Big Rock Parent Council Meeting

October 21 2026

Call to order at 1802 MDT

In attendance: Sarah L (Chair), Krysta B (Co-Chair/Treasurer), Chelsea T (Secretary), Tammi A (Interim Principal), Sarah G (Interim Vice-Principal/ Learning Coach), Sharon N (Trustee), Natasha M (Teacher), Kelsey M (Teacher), Krysta (parent), Kim (parent)

1. Report from School Board Trustee - Sharon Nichols

- Board focused on building and strengthening community connections, with education at the centre of partnership consultations.
- FSD is gathering data following inquiries on the role of technology in student learning.
- Student matters groups are emphasizing student wellness and well-being in their discussions, and collaborating with student leaders from other schools.
- School Division Wellness Network is fostering connection within schools. COSC - Council representatives to meet November 2nd.

2. Report from Teacher Representatives - Kelsey Murray, Natasha Motyer

- Upcoming Jazz Dance artist and residency program to run November 16-20 for grade 3 to 6 classes.
- Parent and student feedback on hot lunch program provided.

3. Report from Interim Principal & Vice Principal - Tammi Andrew, Sarah Griffin

- Teachers recently participated in Divisional Professional Development day, with the session focus of ***designing learning differently***.
- Researched based conversations regarding technology include staff survey results and ongoing discussions about its impact on students.
- Lunch routines changing, and supervision being provided for staff has had a positive effect already this school year.

- Professional Learning Community identified student motivation and engagement as areas of focus. Team to meet with Orenda Society to discuss potential school partnerships and grant opportunities.
- Grade 4/5 teachers are developing a cross-curricular inquiry centered on the *Big Rock* erratic - integrating math, language, social and art with Indigenous learning.
- PAT outcomes from previous school year were positive, with analysis showing scores maintaining or increasing.

4. Council Report - Sarah Landmark

- SPARK grant application in progress - additional funding for Sensory Room.
- ASCA grant available - funding provided for parent engagement workshops.
- Staff support an area of focus for Healthy Minds theme, Council to organize meals during teacher conferences.
- Options for funding playground / sports equipment upgrade being explored.

Events & Community

- Student lead Halloween Carnival and School Dance planned by council - Friday October 30th.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony scheduled early due to fall break - November 5th.
- Parent Conferences - November 25th, 26th.

Action Items

- ❖ Letter from administration required in support of pending grant application.
- ❖ Research equipment regulations for potential sports equipment upgrade.
- ❖ Implement lunch supervision sign-up with parent volunteers.