



Peace Wapiti Public School Division

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2024 - Joint School Councils Meeting - 06:30 PM

1. Meeting Logistics

Google Meet joining info

<https://meet.google.com/tqb-ikkm-zhq>

2. Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Board Chair Grant

3. Land Acknowledgement (Tr. Grant)

We acknowledge that we are on the homeland of many diverse First Nations and Métis people and their ancestors here in Treaty 8 Territory.

4. Welcome and Introductions (Tr. Grant)

Members of the PWPSD Board of Trustees and Executive were introduced.

5. Division Update (Tr. Grant)

Trustee Grant shared highlights from the PWPSD Division Update (attached) with attendees.

6. ASCA Conference and AGM Information (Tr. Grant)

Trustee Grant reviewed the information regarding the Alberta School Council Association Conference and AGM. She also noted that School Council Chairs can grant their proxy vote to another parent representative from an alternate school council that is attending the AGM who will be able to vote on their behalf. The Proxy Voting Form must be completed and submitted to ASCA by April 18, 2024, at 5 p.m.

7. Tri-District Career Coordinator (Brian Gillis)

Brian Gillis introduced himself and reviewed his role with the tri-district and CAREERS: The Next Generation. He noted that his role is to inform parents and students of all pathways and options that are available for students to take in high school. This knowledge may enable students to take courses or work experience in advance of post-secondary education. Brian reviewed the following options:

- work experience
- registered apprenticeship program
- paid internships
- green certificate
- dual credit program

8. PWPSD Assurance Survey Results (Dep. Supt. Young)

Deputy Superintendent Young noted that after discussion with the Board of Trustees, it was determined that an internal survey completed with students, parents, and staff would net beneficial results and could impact the delivery of education and culture within the schools. The survey was rolled out in April 2023. He reviewed data from the 2023 PWPSD Assurance Survey, noting areas that the Division excels at, as well as areas of improvement.

9. Mental Health and Wellness Update and Interactive Presentation (Asst. Supt. O'Shea)

The PWPSD Mental Health and Wellness Team reviewed the work they are doing with the student population, including the Tiers of Support and how students can access the supports they need.

Ashley Mercer, Megan Stevenson, Heather Logan, Heather Craigdallie and Melodie McCracken attended the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

11. Facilitated Discussion Lead by Administrators

- What do you feel are the main contributing factors impacting children's mental health and wellness right now?
- If Peace Wapiti Public School Division were to offer parent information sessions, would you commit to attending?
 - When would you be most available to attend?
 - What topics would be most helpful?
 - Do you prefer virtual or in person? Explain your preference.
- Do you feel informed as a parent about the career education, high school pathways and post-secondary opportunities available to students in our school division? What further information would you like to know?
- What were you hoping to hear about tonight that wasn't presented? How can we improve the Joint School Council meeting?