

Pioneer Middle School - School Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday April 14, 2025

Call to order: 7:00pm

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

Reports

- o Trustee (Heidi Heatherington)
Capital Plan - Approved at the last board meeting
 1. Rocky Mountain House - Right Sizing
 2. Aurora - DV - Modernization
 3. Caroline - Right Size
 4. Frank Maddock - Modernization

Edwin Parr Nomination - Joelle Vig from HW Pickup

Joint Municipality Meetings

- JUPA's
- Student Resource Officer Agreements
- Family Wellness Worker and Mental Health Programs

R.I.S.E.

- 2 students have been transitioned back into classrooms last year. We are expecting to transition 3 this year.

Policy Updates

-Policy 7 - Delegations - change suggested by our lawyer. Delegations should not be allowed in closed sessions.

-Policy 18 - Health Promoting Learning and Working Environment - AHS requesting that policies across the province include vaping as similar to smoking tobacco and drinking alcohol.

Umbrella School Council Summary

Foundation Statements

- Parent engagement on foundation statement - Survey sent out by Principals.

Budget Priorities

- Teachers and Educational Assistants were voiced as the most important priority

ASCA

- reviewed some of the resources available to all schools councils within our division.

The division pays for all school councils membership yearly.

- The Alberta Government gives every school \$500 for Parent Engagement - Which can be spent on speakers.

Transportation - Having a deficit budget in transportation due to exponentially increasing costs associated with transportation the division is looking at implementing bussing fees.

○ Principal (Patrick Wilbur)

Finances are still on track

Programming: We have two students going to the new CASA program that is housed at WCHS.

Staffing: Hosting about 120 teachers on the April 22nd PD day. New band teacher hired for next year. We are still desperately short of subs.

○ Teacher (Jackie Rogers)

Basketball divisionals and the ski school trip both went well.

Silent shamrock day on March 17th was fun for students

Grade 6's went to the legislature in Edmonton. Jason Nixon was unable to be there so he came to the school to meet with the students.

The winter blues jazz performance happened at WCHS with our pioneer jazz band

This week is the Kiwanis band festival in Red Deer

Thursday is twin/look alike day

Speech day is coming up after Easter break

Grade 7 classes will be going to Drumheller for a science field trip

○ Chair (Nicole Heath)

Nothing to report

1. Old Business

No old business

2. New Business

3. Next Meeting will be:

May 5th at 7:00pm

4. Adjournment at: 7:16pm

**Pioneer Middle School - School Council
Regular Meeting Agenda**

Mar 3, 2025

Call to order: 7:02

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

Reports

- Trustee

2025-2026 WRSD Staff Calendar

The Board approved the [2025-2026 School Calendar](#) as presented. The calendar provides for a staggered start for students, beginning after the long weekend. Also, September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will not be a school day for students and staff. Input from school staff, the Indigenous Education Team and Elders guided us in this decision. The calendar also has scheduled professional development days that are different from north to south, which allows divisional resource people more opportunities to work with schools and for teachers to be able to observe other teachers in action.

New Superintendent of Schools

The Board passed a motion to notify the Minister of Education of our appointment of Jodie Mattia as the new Superintendent of Schools for Wild Rose School Division. Read the full [news release](#) for more details.

Village of Breton

In response to the Village of Breton's request last month, the Board passed a motion to request approval from the Ministers of Education and Infrastructure to not demolish the gym and two classrooms of the Breton Elementary School. This would allow the Village to take ownership of the remaining building, along with the land it occupies, including the museum. This will provide the community additional space for recreational opportunities, youth activities, and a potential daycare.

Trustee Activities

Trustees shared the highlights from their parent council, Alberta School Board Association, and Public School Board Association meetings. The Trustees discussed the first day of Breton High School students at the Warburg School, where the students and staff were made welcome and it was a great start at their new temporary location.

Superintendent's Report

Drayton Valley Community Collegiate School, Grade 7-12 Curriculum Rollout, Capital Projects, WRSD's Wellness Shift featured in Leaders & Learners, Indigenous Education

○ Principal

- Shelley Anderson Presentation
Dopamine the molecule of more. Shelley has offered this as a presentation.
- April Meeting Date
Moved to April 14th at 7:00pm
- 2025-2026 School Improvement
Last year we focused on reading and this year we focused on writing. We are considering focusing on numeracy next year.

○ Teacher

March is Woman's history month, each class is doing something
RCAT's happening this week
Fiddle performance on March 10th at the Lou Soppit Centre
March 11th grade 6 divisionals
March 12th Nakiska ski trip
March 13th 7% basketball divisionals and Jazz band performance
March 14th report cards go out and basketball wrap up
March 17th Silent shamrock day
March 19th and 20th parent-teacher interviews
March 21st awards ceremony
April 1st Grade 6 Legislature Trip
April 7 (week of) Kiwanis Festival

○ Chair

1. Old Business

No old business

2. New Business
 - Change of April meeting date. April 14th
3. Next Meeting will be: April 14th at 7:00pm
4. Adjournment at: 7:38pm