



Spring General School Councils Meeting

Meeting Type : School Councils Meeting
Date : Tuesday, April 12, 2016
Start time : 6:00 PM
Location : Sexsmith Secondary School

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at about 6:30 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Dana McIntosh, Board Chair, welcomed school councils and introduced the Board of Trustees and Executive Team members.

Division Update

Chair McIntosh highlighted the Division Update that was provided for all attendees. She also discussed a possible change to the dates for the spring break in 2016/2017.

School Site Revenue and Expenditures and SGF

Secretary Treasurer Paquin provide an update on:

1. School Site Revenue and Expenditures
2. School Generated Funds (SGF)

Creating Inclusive Learning Environments

Sheldon Rowe, Superintendent, presented on Creating Inclusive Learning Environments. His PowerPoint presentation provided background from the legal perspective, including:

- Section 1 and 15 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*
- *Andrews v. Law*
- *Bill 10 - An Act to Amend the Alberta Bill of Rights to Protect our Children* and its impact on the *School Act* (sections 16.1 and 45.1)
- *Alberta Human Rights Act*
- *Chamberlain v. Surrey*
- *Vriend v. Alberta*
- Mediated Human Rights Complaint regarding Catholic schools in Vancouver (July 2014)

His presentation provided medical definitions for disorders versus dysphoria.

Questions regarding definitions, bathrooms, and student privacy were discussed.

Following the presentation, attendees had table discussions and were encouraged to provide feedback on the policy using the feedback form. All attendees had the opportunity to complete the

3-2-1 form to provide further input and ask more questions.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Darren Young, Harry Balfour School Principal presented the results from the Tell Them From Me Survey. This is a survey tool that schools can use for students in grades 4-12. It provides student voice on learning engagement, social emotional measures, demographics, relationships and embedded accountability pillar questions. It provides insight into data trends and identifies areas of success and areas that need a closer look for improvement within a school.

Alberta School Councils AGM

Tyla Savard, ASCA Director, provided an overview of the upcoming Alberta School Councils Conference, including registration, travel, accommodations, voting proxies and resolutions.

Adjournment

Resolution

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 p.m.