



**SouthPointe School Parent Council Meeting Agenda
Wednesday October 16, 2019**

Order	Item	Discussion Leader
1	1.1 Call the Meeting to Order 1.2 Additions and Acceptance of Agenda 1.3 Introductions (if needed)	Whitney Nerbas/Jamie Nelson
2	Principal Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Results Review- all stakeholders come together to discuss results and make an action plan for the future. November 22nd, 2019 at Lakeland Ridge at 1- 3:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.- Remembrance Day ceremony Nov 8 at 10:30.- Education Plan- We are on the 2nd year of our 3-year plan. See handout found on school website titled "School Education Plan and Results Report 2018- 20122." Discussed school goals, strategies to reach this goal and how this goal will be measure.- STEM Night on November 26, 2019 for more info please see the calendar.	Carol Brown
3	Elk Island Trustee Updates Welcome back everyone for another school year! How quickly this summer flew by. A number of uncertainties in our future:	Heather Wall

- Still no budget from provincial government means uncertainty around funding envelopes. We have done our best to start to mitigate changes, but with no budget until tentatively end of October (Oct 24th), we still don't know how that will fully impact us.
 - We have asked schools to stick to 95% of their budget for staffing, which did translate in decreased new hires this year.
 - There have been no details over the summer provided to Boards on what we can base our budgets on. We regret that we are not in a position to make any adjustments to the spring budget. We are not expecting to receive any information that will give us certainty of the funding that will be provided for this school year until the budget is tabled in late October.
- Blue Ribbon Panel calling for \$600 million provincial cuts to “balance the budget” – looks like education will be impacted but less than healthcare. Per news reports, Kenney has said no cuts to education or healthcare.

This year promises to be a busy one.

- Education Act and Regulation came into effect September 1, 2019
 - Bill 8 positive amendments to the Education Act include
 - Age of access – retaining provisions in the School Act
 - Parent residency – retaining provisions in the School Act.
 - Regulations amendments
 - School Fee and Transportation Fee, we see the elimination of the requirement for reporting to the minister and seeking minister approval of our fees prior to them being charged to families. This will reduce the significant administrative

burden both at the school and central level.

- Policy Work - assessing what the Board will retain under its authority and which ones that will be delegate to the Superintendent to address.
- Choice in Education Act consultation will be taking place with stakeholders. The Act is expected to come forward in the Spring.

The Board Chair hosted a tour of Sherwood Heights with the Minister of Education on Sept 9. A replacement school for Sherwood Heights is our top priority and we welcome an opportunity for the minister to visit the school to see firsthand the importance of this request.

- Meeting with Minister occurred with the Board on September 9. We discussed:
 - Challenges of providing both urban and rural education,
 - Education Act,
 - Education Funding,
 - Red Tape matters and
 - Capital needs.

Organization meeting was held on August 29. I'm honoured to serve the Board for a 3rd term as Board Vice Chair. Trustee Trina Boymook will be serving her 7th term as Chair of the Board.

Policy 24 Personal Communication Devices is now into effect. The Superintendent has updated Administrative Procedure 145 to support the Board's policy . Feedback from many schools, parents and staff that this has been a welcome change – one teacher stated that "it is like teaching in the 90's again, the kids are engaged in the classroom!"

Board retreat was held on September 17 & 18.

Strategic planning for the upcoming year and great discussions held. Policy work to be started after this board meeting as the committees will be set.

October 7th – 11th will be declared Read-In Week at the next board meeting.

	<p>October update:</p> <p>Still waiting on the budget.....</p> <p>Committees are set</p> <p>Trina, Jim and I comprise the Teacher Collective Agreement Negotiation committee (the reason I was unable to attend last month was a commitment to that meeting)</p> <p>November will be exceptionally busy with Results Review and many Budget meetings as we prepare for submission on November 30th (no timeline changes by the government, even though the budget is unknown)</p> <p>Late October we have a meeting scheduled with the 3 MLAs that serve our jurisdiction.</p>	
4	<p>School Council Update</p> <p>4.1) Teacher Appreciation Gifts</p> <p>Parent Council created teacher appreciated gifts before Thanksgiving as a quick thank you for teachers and staff. The goal is to do a small appreciation gift every 2 months for staff to show our appreciation. It was suggested that perhaps a coffee, hot chocolate and treats for staff in December. We are looking for ideas!</p> <p>4.2) Paint Night Update, silent auction. November 29 at Rostabouts. The room has been donated by Rostabout. Each sign purchased is \$20 raised for the school. Custom designs are available upon request. The event will be advertised on the school website, Parent Teacher Interviews and Facebook. We are currently looking for Silent Auction donations. Please spread the word!</p> <p>4.3) volunteers for parent teacher interview table. Kathryn Kelenchuk is the new volunteer coordinator. Please contact if you interested in volunteering.</p> <p>4.4) Family dance in early new year. Feb 21st is tentative date for the Valentine's Day Dance.</p>	Whitney Nerbas/Jamie Nelson

	<p>4.5 Parents concerned/complaints about School Pictures. The school has had no concerns brought to their attention. Parents are encouraged to contact the school with any complaints so that these can be passed on to the photographer. Concerns were also raised regarding time frames for pictures being released online. If there is interest, we will request a meeting with the company this winter. Another suggestion is to have a couple parent volunteers help next year to make sure students look wonderful.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Meeting Wrap up and Adjournment 5.1 Future agenda items- Valentine's Day Dance Paint Night update 5.2 Next Meeting date/time November 20th at 6pm</p>	

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