



Meeting Minutes

Central Office Boardroom, Sherwood Park

Feb. 1, 2017

7 p.m.

In Attendance:

Jacquie Surgenor, Sherwood Heights Junior High & Westboro Elementary

chair

Annette Hubick, Lakeland Ridge

vice-chair

Tracey Cyca, École Campbelltown

Shauna Delaine, Fort Saskatchewan Christian

Nadine Duiker, Salisbury Composite High

Elwin Dziwenka, A.L. Horton Elementary

Shanna Eveleigh, Pine Street Elementary

Nadine Fricke, James Mowat Elementary

Becky Galbraith, Fultonvale Elementary Junior High

JP Grebenc, École Élémentaire Ardrossan Elementary

Krista Lammie, École Parc Élémentaire

Amy Johnston, Win Ferguson Elementary

Dean Johnston, Win Ferguson Elementary

Allissa Ottahal, Strathcona Christian Academy

Secondary

Trina Boymook, board chair

Corrie Fletcher Naylor, communications specialist

Lynn Johnston, president, Alberta Teachers'

Association Local

Mark Liguori, superintendent

Eileen Zimmerman, associate superintendent

Heather Wall, trustee

Welcome

Jacquie Surgenor, the COSC chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. With COSC secretary Laura Comfort absent, Jacquie Surgenor asked for a volunteer to take the minutes. There were no volunteers, however, Annette Hubick and Jacquie Surgenor agreed to take notes and compile general minutes.

Additions to the Agenda

Surgenor asked if there were any additions to the Feb. 1, 2017 agenda. No additions were brought forward.

Motion: To accept the Feb. 1, 2017, agenda as presented.

Moved: Elwin Dziwenka

Seconded: Becky Galbraith

Motion Carried

Approval of the Jan. 11, 2017 Minutes

Surgenor asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the Jan. 11, 2017, meeting. She thanked Hubick for completing the minutes.

- No changes were made.

Motion: To accept the Jan. 11, 2017, minutes as is.

Moved: Becky Galbraith

Seconded: Shanna Eveleigh

Motion Carried

Board Report: Presented by Trina Boymook, board chair, EIPS

Trina Boymook presented the Board Report. Highlights include:

- On February 8 and February 16, the Division is hosting two public sessions regarding the boundary review for the northeastern quadrant of Sherwood Park. The boundary changes impact those students living north of Baseline Road and east of Sherwood Drive. Schools impacted by the review are Lakeland Ridge, Woodbridge Farms Elementary, Mills Haven Elementary, Pine Street Elementary, Clover Bar Junior High and Sherwood Heights Junior High. Information shared at the open houses will be posted on the EIPS website on February 8. Parents, guardians and community members can provide their feedback online.
- The Division is hosting two public meetings regarding the possible closure of Ministik School on February 7 and February 15. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the program will start at 6:30 p.m. There will be four breakout sessions with facilitators and recorders, and attendees will rotate through all four. On the second night, they will start with a “What We Heard” from the first night, which is an opportunity for attendees to reflect and provide further feedback. At the end of the second night, time is being allotted for a question and answer session with Superintendent Mark Liguori for those who wish to stay.
- The Boundary Exemption Request Process begins February 1. Students who are seeking a boundary exemption for the 2017–2018 school year will need to submit their application by April 7, 2017. Please refer to the EIPS website for a list of schools that have closed boundaries or specific closed grades.
- The scheduling of Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) is being done differently in 2018. Instead of writing a specific test on a specific date, the province will allow schools to schedule tests within a certain window of time.
- The Board has again agreed to sponsor one representative from each school council to attend the Alberta School Councils Association Conference (ASCA) and Annual General Meeting on April 28-30. Corrie Fletcher Naylor will send out further details so those who wish to attend can sign up. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will then register those individuals.

Discussion and Questions:

- Surgenor thanked the Board for this opportunity and their ongoing commitment to school councils.
- A member asked if the boundary review is something the public can vote on. Superintendent Liguori said the different options will be presented. In addition, there will be a table with Sharpie markers where attendees can draw their own boundaries and a flipchart where people can add their thoughts.
- A member asked whether both Ministik School public meetings were going to be the same or should the public attend both. Superintendent Liguori explained the first meeting would involve an information session, followed by attendees being divided into four groups and rotating through four sessions on different topics. The second meeting entails a presentation encapsulating the findings from the first meeting and responding to questions. Parents are encouraged to attend both.

ATA Report: Presented by Lynn Johnston, President, Alberta Teachers’ Association Local No. 28

Lynn Johnston gave the ATA Report. Highlights include:

- There are still tickets available for the parent night presentation, “Cybersecurity and the Next Generation” with tech expert, Amber MacArthur, at Festival Place on Feb. 9, 2017.
- Johnston attended a panel lecture on cyberbullying at Barnett House. She mentioned one scary aspect of the new online world is how kids are becoming targets for the collection of data and marketing. The session is [available on YouTube](#). Johnston will forward the link to Fletcher Naylor to share.

For Information

a) ASCA Conference & AGM: Presented by Jacquie Surgenor, COSC chair

- The ASCA Conference takes place on April 28-30, 2017, at the Delta Edmonton South in Edmonton.
- The keynote speaker is Chief Wilton Littlechild, a respected Elder and the chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He's speaking about fentanyl.
- Minister David Eggen is attending the conference and will be part of a question and answer session.
- The draft issue resolutions are on the ASCA website. We are discussing the issues during the March COSC meeting.
- Surgenor spoke about how the conference is an incredible opportunity and, how personally, it helped her become a better chair. She encouraged everyone to attend.

b) Strathcona County School Traffic Safety Partnership: Presented by Jacquie Surgenor, COSC chair

Strathcona County has formed a School Traffic Safety Partnership between EIPS, Elk Island Catholic Schools, Strathcona County and Strathcona County RCMP and Enforcement Services. COSC has two representatives who sit on this committee. Surgenor provided a few updates:

- The partnership has a new website: www.schooltrafficsafety.com.
- It's in the process of completing traffic plans for every school in Strathcona County. The completed ones can be found on the website.
- Councillor Vic Bidzinski brought notice to Strathcona County Council about implementing all-day school zones. The issue was brought to council before and defeated. It's due to come again next week, we encourage parents to contact their councillor to express support.

New Business

Presentation: Get Cyber Safe: presented by Jason Helgeson, constable, RCMP

Constable Jason Helgeson presented on cyberbullying. Key points:

- Snapchat is a popular app, but holds no educational value. Teens are using it to bully others and to send inappropriate photos. He suggests the "grandma test" to students: if you wouldn't show the photo to your grandma, you shouldn't send it.
- Instagram is another photo-sharing platform he has seen students send nude photos on. These are then easily shared with others or used as bribery to send more. He mentioned these photos are used like trading cards.
- He suggested the website www.PrevNet.ca.
- He talked about PhotoVault, a popular app some youth are using that looks like a calculator and when you enter a private code, it opens up a vault of photos.
- Kids are borrowing devices from friends and hiding them, or logging in to check their status and account and then logging out.
- He suggested people Google themselves as their employers would do that.
- He suggested www.connectsafely.org as a great resource with a "Parent Guide to Snapchat" and other online apps and websites.

- He cautions teens to be careful what they share since their best friend today can become their worst enemy next week.
- He suggested turning off location services for photos as teens have sent people a photo and then they can find out where it was taken and stalk the teen.
- He stresses talking to your kids and letting them know they can trust you and to help them when they're experiencing bullying.
- Surgenor added they were discussing Snapchat at Sherwood Heights Junior High's school council meeting. Her principal mentioned you can look at the battery percentage to see what apps your child is using. Some students will download Snapchat on their way to school and delete it on their way home so parents don't see it.
- Superintendent Liguori suggested school councils ask the question around what their school is doing about digital citizenship and how they are reinforcing it. He also mentioned they should start the conversation around handheld devices in schools. He said parents need to work with school administration to develop policies. Many students are addicted to their devices and have to look at it when it buzzes. He suggested [Simon Sinek's TED Talk](#) about Millennials. He also suggested reading an article published in *The Atlantic* entitled "The Binge Breaker," written by a psychologist who worked for Google. The article focuses on what will break people's addictions to their phone. Superintendent Liguori will provide the URL to Fletcher Naylor to share.
- Hubick added Lakeland Ridge has its new digital rules posted on the school's website.
- Constable Helgeson added the RCMP and School Resource Officers are available to present to EIPS school councils.

School Council Sharing

a) Challenges School Councils are Facing

The discussion was tabled because of lack of time.

On a **MOTION** by Annette Hubick the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

The next COSC meeting takes place Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at 7 p.m. The meeting is being held in the boardroom at Central Office in Sherwood Park.