

School Council Meeting Minutes March 10th, 2025

Attendance: Cheryl Kalev, Jackie Heide, Shelby Shortneck, Miranda Cameron, Kayleigh Rempel, Jodeen Swan, Taylor Liivam, Adrielle Chenard, Nancy Lublinkhof, Penny Loughheed, Trisha Clough, Dawn Sinclair

Call to order time: 6:31 pm

Previous Meeting - [Jan 25th meeting minutes](#)

The meeting minutes are always available for viewing in a binder at the office. They are also posted on our school website.

Trustee Report- 2025-2026 WRSD Staff Calendar

The Board approved the [2025-2026 School Calendar](#) as presented. The calendar provides for a staggered start for students, beginning after the long weekend. Also, September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will not be a school day for students and staff. Input from school staff, the Indigenous Education Team and Elders guided us in this decision. The calendar also has scheduled professional development days that are different from north to south, which allows divisional resource people more opportunities to work with schools and for teachers to be able to observe other teachers in action.

New Superintendent of Schools

The Board passed a motion to notify the Minister of Education of our appointment of Jodie Mattia as the new Superintendent of Schools for Wild Rose School Division. Read the full [news release](#) for more details.

Trustee Activities

Trustees shared the highlights from their parent council, Alberta School Board Association, and Public School Board Association meetings. The Trustees discussed the first day of Breton High School students at the Warburg School, where the students and staff were made welcome and it was a great start at their new temporary location

[Superintendent's Report](#)

Drayton Valley Community Collegiate School, Grade 7-12 Curriculum Rollout, Capital Projects, WRSD's Wellness Shift featured in Leaders & Learners, Indigenous Education

Principal Report - Grade 3 and 6 are currently doing their swimming lessons. The younger grades will be in the spring. The pool was very tight for booking this year. We have had very few office referrals this year which is amazing compared to other schools in the province/division. Our referrals have also been minor in comparison to others. Our staff absences have been lower this year than this time last year. 84 students this year have missed 10% of their learning. There are various reasons for the student absences being reported and not just one main cause. Cheryl is wondering how we can get the parents more engaged in making their children's education a priority. Connection with the parents is going to be a big

help. Send a letter home asking for input from the teacher/administration. Jackie asked if we could post something onto the facebook page asking for ideas from parents. Maybe get some insight from the bus drivers as well on who they can see struggling to get on the bus and might give the teachers an idea of which parents they should touch base with.

Chair Report- School engagement session from WRSD has been cancelled. ASCA conference is online only and Brittany is registering for it. The recordings will be available for our whole council.

Old Business:

1. $\frac{3}{4}$ Ski trip - No $\frac{3}{4}$ ski trip. Part of it is Canyon's availability. Jackie has already talked to Canyon about next year pairing us with a highschool. Snow conditions have not been optimal. Jackie was a key staff member and has limitations so could not make it work. Touch base in September to find out what a ski trip should look like come the winter. One of the reasons we use Canyon is they use fake snow to help. They will talk to a few of the staff and see if they can come up with another idea for the students. Class size definitely plays a part in when we decide on what trips are planned.
Parent council had covered the costs last year for the ski trips but this year parents paid full for skiing and the parent council is covering year end field trips.
2. Inclusive Playground - committee needs formed. This is our next step in the planning process. There are a few grants that will match a current grant given. Kayleigh and Shelby will work on this.

New Business:

1. Options Feedback - This year was our pilot year for Grade 5/6 option classes. Maybe off<M~Z
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2. Staff PD- Red Deer Polytech has come out, Siva Training, Staff sharing amongst each other, AI training coming up in the next little bit. Any thoughts for next year's training? Emotional Regulation and Mindfulness, Dealing with court orders,
3. Annual Ed Plan-strategy meetings. Our teachers seem to really enjoy it and we do have high engagement.
4. Book Fair- There are other companies that do offer book fairs other than scholastic.

Upcoming Meeting Dates- Thursday May 8 start @ 6:30 pm

Adjournment Time: 8:07 pm