



**School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 24, 2021**

Item	Topic	Discussion	Time	Person
1.0	Call to Order		6:36	Terri-Lynn
2.0	Review and approval of October minutes – Any corrections?		2	Terri-Lynn
3.0	Review of Agenda		2	Terri-Lynn
4.0	Report Updates			
4.1	Chair/ Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Alberta School Council Association Meeting November 27<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	2-10	Terri-Lynn
4.2	Teacher report	<p>Brief update on what is happening in your class (anything new, interesting, challenging, or would like to share)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volleyball is done; very successful year – won league.</li> <li>• Outward Bound camping trip in October. Backpacked in Kananaskis.</li> <li>• In midst of fundraisers. Can do another Little Caesars fundraiser, looking into online orders only for entire school but would need Parent Council support.</li> <li>• Dec 13 next round of Co-op cards. More info to follow.</li> <li>• Bake sale this Friday Nov 26.</li> </ul>	5-10	Lynnette
4.3	Principal/Vice Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catherine has been creating blogs; posted on school website.</li> <li>• Basketball starting: 2 boys teams, 1 girl team, and co-ed team.</li> <li>• 2 people per player for game as per COVID regulations.</li> <li>• Parent teacher interviews via Zoom.</li> <li>• Parent council meetings being held back in school – hoping to start hybrid in January. Physically distance and masking for in-person attendees.</li> </ul>	5-10	Catherine /Joanne
4.4	Trustee	<p><b>Board Highlights Nov 9 Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Ralston School Presentation:</b></p> <p>Ralston School principal Stacey Nunweiller provided the board with an update on what is happening at the school. Some of the highlights include community consultation to develop a new mission and vision for the school, a community building project (as many of the students who attend Ralston School come from out of the country), and the implementation of new strategies to address parent and student concerns from the assurance survey that took place in the spring of 2021. One of the strategies included focus on student voice which involved extending the student council to include a representative from each classroom from grades JK-9.</p>	5-10	Graeme

Principal Nunweiller also spoke about the new Ralston School Prairie Rose Possibility project called Learning from the Land. A website has been created outlining the project in detail. The full presentation can be found in the November 9, 2021 Agenda Package.

**Prairie Rose Possibilities:**

Superintendent Reagan Weeks presented a report to the board outlining unique learning opportunities and programs across the school division. In total, Prairie Rose has a total of 28 projects that have been started with approximately 1,527 students participating across the division. The full list of projects can be found in the November 9, 2021, Agenda Package.

Committee Structures - item was tabled.

**COVID-19 Tabled Policy:**

Deputy Superintendent Mark Heinrichs presented an overview of the data collected by the school division related to vaccination rates of staff by employee groups, the letters sent to school division's by the Minister's of Education and Health and the ATA, the CMOH Health Order, legal considerations related to the implementation or lack thereof of a proof of negative COVID test or vaccination policy, and details on what other boards in the province have done to address the Ministers' request.

Trustee Lois Bedwell put forward a motion that would direct administration to develop a policy that would require staff who work directly with students to be double vaccinated or show proof of a negative COVID-19 test.

A second motion was put forward by trustee Shauna Vanderspruit to table the motion by trustee Bedwell. That motion was defeated 3-4.

The board discussed the implications of the motion put forward by trustee Bedwell including; the ability for staff to test, vaccine hesitancy, legal implications and board liability, potential insurance costs, clarification related to what is meant by 'staff' and a possible timeline for implementation. The motion passed 4-3. A recorded vote was requested.

For: Hogg, Cursons, Bedwell, Rooks

Against: Haraga, Dennis, Vanderspruit

Trustee Vanderspruit put forward an additional motion asking for administration to draft a letter reminding the government that the mandate for school boards is to make decisions for students regarding education, and that health decisions should remain the purview of the Ministry of Health. Further, the letter will include a

		request for financial assistance for boards to cover costs incurred when implementing a rapid testing program in schools. The motion was carried unanimously.  A letter has been shared with stakeholders with further clarification of the decision: Policy Decision Letter		
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Old Business</b>			
5.1	Power School	Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 4 – 6 updates don't happen as quickly as junior high. If you are interested in accessing, call Callie.</li> </ul>	5	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>New Business</b>			
6.1	Parent Teacher Interviews	Are the teachers planning to be at the school with having things online? Supper? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers will be at school for interviews – 16 staff (give or take 2).</li> <li>Parent council will coordinate meal plan.</li> </ul>	5	
6.2	Communication	How can we communicate better to parents about fundraising, events etc. Are teachers communicating to students to write in agendas? Can we go back to paper handouts to oldest/youngest child? What's App info to be shared easier way? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School has a new webpage provider; more user friendly. Will look into mainstreaming information this way.</li> <li>Could also send information out via paper copy.</li> </ul>	5	
6.3	Locked School Doors	Is this a school policy to have doors locked 100% of time? Is there a better system that doesn't ring throughout whole school? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 buttons – 1 is whole school, 1 is office only.</li> <li>Doorbell has been there for 13+ years. Only other option would be spending money to update (using light system, etc.)</li> <li>Having doors locked is Prairie Rose COVID protocol.</li> <li>Appointment needed if entering school.</li> <li>Locked doors also ensure increased safety (shelter in place).</li> </ul>		
6.4	Christmas	No School Program - Is Santa coming this year? Hot Chocolate? etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We can do a hayride. May cost a bit more due to insurance. Whoever provides the hayride needs to be insured also.</li> <li>Will do hot chocolate and cookies.</li> <li>Looking for a volunteer Santa.</li> </ul> How can we bring some joy into the holiday season? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not discussed.</li> </ul>		
6.5	Sports Pictures	School team photos/individual sport photos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a contact; \$20 per person which includes group and individual. This would allow consistency, so all teams have pictures.</li> </ul>		
6.6	Options/ Programs	Would like to brainstorm a list of activities/programs/options that we have in the school currently. Example - Maker Space, Art Academy, etc.		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are there programs or activities happening in the school that parents are not knowing what they truly are – how can we inform new parents on these programs, events?</li> <li>- Are these programs educational to our children</li> <li>- Are there any different programs out there that we are unsure of?</li> <li>• Held meeting beginning of September to share information and answer any questions parents have; however, only ~6 parents attended.</li> <li>• Maker space = leadership skills, learning new skills, show creativity and expression, soft skills for other curricular learning.</li> </ul>		
<b>7.0</b>	<b>HOW CAN WE HELP?</b>			
7.1		<p>What can we do to help bring some joy to the school? How can we best assist the teachers and staff this year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not discussed.</li> </ul>		
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	Next Meeting Date: January 19 <sup>th</sup> (hybrid option – in-person/online via zoom)	8:16	Terri-Lynn