

**South Central  
School Council  
Meeting Minutes**

October 16, 2023, meeting held at SCHS.

**In attendance:**

*Jason Duchscherer, Deena Dillabough, Lois Bedwell, Deanne Smigelski, Jamie Wagstaff, Nadine Rude, Simone Hagens, Tanya Jaques*

**Call to Order: 6:37 pm**

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Staff Introductions-Jason discusses in principal's report.

**Election of Executive for 2023-2024**

Chair-Deena nominates Jamie Wagstaff for Chair, *carried*.

Vice Chair- if needed Deena Dillabough

Secretary-Nadine Rude nominates Simone Hagens, *carried*.

Staff Representative-Deanne Smigelski

Student Representative-to be decided at next meeting.

Parent Representative- suggestion made to remove, *carried*.

Community Representative-Deena Dillabough

**No New Business at this time**

**Reports**

*Chairperson*-nothing to report.

*School Board Report*-see Lois Bedwell's PRPR Board Organizational Meeting

*Principal's Report*- working through staffing issues, the Phys Ed teacher role has finally been filled, Zac started today, this has been a huge obstacle, also looking at noncertified teachers filling roles. Jason has been teaching 2 classes at the same time, they were very short-staffed last week. Mr. Shields on staff until mid January, OPS is also struggling and juggling. Talked about promoting South Central, talked about sending someone to the Maritimes.

Provincial Achievement Tests-South Central grades higher than average

Budget and Education Plan to be presented at the next meeting.

***Jamie Wagstaff Adjourn 7:11 pm, Next Meeting Dec 5, 2023, 6:30 pm***

### **Friends of South Central High: Oct 16-Minutes**

*Attendance: Jason Duchscherer, Deena Dillabough, Deanne Smigelski, Jamie Wagstaff, Simone Hagens, Tanya Jaques*

#### **Treasurers Report:**

##### **Tanya Jaques**

*Casino Account \$17,590.98*

*Regular Account \$125*

##### Old Business

- Beef Jerky sales made \$4000.

##### New Business

Council to look at by-laws and consider streamlining the Friends of South Central to be a fundraising entity within School Council.

Tanya asked for a wish list from Jason for spending Casino funds, next Casino should be in February 2024.

Jason noted "where to start" nothing came over with the junior high students.

Uniforms and Equipment, the uniforms are quite old, discussed changing 2 sets/grouping of uniforms per year (uniforms can be \$3500 per set)

Volleyballs have been changed and the school's volleyballs are not official game balls, they ordered more \$85 each.

Bursaries-Jason to send Tanya a list of the students with more than 120 credits.

Discussed how the high school makes \$\$ from work experience programs.

***Adjourned 7:45 pm***



## 2023-2024 PRPS Board Organizational Meetin

Lois Bedwell, Board Chair, Patty Rooks, Vice-Chair

**Academy Enrollments.** There are a total of 287 students enrolled in a PRPS academy program, which is just under 10% of the student population. Enrollment by academy program include the following:

- ✓ SAHA High Performance Academy: Total of 169 students
- ✓ SAHA U17 Males: Total of 22 students with two international students coming from Alaska and Australia
- ✓ SAHA U18 Males: Total of 19 student with one international student coming from Colorado
- ✓ SAHA U18 Female: Total of 22 students
- ✓ South Alberta Flight Academy: Total of 36 students
- ✓ South Alberta Fire Rescue Academy: Total of 16 students
- ✓ Badlands Baseball Academy: Total of 19 students

**PRPS Board/Teacher Agreement Ratification** The PRPS Board of Trustees ratified the Memorandum of Agreement for ATA Local Bargaining with the Alberta Teachers' Association for the period of September 1, 2020, to August 31, 2024. **Other Items:**

- The PRPS Board of Trustees approved the Superintendent Evaluation Report as presented.
- Premier praises successes at Agriculture Discovery Centre
- Hosting a supper for Lt. Governor of Alberta
- Parkside School modernization-design phase
- Bus driver recruitment still on-going
- Teacher recruitment challenges

## Parkside School Presentation

Vice-Principal Janet Kraft gave a presentation to the Board showcasing the learning taking place at Parkside Jr High School. Parkside is a grade 7-9 school with 157 students located in Redcliff. The full report can be found in the October 10, 2023 Board Meeting Agenda package.

## Financial Report Update

Finance Controller Candice Hintz presented the Financial Report for the year ending August 31, 2023. Overall, Prairie Rose will be posting an expected deficit for the 2022-2023 year of \$850,630 which is \$75,976 less than originally forecasted in the revised fall budget. Part of the reduced deficit was due to total revenues for the year coming in \$1,677,027 above projections.



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Deputy Superintendent Mark Heinrichs presented the Human Resources Report for information. It was shared that the school division hired an additional 18 staff members this year for a total of 475 total employees. Overall PRPS class sizes, on average, remain well within the recommendations from Alberta Education:

- Kindergarten: 11.2 (recommended value = 17)
- Grades 1-3: 14.9 (recommended value = 17)
- Grades 4-6: 19.7 (recommended value = 23)
- Grades 7-9: 20.3 (recommended value = 25)
- Grades 10-12: 19.2 (recommended value = 26)

It was shared that PRPS continues to have challenges finding staff in the rural areas for both teaching and support staff positions. A summary of allocated staffing at each PRPS school can be found in the October 10, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda package.