

Muir Lake School Council

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Murray Marran

II. ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance; Misty Flynn, Ryan Flynn, Murray Marran, Lorraine Stewart, Heather Brownlee, Amber Dory, Tara Filliol.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Not completed

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Not completed, the secretary was ill and the minutes from last meeting were not available.

V. REPORTS

- a) **Trustee Report** – Lorraine Stewart provided trustee report.
- b) **Principal Report** – A) Budget has been filed and an explanation of how enrollment has impacted funding of the school. Staffing is a majority of the budget. B) PSD 70 will not be partaking in the Provincial Achievement tests this year, and have declined to pilot the draft curriculum. C) Heather Brownlee spoke to the continuation of supports being provided for speech and language services.
- c) **Council Chair Report** - A) AGM (Annual General Meeting) for Alberta Schools Council's Association (ASCA), Mrs. Flynn is welcoming input on the resolutions and will be attending the two-day conference. There is a link in the school memo Friday to review the resolutions and provide her input.

VI. OTHER

Discussion

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. with next meeting scheduled for May @ 7:00 p.m. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Heather Brownlee

Minutes approved by:

School Council Report, Muir Lake, April 20, 2021, Submitted by Lorraine Stewart, Trustee

Board Meeting Updates from April 6, 2021:

Check the Board Highlights that are posted on the Parkland School Division (PSD) Website:

[Parkland School Division \(psd70.ab.ca\)](https://psd70.ab.ca)

- The Board repealed Bylaw 1-2020 and approved Bylaw 1-2021 to accommodate changes to the Electoral Ward Bylaw
- Board Policy 5: Role of Board Chair was approved.
- The Board received a summary of the recent Student Advisory Engagement. The Board was impressed by the resilience of students and students expressed that they, like many others, are tired of masks and COVID, but they understand the need for the requirements and restrictions; students also expressed appreciation of how hard their teachers are working to ensure they receive a quality education amidst the COVID challenges.
- PSD will have a new logo, and the Board received information on the process that is underway to develop the new logo.
- The official PSD land acknowledgement has been modified to include written contributions of Makena Keenan, a grade 9 student from Prescott Learning. The acknowledgement has been put onto a poster along with artwork by Taelin Bird. All PSD schools will receive an 11 x 17 Land Acknowledgement Poster to be put up in their schools. Watch for it when you can get back into the school - it is absolutely stunning!!

Draft Curriculum:

The Board received emails and comments from our public questioning whether PSD would pilot the draft curriculum. There is a statement from Superintendent Boyce on the PSD Website notifying that includes the following:

Parkland School Division remains committed to doing what is best for all our students and appreciates the feedback parents and other stakeholders have provided to us thus far. Regardless of the draft curriculum content, scope and sequence, Parkland School Division has made the decision not to pilot the draft curriculum in September 2021. It simply is not in the best interest of our families and staff who continue to face the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Board will discuss our advocacy steps at an upcoming meeting.