

Pioneer Middle School - School Council
Regular Meeting Agenda
November 4, 2024

Call to order: 7:02

1. Additions to the agenda: No new additions to the agenda
2. Approval of minutes: LaVonna approved the minutes

Reports

- o Trustee (Heidi Heatherington)

Breton School Modernization

The Breton School Modernization, which is currently in the design phase, was approved under Alberta Education's School Construction Accelerator Program, for construction funding. We expect that construction on the modernization will begin during the 2024-2025 school year. Once completed, this modernized school will be home to both our Breton Elementary students and our Breton High School students, so a new name to encompass both needs to be chosen. A committee was formed to recommend new names to the Board, and they chose Breton Keystone School as the new name for the modernized K-12 school.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity and Racial Justice

The Board heard a [proposal](#) from the Associate Superintendent, Business and Finance and the Director of Indigenous Education on an equity, diversity, inclusivity and racial justice program in the division. The Board approved the use of reserve dollars to help fund a program delivered by Dr. Shariff over a three year period. This program will align with [Policy 22 - Hate Speech, Symbols & Discrimination](#), which provides the framework for action. Currently, working with Dr. Shariff would be based on a three year timeline. The Board discussed the proposed timeline, who would take leadership of this initiative, and the way the project will be rolled out to all staff.

Accountability Reports

The Board heard highlights of the [Wellness Accountability Report](#) from the Director of Wellness. Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions regarding staff wellness, government grants, Family Wellness Worker caseloads, connection coach funding, AHS supports and funding to name a few. The trustees will continue to advocate for appropriate funding to allow schools to meet their mental health goals and maintain their successful programs.

The Deputy Superintendent presented the [Personnel Accountability Report](#), and shared key highlights including; the number of new teacher contracts issued, teacher retirement, teacher recruitment, staff transfers, support staff numbers, collective agreements and awards.

[Superintendent's Report](#)

Breton High School Modernization, ASBA Board Chair's Engagement, Social Studies New Curriculum Pilot, September Educational Assistants Professional Development, Year end audit for August 31, 2024, Powerhouse Campus Play Structures, Field Development, English as an Additional Language (EAL) Support, Students with out of country documentation, Indigenous Education

- Principal (Patrick Wilbur)

- New curriculum rolling out in grade 6 (social studies)
- There are a number of literacy and numeracy programs happening. Some are with the whole class others are a pull out program with a small group of students.
- Mrs. Chatwood has developed a life skills program for some of our higher needs kids. Right now they are focusing on cooking skills and swimming.
- Parental sign off on IPP's and behavioral plans will be completed soon

Finance: More detailed report in December

Student discipline: Some things are bubbling to the surface with the grade 6's
In grade 7 and 8 there are a few groups where drama has developed that is causing stress for some students. The grade 8's are proving to be good leaders with strong skills as learners.

Education Plan Summary:

- On the measure of "Welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment" there has been steady positive growth in the past 3 years
- Grade 6 PAT results have also steadily increased
- Grade level of achievement (teacher professional judgment) has not seen the same steady increase
- Significant increase in APORI results
- RCAT (reading assessment) We have seen significant improvement in our RCAT results.

- Teacher (Jackie Rogers-shared by Patrick)

- Halloween dance, good turn out. The kids were really well behaved.
- Athletics: Volleyball will be wrapping up shortly. The first basketball interest meeting has happened. Basketball will start soon once volleyball is done. Archery will start in January.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony Thursday November 7th
- Report cards go home on December 6th. Interviews will be on December 11th and 12th

- Chair (Nicole Heath)

1. Old Business
 - No old business
2. New Business
 - No new business
3. Next Meeting will be: December 2, 2024 at 7pm
4. Adjournment at: 7:27pm