

Council of School Council (COSC) Zoom Web Meeting

Notes/Minutes from École Routhier School Location in Falher

Monday, February 24, 2020 @ 7 PM

École Routhier & G. P. Vanier Joint School Council

Present:	Alyssa Pollard	Diane Benoit	Melissa Portelance
	Pam Heckbert	Karin Scholl	Lynn Skrepnek
	Leslie Carbonne	Monique Dubrule	Tara Lea
	Shawn Oddy, <i>HPSD Tech Support</i>		

1. The meeting was called to order by the High Prairie location.
2. Introductions of Trustees and Meeting Chairperson were conducted and Explanations about how the meeting would run were given.
 - Acknowledgement of the lands of the Indigenous people was recognized.
 - Each resolution would be introduced. Each group would then go on mute for discussion of each resolution.
 - The Pre-Sort / OMIBUS process was described. For this meeting each school council will have to discuss each resolution and decide whether they would like to include the resolution in an OMNIBUS group of resolutions. If included it would likely mean that the school council voting would like to see it passed as the resolution stands. Or we can opt not to include it in an OMNIBUS motion which would mean we would like to hear more discussion or have modifications to the resolution which would take place at the ASCA conference before we can cast a vote on it. The resolutions would then be pre-sorted and those having 60% or more support from school councils across Alberta may be included in the OMNIBUS motion to save time for those that may require more discussion. The resolutions themselves will be voted on during the ASCA conference.
 - Door Prizes will be drawn throughout the evening starting with selecting a location first and then drawing a name.
3. Resolutions were reviewed:

Resolution #1 – Provincial & Federal Legislation related to Vaping Products.

YES - in Omnibus

After discussion it was agreed that all were in agreement about this resolution and we would vote yes to putting it in an Omnibus group of resolutions.

Resolution #2 – Diploma Exam Weighting

NO - Out of Omnibus

We would like to hear more discussion on the topic. Some background information. Some Post-Secondary Institutions are asking to use only the diploma marks for entrance requirements. Not all

provinces have diploma exams and Alberta students may have a preference in some places because of them. The weighting was changed relatively recently in 2015-2016 from 50% to 30%.

Resolution #3 – Consistent, Negotiated Price, & Bulk Purchase/Distribution of EpiPens

NO – Out of Omnibus

We would like to hear more discussion and also more specifics on procedures and protocols and liability issues. Currently it is believed a school division safety officer has purchased the first batch and has distributed to school. How many has been determined by College of Pharmacists depending on distance to hospitals and other factors. However for further EpiPen Replacement after expiry or use not sure who replaces them and it may possibly be principals.

Resolution #4 – Achieving Equitable Public Education

NO- Out of Omnibus

This resolution had an amendment. It is a very large resolution that covers a lot of information and it maybe should be broken into more than 1 resolution.

Resolution #5 – Support for Addressing Class Size & Complex Classrooms

NO – Out of Omnibus

We would like to hear more discussion

Resolution #6 – Informed adequate Funding for Classrooms and Schools

NO – Out of Omnibus

We would like to hear more discussion. It feels somewhat similar to Resolution #5.

Resolution #7 – Access top Funding for Public Schools and Public School Fees

NO – Out of Omnibus

We would like to hear more discussion. Funding tied to Enrollment Growth may not affect us as much as a rural school. The people present had a discussion about school fees and the amount schools are currently charging.

Resolution #8 – Prioritizing Funding for Education In Areas of High Student Density

NO – Out of Omnibus

There was discussion about the 60 minute commute specified in the resolution something that rural school divisions face as well not only urban divisions. We face these commutes not because of high urban density but for the other reason of low urban density. If there was increased funding for changes in the urban bussing system there maybe decreased funding in other areas that also may be a priority including rural school divisions. School Divisions also have to watch for issues such as bus driver recruitment and training which is difficult. The word prioritize in the resolution is scary because it means something else would be left behind.

Resolution #9 – Mental Wellness Curriculum Incorporation

NO – Out of Omnibus

Would like to hear more discussion. Access to Professionals may be difficult here. We do have some current supports here for Wellness including daily Phys-ed, Health classes, Wellness coaches & Learning Support Staff. However what supports our division has may be different then other schools across the province. Need to determine a balance of how schools, communities, parents, and health care systems work together to meet Mental Wellness needs. This is not something for just schools and teachers. This resolution may not be as clear as it would need to be.

Resolution #10 – Student Education Advocacy

NO – Out of Omnibus

Would like to hear more discussion. Currently our schools have Learning Support Staff. Not sure if this is available to all schools. Teachers of students and every other staff member of the school is an advocate of students that may need assistance. So maybe our school has already something in place to address this resolution.

4. Discussion of Special Resolution

A Special Resolution will be brought up and discussed at the ASCA Conference regarding Amending the By-Laws

5. Discussion

- Voting on Pre-Sort – a reminder that each school council has the ability to vote for the pre-sort so we would have two. One for each school. Alyssa will enter the pre-sort vote.
- Attending the ASCA Conference and/or AGM April 26, 2020. 2 members of School council can have registrations paid. Can Zoom into the meeting to hear and vote. Alyssa may be interested in attending. Will see if anyone else may be interested.
- Proxy Votes - If unable to attend make sure another school council receives our proxy vote.

6. Next COSC Meeting

- Comment – enjoyed the opportunity to discuss the resolutions and would like the opportunity to do so again next year.
- A survey will be sent out to school councils to ask about the COSC Meeting format.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Thanks to all that attended.