

MINUTES

Your School Council minutes

May 21st, 2025/6:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Shelby Smigelski

In Attendance

Aileen Wagner – School Trustee, Ward Four

Cherie Lovsund – Principal

Michelle Villadsen

Sharon Shave - Secretary

Jessica Lutz

Shelby Smigelski - President

Andrea Barkhouse

Melissa Smith

Laurel Verlinde

Margo Gaudry

Welcome & Introductions

Shelby called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Review of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Jessica Lutz and Michelle Villadsen approved both the agenda and April minutes. The meeting was then turned over to Aileen Wagner. Aileen mentioned that their meeting had not happened yet therefore she had no update. The latest updates will be found on the Parkland School Division website. Aileen said that they were meeting to approve the budget for the school division and also mentioned that they are keeping very busy with all of the year-end events at schools. They try to make sure that one trustee is at each event they are invited to.

Aileen did have a question with regards to what were the latest developments on the road in front of the school. Mrs. Lovsund connected with Arvo Kotb from Parkland County. He advised that there will be an engineering team surveying the needs of the roadway in front of the school. The County will contact Shauna Boyce, Superintendent, for what is the best plan for the road. The plan will include potentially looking at the width of the road, crosswalk and lighting. Funding has been approved and the Engineers have a date of May 29th to start with planning.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Lovsund shared an update with regard to what is happening at Duffield School

New Principal

- Cherie wanted to let the DPAC know that she has had meetings with the incoming principal,

John Tyler and vice principal Tammie Sarauer. Tammie will be out to visit the school May 29th and John might be able to join her as well. He has already been out to introduce himself to the staff. Cherie has been working with them to have a smooth transition.

Bird Houses

- On May 29th we will be doing bird houses in the gym. This is the same day as the PAT's so we have ensured that this activity won't interfere with the tests.

Glass Art

- We had a lady from Creative Adventures come in and work with the students creating beautiful pieces of glass creating a story. All the kids really enjoyed this activity and this was a part of our Cultural Fees.

Renovations

- Over the summer new lockers, floors, and ceilings will be installed in the main hallway, to the left and down to the portables. Lockers will be half size but wider, we will also have countertops and bulletin boards installed. The front entrance will get a bit of an uplift with a wall and maybe a TV with all of our announcements displaying and special features.

PAT's

- May 28th and May 29th for our Grades 6 and 9's for the writing. This year we started something called PAT'uesdays. This helps the kids get prepared for writing. This year we have moved to an online model vs paper copies. We've been working through the glitches and the teachers have attended PDs for this so that this is a smooth transition. The results will be automatic after the test and will be less marking for the teachers.

Classrooms for 2025-26

- All of our classes will be straight grades except for our 2 / 3 class. The reason for this is so that Mrs. Satermo can continue with her intervention. This allows for the Grade 2's to go to one teacher and then the same for the Grade 3's in the afternoons.

Out of School Care 2025-26

- Licensing has finally been approved.

Development Plan

- Teachers and EA's meet on our last PD brainstorming what they feel is important.
 - Mental Health Supports
 - Clubs, parent led during the lunch hours

- Community Engagement, games night, fall harvest, etc.

Fees for 2025 2026

- Fees have remained the same as last year and have been posted to the website. The DPAC reviewed.

New Business

- No New Business

Shelby Smigelski adjourned the meeting @ 6:22 pm

Next Meeting: September, 2025