



Muir Lake School - School Council Agenda
Library Learning Commons/Google Meet

7:00pm
April 15, 2025

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcome and Introductions**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – March 2025**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
- 5. Items for Discussion**
 - a. Muir Lake Education Plan 2025/26
 - b. Alberta School Council Association Annual General Meeting resolutions
 - i. Electric Bus Pilot (Lion Electric, Green Motor Power)
 - ii. Specific funding for specialist teachers (Music, PE, etc)
 - iii. Mandate annual data becomes available to the public
 - iv. Discontinue mandatory timed testing of K-3
 - v. Assessment measures for student success change
 - vi. Committee around digital safety - mandatory learning
- 6. Reports**
 - a. Trustee – Lorraine Stewart
 - i. Letter from Department of Transportation - requested an operational review of the area (signing, safety, etc)
 - ii. Reach out to Mr. Evans, manager of operational safety
 - iii. Letter to 3 MLAs - about meeting over loss of funding for FSCD and the impact that has on schools. Dr. Meg just gave a listing of the impact. Meeting on May 22nd with some clear and specific asks
 - iv. FSCD funding is under the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services (Jason Nixon)
 - v. Budget for transportation
 - vi. Determined trustee enumeration for the next 4 years, increase to the chair allowance and to the Health Spending Accounts
 - b. Principal/ Vice-Principal – Andy Fuñe/ Oriana Leithoff
 - i. CUPE Strike survival
 - ii. Next year planning is currently happening

- iii. Purchased 55 new ChromeBooks and 10 iPads
- iv. PAT requirement online - is there funding / budget allocated for it
- v. Track and Field Planning
- vi. Senior Choir off to Provincials
- vii. Sun Run leaving at the end of the month
- viii. One senior basketball player made the all star game
- ix. (From Deanne) - The jr. high band out of High Park is having a final concert
- c. School Council – Tori Pudde
 - i. Oct. 20th is the vote for municipal elections - Lorraine is running again
 - ii. Ed Planning Day is tomorrow
 - iii. Registered for 2 events using grant money
- d. Community Hall – Deanne Johnson
 - i. Community Hall garage sale - April 26th
 - ii. Spring Market - May 3rd (room for 2 more tables)
 - iii. New kitchen is up and running - the new range is in place
 - iv. Ball is still open for registration for kids and adults
 - v. Gophers

7. Adjournment (at 8:13pm)

Tori Pudde
School Council Chair

Transcript

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The meeting covered several key topics, including the approval of minutes and agendas, the education plan, and various resolutions for the Alberta School Council Association Conference. The education plan aims to incorporate Comprehensive School Health and outdoor education, with high student interest in outdoor activities. Resolutions discussed included a pilot program for electric school buses, mandatory funding for specialist teachers, public reporting of school data, discontinuing mandatory literacy and numeracy testing for K-3, and online safety measures. The board also debated the need for a committee to address student harm and the importance of developmentally appropriate assessments and standardized testing environments.

Action Items

- [] Review the resolutions for the Alberta School Council Association Conference and decide how to vote.
- [] Follow up with the education plan and send it out when ready.

Outline

Agenda and education plan for a meeting with no attendees confirmed.

- Unknown Speaker discusses meeting preparation, approval of minutes, and education plan with Deanna.

Education plan, outdoor classroom, and school well-being.

- Unknown Speaker discusses education plan, incorporating outdoor classroom and well-being for students and staff.
- Speaker plans to attend Alberta School Council Association Conference and Annual General Meeting to vote on resolutions.

Electric school bus pilot projects in Alberta.

- Unknown Speaker discusses pilot program for electric school buses in Alberta, mentioning potential health and climate benefits.
- Speaker expresses concerns about infrastructure and technology availability for electric school buses.

Electric school buses, range, maintenance, and charging infrastructure.

- Unknown Speaker expresses concerns about electric bus pilot program, including range and charging time.
- Speaker suggests amending pilot program to conduct research on electric vehicle assets instead.

Electric school buses, research, and safety concerns.

- The speaker mentions that there are more charging stations available in Calgary than in Grand Prairie, which may make electric vehicles more practical for daily use.
- The speaker's child was on a bus for an hour, and the driver was dealing with a situation involving a bag of shredded paper that had been dumped on top of other kids.

Funding for specialist teachers in elementary schools.

- Bus drivers struggle with lack of funding for specialist teachers (Kim)

School funding and public reporting.

- Unknown Speaker: School funding should be based on student needs, not school size.
- Unknown Speaker: Public reporting on school conditions is necessary for accountability.

Public school data transparency in Alberta, including class sizes, staffing, and funding.

- Unknown Speaker: "Everything out in the sun, yeah? Disinfectant, which is, like, it's like..."
- Unknown Speaker: "We do not have accurate numbers on how our public schools are functioning in Alberta."
- Unknown Speaker: "It's wild, right? Why? Who wants to know that?..."

Mandatory literacy and emergency testing for kindergarten to grade 3 students.

- Kindergarten to grade 3 mandatory literacy and emergency testing is advocated for discontinuation by the Alberta School Council Association.

Literacy and numeracy assessments for schools.

- Unknown Speaker discusses literacy and numeracy assessments in schools.

Education policy amendments in Alberta, including assessment tools and screening for learning challenges.

- Unknown Speaker: Alberta education to develop age-appropriate assessments (12:40)
- Unknown Speaker: ASCA advocates for fully funded early screening for learning challenges (18:30)

Modifying policy to ensure positive testing environments.

- Unknown speaker discusses Alberta school council policy changes with colleagues.

School safety, online safety, and student records.

- Unknown Speaker discusses changes to funding model and upcoming conference.
- Committee recommended to address online safety, including bullying and pornography.

School records, privacy, and sexual education.

- Unknown Speaker discusses school records, privacy, and consent for sexual and medical education.

School board committee roles and training for minors.

- Unknown Speaker expresses confusion over school board committee's purpose and training.
- Speaker suggests local context is important for addressing crisis situations in different communities.

Changing education policies regarding sexual health and parental consent.

- Unknown Speaker discusses changes to ASCA advocacy policy on sexual education, parental notification, and consent.
- Speaker mentions challenges in getting parents to opt in or sign documents related to their children's education.