



Council of School Councils

Oct. 22, 2020



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**Calgary Board
of Education**



COSC October 22 Agenda



7:00 p.m.

Welcome, land acknowledgement,
introductions

System updates - COVID-19, Hub online
learning and Ministerial Order

School Council Roles & Responsibilities

Q&A

8:25 p.m.

Next meeting – Jan. 20, 2021, meeting
survey

8:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourns



COVID-19 Update

- From Oct. 1-19, 1,809 students (1.6%) and 179 staff (0.5%) have been asked to quarantine. Many of these have already returned to school/work.
- Positive cases are updated daily on our corporate website, and on affected school websites
- We have increased our substitute teacher roster by 30 per cent, adding hundreds of additional substitutes.
- About half of the federal funding of \$44.5 million has been received. It is being used to hire additional Hub teachers and cleaning staff.
- Recent updates
 - Athletics – decision made Sept. 28 to allow tryouts, practices and training. No inter-school competitions
 - Banner story on “what to do if my child is ill”
 - Information evolves constantly, so check back often





COVID-19 Supplies Distributed to Date*

- 50,000 bottles of hand sanitizer
- 30,000 packages of disinfectant wipes
- 40,000 reusable face coverings
- 25,000 pairs of nitrile gloves
- 5,000 face shields
- 1,200 clear masks for deaf and hard-of-hearing teachers
- 1,000 acrylic barriers
- Countless floor decals, signs, tape markings

*This does not include supplies contributed by the Government of Alberta



Hub Online Learning

- About 18,000 students enrolled from 249 schools –more than the entire student population at most school divisions in Alberta.
 - 30.9% in Grades 1-3 (5,556 students)
 - 29.6% in Grades 4-6 (5,132 students)
 - 24.4% in Grades 7-9 (4,302 students)
 - 16.2% in Grades 10-12 (2,907 students)
- Students may change from online back to in-person for February to June (deadline Jan. 8, 2021)
- No changes currently permitted between in-person to Hub, but this decision may be revisited by December 2020
- Hub Online Learning FAQs available on our website



Ministerial Order

Timeline

- Written update to Alberta Education on meeting requirements of this Order by July 31, 2020
 - Submitted on July 31, 2020
- Subsequent updates submitted on Aug.24 and Sept. 22
- Next update to be submitted on Oct. 30
- All requirements set out in the Order shall be complete by Nov. 30, 2020





School Council Roles and Responsibilities

School council and principal roles

- School Council handbook available on CBE website
- Roles include: Principal, Chair, Vice Chair, Key Communicator, Secretary, Treasurer, Teacher

School council meetings in 2020-21

- Recommended platform is Microsoft Teams, but councils can use other platforms
- Updated guidance on school council page on CBE website
- Also guidance on purchase of COVID-related supplies for schools



ASCA - Alberta School Councils Association

- All school councils can join ASCA
- Board of Trustees will pay for your membership



School councils vs Parent Fundraising Societies

Two different groups and functions

School Councils

- Exist to advise the principal and the Board of Trustees on school matters, including on school budgets and school development plans. It is not the primary role of school councils to fundraise or to lobby

Parent Fundraising Societies

- A formal group of parents, incorporated under the *Societies Act* for the purpose of raising funds for the school. A society is a separate legal entity from the school council.





Fundraising Campaigns

School Fundraising

- New guidelines for Fun Lunches now available
- Other types of fundraisers
 - Online fundraising
 - Distribution of purchases
 - No volunteers in schools





EducationMatters

EducationMatters (educationmatters.ca)

- 2020 application cycle cancelled due to COVID-19
- Back-to-School campaign
- EducationMatters online donations





Q&A with Trustees and Superintendents



Meeting Evaluations

- Survey link will be sent to you Oct. 23
- Survey will be open until midnight Oct. 29
- This meeting was recorded and will be posted on the COSC meetings page
- Thank you!



Next meeting: Jan. 20, 2021

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