

# School Council Minutes

## Blueberry School

### February 2024

Attendance	<p>Erin Craig (Chair), Jen Richens (Vice Chair)  Sarah C, Karlyn P, Cayla N, Kristy, Rachel S., Danielle M, Jacqueline C.  Trustee Hennig  Deputy Superintendent Mr. Francis  Michelle Visscher (Principal)  Twyla Badry (Assistant Principal)</p> <p>Online:  Sarah J, Jill D, Melinda W, Amanda G, Chantel G</p>
Meeting Start time	<b>6:30</b>
Land Acknowledgement	Read by Council Chair Erin Craig
Agenda Adoption (additions to Agenda) & Minute Adoption	<p>Guidelines of School Council Presented by Council Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Preset agenda</li> <li>● Raise hand</li> <li>● On-topic (according to agenda)</li> <li>● Respect thoughts and feelings</li> <li>● Time at end for questions, thoughts, idea</li> <li>● Add agenda items for March</li> <li>● Role of council is advisory</li> </ul> <p>March Agenda Items to Add - none at this time</p> <p>Approval of agenda: Sarah adopted and seconded by Karlyn</p>
Special Guest - Deputy Superintendent Mark Francis	<p>Breakout Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Guiding documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Education Act - gives broad strokes of legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ If no regulation, then use case law</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Regulation - not law, but force of law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ie) Standards for Seclusion and Physical Restraints</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ie) Guidelines for Time-out</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Make school-based rules from these documents</li> <li>● Sensory rooms are a little newer - a space for some students who need either more or less stimulation</li> <li>● Spaces in schools are often multi-purpose (assessments, working with an Educational Assistant, working through a recess issue with a teacher etc)</li> <li>● Seclusion rooms - only 4-5 in PSD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Strictly regulated</li> <li>○ Staff member has hand on button to keep it locked, fire safety in mind</li> <li>○ Parent awareness and consent; clear reporting to ministry when used</li> <li>○ None are present in Blueberry School</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Open Floor Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What kind of a room is this at Blueberry? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Multipurpose</li> <li>○ Uses: One-on-one assessments, students use small group or individually</li> </ul> </li> <li>● What is expectation of communication? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ongoing and different forms (email, phone call, IEP, behaviour plan)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Are staff trained to support students with extreme behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes, Staff have non-violent crisis intervention training</li> </ul> </li> <li>● How many rooms are there in the school? How many can you see from the outside? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There are many spaces that are used for various reasons. Tours of the school can be facilitated if anyone would like. Some windows have frosting because of lockdown protocols.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Supervision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Active supervision is expected when learning spaces are in use</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Are there sensory rooms in the division that we can use as a model? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes, pictures can be provided from others schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Is there a need for items to support the development of the sensory room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Administration will let community know if there is a need</li> <li>○ Fundraising would go through the school for a specific purpose - donations can be targeted to this purpose</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Is there an opportunity to meet with the administration further? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes, contact Michelle for a meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>Chairperson Report</p>	<p>Erin Chairperson report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● COSC Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deputy Superintendent Francis shared about discipline</li> <li>○ Student responsibilities and parent responsibilities - go through code of conduct at home - reviewed in school, accessible online</li> <li>○ Goal of district is not to punish - it's to support behaviour</li> <li>○ Discipline is progressive</li> <li>○ School cannot share anything about a child that is not yours</li> <li>○ Go to admin or school board for clarity and support</li> </ul> </li> <li>● IBM Tech Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Will report back to district in March</li> <li>○ How are we using tech in classroom?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● District Calendar out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aug. 28 students are back</li> <li>○ Dec. 20 last day</li> <li>○ Spring Break spans first week in April</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Board received 3.3 million dollars by Jordan's Principle Funding for Indigenous students</li> <li>● Moving towards no report card, as Powerschool gives us live reporting and commenting</li> <li>● Can still get a printout if parents prefer</li> </ul> <p>Jen - Vice Chair Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mathathon</li> <li>○ Staff appreciation lunch</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>

Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● February 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Registration opens today - secretaries can help with that, if needed - deadline is Mar. 22</li> <li>○ Alberta Education Assurance Survey - grades 4 and 7 students/parents - deadline is Mar. 1</li> <li>○ Try A Trade Event - Mar. 8; 4 of our students will be participating</li> <li>○ Kindergarten Open House - this Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:00pm</li> <li>○ Winter Walk Day was last week</li> <li>○ Div 1 led assembly tomorrow at 11:00 focused on Jump Rope for Heart</li> <li>○ Running Room Games for Gr. 5-9</li> <li>○ Basketball finals are first week in March</li> <li>○ Jr High ski trip at Marmot - March 1</li> <li>○ Choral Celebration - Mar. 18</li> <li>○ Artist in Residence - Angela Hall happening now</li> <li>○ Student artwork in hallways</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Invite council to be present at Spring Concert so community knows who they are</li> </ul>
Trustee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Role of Trustee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Elected</li> <li>○ Governance and policy</li> <li>○ Mandates from government</li> <li>○ Not part of Daily Operations of schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>● In high school, program called “Building Futures” through CFL, where students are involved in building a home</li> <li>● Calendars on website - note that Entwistle and Athabasca Delta calendars are not the same as ours</li> <li>● Calendar for next year is out and on the website - survey info is taken into account before approval</li> <li>● Truth and Reconciliation Day - no classes on this date next year</li> <li>● ASCA - elections for the board this year</li> <li>● ASCA Conference coming up - \$6000 for school council members within PSD to attend</li> <li>● Tomorrow is monthly Board Meeting - also live streamed</li> </ul>	Action Items: <p>None at this time</p>
Agenda Items Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● COSC presentation about Social Media before Christmas - on PSD website</li> <li>● Test Anxiety Presentation (Miss Farah) last month - on the Blueberry page - “Test Taking Strategies”</li> <li>● ASCE Grant and ASCA Conference - April 26-27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$500 ASCE grant could go toward the conference fee or for something else (such as parent workshops)</li> <li>○ \$500 application to PSD to use towards conference fee</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Criterion Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gives us copyright permissions</li> <li>○ Family movie nights a possibility</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Staff Appreciation Sub-Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Erin and Sarah</li> <li>○ Fundraising does the fundraising</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Time for Farah to present to classes</li> <li>● Access to these strategies on Google Classroom</li> <li>● Erin will put links for conference and for workshops in council notes so parents can make informed decision before</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council organizes and sets up</li> <li>○ Usually May PD (May 17)</li> <li>○ Let Erin know if you would like to help with this</li> <li>● March Presentation - Associate Superintendent Scott Johnston - Peer Relationships</li> </ul>	vote next meeting
Next Meeting Date	March 11, 2024 at 6:30pm	
Adjournment	<b>8:27pm</b>	
Agenda Items scheduled to next meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Associate Superintendent Scott Johnston - Peer Relationships</li> <li>● ASCE Grant - how to use the \$500 - Vote</li> </ul>	