools.
2. **Spirit eLearning School** - Spirit eLearning has grown and developed into an innovative online school with a unique approach to online learning for Kindergarten to Grade 12.
3. **Learning@Home** - Prairie Spirit's Learning@Home program provides materials for K-9 students and families who need an alternative to Spirit eLearning and Home-Based Education. A classroom teacher connects with the family to provide supports to meet the full SK curriculum and the individual needs of the student. Students regularly connect with the teacher for guidance, but the work is self-paced and managed on individual family schedules. To access Learning@Home, students do not need to have access to technology or internet throughout the day.
4. **Home-based education** - This is a learning program based in the home, directed by parents for their own children.

Communication to PSSD parents

- [August 23](#)
- [August 31](#)
- [September 13](#)
- [September 15](#)