

**Pioneer Middle School - School Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
February 5, 2024

1. Call to Order: 7:00pm
2. Attendance: Jackie Janes, Corrina Ross, Jenna Morrish, Nicole Heath, Lacey Brown, Jackie Rogers, Michelle Anderson
3. Additions to the Agenda - none
4. Approval of minutes  
January Minutes- approved by Lacey Brown
5. Reports
  - Trustee (Jackie Janes) - See Board highlights handout from Jackie.
    - 2024-2025 Calendar - option 1 approved.
    - Busing
    - WRSD busing
    - Academies and Collegiates
    - Superintendent's reports
    - School crossing lights at ERE
  - Principal (Jenna Morrish acting)
    - Grade 7 Assurance survey, parents received this, students will do at school
    - Audio visual upgrades being discussed - through division office
    - Patrick still working on crosswalk lights
    - Ski trip - March 11
    - Dance last Thursday was a great success
    - Skating this week and next week at the arena
    - We got 4 classrooms worth of furniture from Drayton, and some tables and couches, stoves, washer and dryer, upright freezer
  - Teacher
    - Basketball season well underway
    - Teachers did 2 sessions of reading PD in January
    - Jan 17 - Quebec trip parent meeting
    - Jan 18 - Holiday concert was a great success
    - Hot chocolate and bake sale this week Thursday and Friday - fundraiser for ROAR
    - Feb 14-16 approx 11 students going to Alberta Honour Band in Calgary or Edmonton

- La chandeleur (crêpe day) - Feb 16 - Gr 8 FI class making crêpes to share with all students at school. Gr 6-7 explaining in English and French

- Chair

6. Old Business

7. New Business:

8. Next Meeting will be March 4, 2024 at 7:00PM

9. Adjournment at: 7:36

## TRUSTEE REPORT

### 2024-2025 School Calendar

The Board reviewed the [DRAFT 2024-2025 Calendar](#), and discussed the options presented. Option 1 for both north and south has the spring break in March, which aligns more closely with our Administrative Procedure, and Option 2 has the spring break at Easter, which aligns more closely with our neighboring Catholic boards whom we share teaching and transportation services. The board requested that feedback be gathered from all stakeholders on both option one and two in the south, and option 1b or 2b in the north.

### Value Scoping Proposal - Rocky Mountain House Schools

The Board passed a motion to engage Ehan Engineering in the value scoping process for our Rocky Mountain House schools beginning late February 2024, early March 2024. This value scoping will support priority two on our capital plan for a new right sized replacement school in Rocky Mountain House that will replace both École Rocky Elementary and Lochearn Elementary Schools.

### Drayton Christian School Society

Drayton Valley Christian School Society has requested the Government of Alberta grant an extension to occupy the current building they are in until 2026, rather than move to the new Powerhouse Campus. They are asking the government to subsidize WRSD to the 85% utilization rate in both schools for the two year extension period. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding this request, including the other costs associated with keeping both schools open, and how this does not support WRSD's capital plans to rightsize our schools. It was also noted that neither Alberta Education nor Alberta Infrastructure have reached out to Wild Rose School Division to request this major change to this project that they approved and have been managing over the past 3 years. This request from the Drayton Christian School Society has come with very short notice and at a time when everything is already in place for the move to happen within days, allowing very little time to accommodate if the Board did support this request. The motion to support the Society's request was defeated.

The Board also heard accountability reports from the Director of Facilities and the Director of Technology. Rocky Christian School brought a delegation to share the highlights from their last mission trip to Belize.