

PARKLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Wed 21 May 2025

Minutes

Attendees:

Amanda Spooner
Brenda Tyson (Principal)
Pam Drydale (Vice Principal)
Doug McPhee (Trustee)
Sharon Heidemann
Kyla Cornish
Janice Bradshaw
Jennifer Innes

Regrets:

Jennifer Morrison (Secretary)

1. **Welcome/Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement.** 6:31pm
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Motion made by Kyla, second by Sharon, all in favour.
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes.** Tabled to Jun meeting.
4. **Correspondence Review/Update.** BCTF Magazine.
5. **Principal Report.** Running into scheduling difficulty with a grade nine dance on the same night as the final grade nine band concert, so looking into having Laurie potentially hosting the grade nines for two hours of their dance on the 18th then our spring dance will be on the 19th. Information will be sent out to families asap. We are doing an in-house grade nine celebration on June 20th, currently in the early planning stages. Activity day is a go for June 4th. Grade 6 transitions are in full swing. Visitation day Friday June 6th and letters going out to parents of grade 6 students with the information as well as letters going out to grade 7 students reminding them that they are staying home for that day. Parent meeting June 12th which conflicts with the retirement dinner. Community engagement night is Wednesday May 28th between 6pm and 7pm in the MBSS library; it provides families an opportunity to hear about district planning. It also gives parents an opportunity to make suggestions, ask questions, and provide input.
6. **School Trustee Report.** The BCSTA has put out a new report on the business of inclusive education which is good. One of the things that they did in the report on the inclusive education is they talked about the business of accessibility, which has always been a big concern for me, and it is bigger than just making sure that there are elevators. It's access to the information in a format that everybody can understand, so they are starting to move in that direction. At the district level we had the first reading on the budget for next year. We have two more readings in June (before the middle of June). We've got really hard working school administration and district administration/management. Makes the whole budget process relatively easy to work through. I was up in Fernie looking at the new elementary and it's in the design phase. It is 34 million and we're right in that refinement phase for design requirements. The district scholarship presentations are on right now, and it is the second batch with MBSS on Friday. We have done Elkford, Sparwood and Fernie. We have seen about 20 - 25 kids that are applying for

a district scholarship. We have retiring ceremonies coming up in June as well as graduation ceremonies.

7. **DPAC.** Nil

8. **Treasurer Report.**

Gaming acct: balance of \$22145.61, no change.

General acct: balance of \$2110.14 as of end Apr (\$4 bank fee withdrawal).

9. **Old Business.**

- a. Playground Equipment. Swings to be installed week of 14 Jul.
- b. Teacher Funding Request forms – update. Jen to digitize version emailed by Brenda. Recommend two intakes per year in order to prioritize requests (one in fall (Nov) and another in spring (April or May)).
- c. Learning Centre Reconfiguration – update. New form to be submitted once shared (Pam). Tabled for now; room has been reconfigured.

10. **New Business.**

- a. Teacher Funding Requests. Nil.
- b. Soccer goal nets – defer to June meeting.

11. **Next meeting.** Wed 18 June 25 at 630pm in the school library.

12. **Adjournment** 6:58pm