



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS (COSC)
MEETING HELD AT THE PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION CENTRE
FOR EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN, ALBERTA ON 08 OCTOBER 2009**

ATTENDANCE:

School Councils

High Park	Ecole Broxton Park
Parkland Village	Brookwood
Spruce Grove Composite	Millgrove
Memorial Composite	Seba Beach
Keephills	Greystone
Meridian Heights	Meridian Heights

Trustees

Richard Gilchrist, Board Chair
Dorcas Kilduff, Board Vice Chair

Administration

Kelly Wilkins, Associate Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Elizabeth Simpson, School Council Chair of High Park School, and COSC Co-Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and providing an overview on the purpose of the Council of School Councils.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The 08 October 2009 Agenda was approved with one addition: Item 5 – Parent Conference

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 14 May 2009

The COSC Minutes of 14 May 2009 were not available. They will be considered at the next meeting.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Budget

Board Chair, Richard Gilchrist, provided an overview the Minister of Education's August 27th conference call with Board Chairs regarding the 80 Million 2009/2010 education budget reduction. Mr. Gilchrist went on to explain how Parkland School Division will be directly impacted, and explained that further budget reductions are expected for the 2010/2011 school year.

The Board will advise School Councils and COSC as more information comes forward.

School Act Review

The Minister of Education is undertaking a complete review of the Alberta School Act. School Boards are to have submissions in to the Minister by October 30th.

Board Chair Richard Gilchrist will forward to COSC participants, Parkland School Division's recommendations submission to Alberta Education for the *School Act* review.

COSC BLOG

Discussion ensued regarding the creation of a COSC blog and individual School Council blogs. This item will be tabled following feedback from individual School Councils.

School Council Chairs will take information on blogs back to council members to see if any are interested in a blog workshop.

PARENT CONFERENCE

It was requested that Chairs take the provided planning sheet back to their council members.

- a keynote speaker needs to be identified
- March 13th at Spruce Grove Composite High School was discussed as a possible date and location for the conference
- there will be a cost to participants to attend
- Rhonda Schumm, Council Chair of Ecole Broxton Park, will distribute further information to all Council Chairs.

GOAL PLANNING

1. Develop a communication and network resource list
2. Establish representation from all PSD School Councils

FUTURE COSC MEETINGS

Discussion ensued regarding a one hour time limit for COSC meetings.

A 90 minute time frame will be set for COSC meetings with a two hour time limit. Further agenda items will be deferred.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

NEXT MEETING

19 November 2009