

**PARKLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**Wed 19 Feb 2025**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Amanda Spooner  
Jennifer Morrison  
Brenda Tyson (Principal)  
Doug McPhee (Trustee)

**Regrets:**

Pam Drydale (VP)

1. **Welcome/Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement.** 6:37pm
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Motion made by Jen, second by Amanda, all in favour.
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes.** Motion made by Jen, second by Amanda, all in favour.
4. **Correspondence Review/Update.** Nil.
5. **Principal Report.** Budget meetings with District, course selection before spring break, building next year's timetable. Learning Updates to be published on MyEd on 27 Feb 2025. Almost finished Gr 8 Middle Developmental Index, will start Gr 7 student learning survey, will be concluded by spring break. Basketball almost wrapped up, this weekend is Bantam regionals for girls, boys elected not to participate, hosting Gr 7 regionals next weekend. Gr 8 band trip Friday to Calgary. Feb 5<sup>th</sup> activity day went very well though cold, excellent participation rates, and second activity day next week on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>.
6. **School Trustee Report.** BCSTA did study (45 schools) on substance use and overdose in public schools, presented report. Issue is across province, key recommendations: policy development at provincial level for cohesive plan, substance use resources in particular for areas with lower population, expansion of Foundry BC services which provide support for mental health and wellness (hub for youth services aged 12 – 24, funding received for Cranbrook location approx. 4 yrs ago), ongoing funding required. Resources and reports at bcsta.org website. Letter in principle drafted in support of pickleball club dome possibly in conjunction with school property, questions as to cost, utilities, security etc. Warriors course 10, 11, 12 (counts for course credit) approved and will be offered next year, designed for Indigenous students, parallel course Leadership 10, 11, 12 (open to all students). Draft Accessibility Plan available on district website including reporting tool (students and parents), covers physical accessibility, language, readability, etc. Approved Sparwood rafting trip (Gr 12) Bull River. Looking at classroom spaces and daycare, and 'teacherages' in Elkford. Rocky Mountain Metis working with Metis Nation of BC regarding daycare. School Protection Plan (insurance provider for BC school facilities) current cost for Fernie Elementary School is \$34.5M, insurer will cover cost to \$22M (delta of \$12M). Middle March for capital branch authorization for \$10M funding difference to cover difference between cost of Amy Woodland replacement and funds that will be received from SPP. Budget meeting today. Committee day 24 Feb 2025, PD 28 Feb 2025, non instructional 7 March and spring break 17 – 28 March.

7. **DPAC.** New chair (Lisa Rodgers), Lies staying on as Vice Chair and Secretary but finished in October. Considering bringing Gary Tenaka back (child and teenage brain development expert and speaker) to present to district parent group, likely April timeframe. Catchment area discussion. Request from a parent to send out a survey regarding enrichment, PACs received.
8. **Treasurer Report.**  
Gaming acct: opening balance of \$25207.01. Withdrawals for 17 January cheques for chafing dishes and turkey lunch. Closing balance \$22645.61. Note any future cheques to be issued in the name of Parkland Middle School.  
General acct: opening balance of \$2126.14. Withdrawal of bank fee, closing balance of \$2122.14.
9. **Old Business.**
  - a. Playground Equipment. Met with Joe Tank. Blue Imp surveyed area and suggested one long structure. Quote for two sites \$20.5K for materials and \$38.8K for installation, requested new quote for single site. Jen to contact Blue Imp and discuss options for reducing installation costs including local donations, volunteer labour etc. Follow up on tether ball and soccer nets at next meeting, may need to defer given cost of swings. Amanda to confirm what gaming funds can be used for in swing project.
  - b. Digital school sign – update. Nearing end of life, wanting to replace. Note must be general funds not gaming.
  - c. IM Floor Hockey equipment purchase update. Ordered and received, kids very happy, range of sizes.
  - d. Teacher Funding Request forms – update. Jen to digitize version emailed by Brenda.
  - e. Learning Centre Reconfiguration – update. New form to be submitted once shared (Pam).
10. **New Business.**
  - a. Teacher Funding Requests. Nil
11. **Next meeting.** Wed 16 Apr 25 at 630pm in the school library.
12. **Adjournment** 7:41pm