

**School Community Council (SCC)
Meeting Agenda**



Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.
School Staff Room & Virtual Zoom Link

Members Present: Rachelle Regier, Carla Beaula, Grace Wudrick, Amy Orth, Jamie Wright, Steph Gray, Rachael Boyenko, Chelsea Baron, Skye Lennox Quiring, Jill Walter

Members Absent: Maryann Rempel, Shari Chelack

1. **Welcome**-meeting chaired by Amy in absence of a current president. Called to order @6:35pm
2. **Motion to Approve SCC Meeting (May 8, 2023) Minutes:** Chelsea moved to approve last meetings minutes, Carla seconded—all in favour and motion carried.
3. Reviewed SCC roles and responsibilities
 - Discussed funding. Every year the board allocates \$2000. Can be used for memberships, attending conferences, and communication public relations.
 - SCC constitution 5-9 members from community. May amend “member from Aberdeen Recreation Complex board” as this board no longer exists.
4. **Committee Reports**
 - School Report:
 - i. Kara Fafard has accepted new role with our Capacity Building Complex Needs team with the Division Office. Colleen and Haley sharing SERT and LF roles. Rachell Zurevinsky half time teaching grade 8 and 9 and elementary literacy.
 - ii. Cross country meet (Sept. 18), pancake breakfast coming up this Friday along with Terry Fox walk. Jr. Volleyball, Sr. Girls/Boys volleyball, Football (Wakaw coop)
 - iii. Edsby broadcasts would be better to get notifications for parents. Healthy Hunger available for Wednesdays. Proceeds going to playground.
 - iv. Little Foot Daycare running before/after school program (mini gym), Breakthrough PAC running Dance and Gymnastics classes Tuesday-Friday (mini and large gym from 6-8pm). Sunset Rangers 4H (Wednesdays meetings in Art Room).
 - v. Drop your backpack BBQ successful. Great feedback.
 - vi. Currently projecting a need for close to 12 EA's to support safety and personal care needs-current allocation is 8 EAs.
 - vii. Crusader Crew initiative started last year for high school students (8-12)—helps develop connection to staff members and engage in relationship building with their peers.
 - Financial Report: Amy read out funds from last year. Still haven't received money for this year.
 - Division Trustee Report: minutes attached
 - i. About an increase of 180 students. 90% of funds structure, transportation and staff. No reduction of staff but shuffling of staff. CUPE new contract signed June 19, 2023 in effect still Aug 2025 increase of 7.5% to pay especially EAs and support staff.

- SLT Report:
 - i. Haley and Mr. O helping with SLT.
 - ii. 20 members on SLT this year (grs. 7-12), lost three members due to graduation.
 - iii. Mostly discussing pancake breakfast “lunch” then do Terry Fox Walk.
 - iv. Funding still to be known then will go ahead and plan.

5. Old SCC Business / Old Action Items

6. New SCC Business:

- PSSD Strategic Plan Review
 - Our Vision “Learners for Life” Our Mission “Inspiring a lifelong love of learning
 - Hand out provided by Amy
- Playground Update -decided to bring down fundraising goal –will do more a ninja type structures.
 - Mark (shop teacher) will build covered structure in shop class in Spring
 - First Stop getting drawings of structures.
- School Goal Feedback
 - Extra Cur—(i.e. drama, theatre) making it more diverse
 - Communication with community
 - More hand-ons when it come to Indigenous learning
- Picking President, Vice President and Secretary
 - Chelsea Baron president
 - Jamie Wright vice president
 - Rachelle Regier secretary

7. Next meeting: Thursday, Oct 26 @ 6:30pm

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm by Amy Orth

*attached from Grace
Trustee Notes
June 2023
Prairie Spirit Budget 2023/24

- The Prairie Spirit Board of Education approved its 2023/24 budget at the last Board meeting of the school year on Monday, June 19.
 - The balanced budget was achieved through ongoing strategic reductions, conservative budgeting practices and the use of unrestricted reserves.
 - With additional funding announced by the provincial government in May, Prairie Spirit will receive an increase of 2.65% in provincial funding over the previous year. The Division's funding is based on a projected enrolment of 12,159 students in 2023/24, an increase of approximately 180 students over the previous school year.
 - The Division is expecting a 3% increase in expenses, compared to 2022/23.
 - In total, approximately 90% of Prairie Spirit's budget is dedicated to instruction, facilities and student transportation.
 - The 2023/24 budget provides targeted resources to support the Provincial Education Plan and the Division's Strategic goals.
 - There will be no Division-wide reductions to staff assigned to schools, although there will be the usual adjustments and changes made to school staffing, based on enrolment.
- New contract for Prairie Spirit's CUPE staff members
- Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) members in Prairie Spirit School Division have a new contract. The new contract was signed by the Prairie Spirit Board of Education and CUPE leadership on June 19, 2023.
 - The contract is retroactive to September 1, 2022, and in effect until August 31, 2025.
 - As a result of the new contract, CUPE support staff will receive a minimum increase of 7.5% over three years, with some employee groups receiving a larger percentage as the result of market adjustments.
 - The CUPE contract covers approximately 500 employees in Prairie Spirit School Division.
 - This agreement covers support staff throughout the Division who are CUPE members, including administrative assistants, bus drivers, bus garage staff, caretakers, computer technical support staff, educational associates, executive assistants and receptionists, finance staff, library technicians, and maintenance staff.
 - CUPE and Prairie Spirit leadership will continue to hold regular monthly meetings to support the strong working relationship between the school division and CUPE.