



MEMORANDUM

Date: 02 November 2010
To: Board of Trustees
From: Ben Beil – Associate Superintendent
Subject: **Student Advisory Committee Minutes**

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees receives as information, the Student Advisory Committee Minutes of 19 October 2010 as presented at the Regular Meeting of 02 November 2010.



**MINUTES OF THE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION CENTRE FOR
EDUCATION IN STONY PLAIN, ALBERTA ON 19 OCTOBER 2010**

ATTENDANCE:

Student Representatives from:

Blueberry, École Broxton Park, Connections for Learning, Duffield, Entwistle, Graminia, Greystone Centennial Middle School, High Park, Memorial Composite, École Meridian Heights, Muir Lake, Seba Beach, Spruce Grove Composite, Stony Plain Central, Tomahawk, Wabamun, Woodhaven

Irene Goebel, Trustee and Co-Chair of Student Advisory Committee

Richard Gilchrist, Board Chair - Regrets

Dorcas Kilduff, Vice Chair

Robert Gillard, Trustee

Elsie Kinsey, Trustee

Kathleen Linder, Trustee

Darcy Kolodnicki, Trustee

Tim Monds, Superintendent of Schools

Ben Beil, Associate Superintendent

Emilie Keane, Acting Associate Superintendent

Bob Bruce, Principal, Blueberry School

Darlene Marcinkevics, Acting Principal, Spruce Grove Composite

Carolyn Jensen, Vice Principal Connections for Learning

Christine Janewski, Principal, Wabamun School

Sharon Smith, Teacher, Duffield School

Shauna Boyce, Principal, Memorial Composite High School

Shaye Patras, Principal, Seba Beach

Barb Holden, Vice Principal, École Broxton Park School

David Bridgeman, Principal, Entwistle School

Carolyn Cameron, Principal, Greystone School

Colleen Woloshyn, Principal, High Park

Bill Sykes, Principal, École Meridian Heights School

Donna Waterman, Principal, Stony Plain Central

Scott Johnson, Principal, Tomahawk School

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Goebel at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting began with the singing of 'O Canada' followed by a welcome to the committee by Trustee Goebel. Trustees and Senior Executive were introduced. Associate Ben Beil provided information of the purpose of the Student Advisory Committee and talked about the role of the Co-chair position that would be voted on later in the meeting.

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION – VISIONING EXERCISE

Associate Superintendent Beil led the students in a session on technology integration. Parkland School Division is working with stakeholders to gather information on the role of technology in schools today, how it affects and supports learning.

Students were asked for input on five questions:

1. How has the use of technology affected your learning?
2. In what circumstances is it most helpful to use technology to support your learning? What technology would have top priority for you in learning?
3. What are the challenges or obstacles to overcome as we move forward in increasing the integration of technology use to support learning?
4. What do you want to see in technology integration to support your learning that you do not have now?
5. Is access to the internet in rural areas an issue?

Group discussions took place on each of the questions and comments from each group were recorded. The summary will be submitted to Learning Services as part of their collection of data.

ECONOMIC STRATEGY PRESENTATION

Jay Northcott and Christie Kobialko from Spruce Grove High School and Matthew Ready from Memorial did a presentation on their experiences while attending the Economic Strategy Session hosted by Premier Stelmach in Calgary. Students from all over Alberta attended the session to provide input on questions about the Alberta economy in the future. Three key questions that the students were asked were:

What are we seeing today in Alberta economy?

What do we want to see in Alberta economy in 50 years?

How do we get there?

The group answered questions from the audience.

CO-CHAIRPERSON NOMINATION

Students from the following schools were nominated for the Student Advisory Co-Chair position: Spruce Gove Composite and Blueberry.

Each nominee spoke to voters on why they should be elected as Co-Chair.

Votes were tallied, and the Co-Chair for the 2010-2011 Student Advisory Committee will be Christie Kobailko from Spruce Grove Composite High School.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

School Funding

School involvement – spirit within school and Division

Transitioning Grade 9 to Grade 10

Drugs and Alcohol

Bullying

Teacher Techniques

Relationships – Teacher / Students

Class relationships – clicks

LAST WORD – STUDENT COMMENTS

Students had an opportunity to share their comments from the morning's meeting.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Goebel, thanked all participants for attending the meeting and congratulated the Student Co-Chair to be elected as Co-Chair of the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.