



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS (COSC)
MEETING HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR EDUCATION, STONY PLAIN,
ALBERTA ON 27 OCTOBER 2011**

ATTENDANCE:

School Councils

Blueberry School
École Broxton Park School
École Meridian Heights School
Seba Beach School
Stony Plain Central School
Wabamun School

Board of Trustees

Trustee Goebel
Trustee Cameron

Administration

Kelly Wilkins, Deputy Superintendent

Recording Secretary

Darlene Smith, Executive Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Rhonda Schumm, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Tammy Suteau that the Agenda be approved as amended. Seconded by Leighann Wolkowski. CARRIED

Add: Advocacy – Resolutions for ASCA AGM

Add: Learning Opportunities - Parent Seminars

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 26 MAY 2011

Moved by Arlene Fieldhouse that the Minutes of 26 May 2011 be approved as presented. Seconded by Tammy Suteau. CARRIED

4. ASCA PRESENTATION

- Treena Boymook from Alberta School Councils' Association gave a detailed presentation on the new ASCA Website. Highlights included information sessions available free of charge to School Councils, submission of resolutions, resources, tutorials and the availability for school councils to create their own webpage on the ASCA website.

OLD BUSINESS

5. ASCA Website & Workshops (Rhonda Schumm)

- Covered in Treena Boymook's presentation.

6. COMMUNICATION – EMAIL ADDRESSES (Kelly Wilkins)

- Each school website has a page devoted to its School Council. Content should be reviewed. School Council Chairs who wish to update information should advise the Principal who will in turn contact Paula Whebby with the updates.
- PSD has created a School Council email account for each school for use by each School Council Chair person(s), accessible via web mail. Chairs must complete a Computer Acceptable Use Agreement, forward it to the IT Dept., who will in turn assign a password.

7. UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES / PARENT SEMINARS

- Blueberry will be hosting sessions on Tourettes and Suicide Prevention
- All schools are encouraged to open up their parent/community learning opportunities to parents from other schools.
- The following schools are offering parent seminars:
Woodhaven - January 31 at 6:45 pm
High Park - February 1 at 6:45 pm

8. BOARD REPORT (Irene Goebel)

- System review is underway and focusing on Spruce Grove. The Trustees continue to be concerned about the other areas but have Spruce Grove as a priority. The Board has made 2 boundary changes ((Urban – South Creek subdivision NE1/4 Sec 30-52-27-4 and the adjacent west quarter NW1/4 Sec 30-52-27-4) in order to direct new students to Stony Plain Central from High Park School.
- Trustees attended a recent Public School Board Association of Alberta meeting and enjoyed Dr. John Weins who spoke about the role of Trustees including the characteristics of Humility, Hospitality, Happiness, Honor and Hope. A highlight of the conference was the Lois Hole Lecture by The Honourable Donald S. Ethell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.
- Superintendent Tim Monds has been invited to join a Canadian delegation to Japan - Nov. 5-15.

9. CONFIRMATION OF SUGGESTED MEETING DATES

The following dates were confirmed for COSC Meetings, 7:00-9:00 PM

- November 24
- January 24
- February 21
- March 15
- May 10

There was discussion about perhaps inviting Principals to a future meeting.

10. COSC LEADERSHIP (Rhonda Schumm)

Discussion was held regarding how the School Council members present felt that the chair should be handled this year. Arlene suggested that Rhonda fulfill the position. There was general consensus that Rhonda would be an appropriate chair who could offer consistency. Rhonda volunteered to accept the position of Chair.

11. WEBINAR DISCUSSION (Rhonda Schumm)

Several people participated in the ASCA webinar. A couple of people were not able to get into the Webinar however there was general discussion that the Webinar was very good and participants look forward future Webinars.

12. RECOGNITION OF CORPORATE GIFTING

This will be a discussion item for next meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm