



## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Vilna School**

**April 07, 2021**

Soft Start at 7:00 – 7:15 p.m.  
Land Acknowledgement at 7:15 p.m.  
Agenda to commence at 7:16 p.m.

Meeting Chair: *Jen Soch*  
Meeting Vice-Chair: *Jenn Trider*  
Vilna Trustee: **Ward 6 (South East):** *Donna Cherniwchan*  
Vilna School Principal: *Brenda Mykytiuk*  
Recording Secretary: *Leanne Grant*



### Ground Rules:

- **Remember Confidentiality** (share topics and learnings, not names and specifics)
- **Listen Actively** (no side-bar conversations; no cell phone use)
- **Share** (no voice dominates; all ideas matter)
- **Respect others' opinions and views** (all voices heard; agree to disagree)
- **Take responsibility for learning** (Participate! You only get out what you put in)
- **Promote discussion and group decision-making** (collective voice)

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*Land Acknowledgement read by Leanne Grant*

**1.0 Call to Order: (Time: 7:08pm)**

- Introduction of guests and executive members -

- **In attendance:** Brenda Mykytiuk, Diane Padlesky, Donna Cherniwchan, Candyce Nikipelo, Jenn Trider (Chairing), Carolyn Prentice, Danielle Girard, Steven Yakimec, Leanne Grant

- **Verification of quorum** - No

- **Location of meeting:** Zoom

**2.0 Approve last meeting minutes:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VBqFdmEgoF3TVkYcGv\\_eFcoJERZdapdFuslqicFBdZU/edit#](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VBqFdmEgoF3TVkYcGv_eFcoJERZdapdFuslqicFBdZU/edit#)

*Approved by:* Carolyn Prentice

**Candyce Nikipelo** (*Chair of the Board of Trustees & Trustee - North East Ward*), introduced The Council of School Council. The Council of School Council meets twice a year. Candyce was just touching base and gave a nice presentation of the ASCA (April 23 - 25, 2021) Conference. She was inviting the Vilna School parents to join. The AGM is held on Sunday, April 25, 2021. Call Tammy to join and register!

She also congratulated us, The Vilna School Council, for our perseverance in holding the Vilna School Council throughout the pandemic.

**Taking questions** - ASCA conference - **Any emergent motion regarding the curriculum?** New curriculum announced before the AGM.

**Deadline for emergent motions?** The deadline for submitting Proposed Advocacy Resolutions was January 15, 2021.

[https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/121228#:~:text=The%20\(next\)%20deadline%20for%20submitting,be%20held%20April%2025%2C%202021.](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/121228#:~:text=The%20(next)%20deadline%20for%20submitting,be%20held%20April%2025%2C%202021.)

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### **2.0.1 Approve December Meeting Minutes**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dnLOiPZ2SwNjBoO1NSpvgK8lqGT9-PHahEhKrEGo\\_-s/edit#](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dnLOiPZ2SwNjBoO1NSpvgK8lqGT9-PHahEhKrEGo_-s/edit#)

*Approved Dec. meeting minutes - Approved by: Jen Trider*

### **3.0 Review of Agenda: Approved by: Carolyn Prentice**

**4.0 Vilna Community News:** <https://www.vilna.ca/> Danielle Girard stated that the campground is getting summer ready, Boomtown Days are not happening this year, the hotel has been sold. The Centennial meeting - Vilna School together with the Village of Vilna will be celebrating their centennial birthdays during Boomtown Days 2022. Next meeting is Thursday April 15th @7pm on zoom. Donna Cherniwchan suggested the AG Society would like to be involved with the Vilna School celebration. She said there is interest in the use of the Vilna Arena for roping and horse riding, a clinic of horses. Ag Society excited. Possible Equine therapy.

### **5.0 School Community News:** <https://vilna.aspenview.org/news>

Steven Yakimec announced the Math Fair was unfortunately cancelled and was waiting for another time. Walk Across Canada - Vilna School walked over 2,406,831 steps and over 10% of the way. Steven was also nominated for the Edwin Parr Award this year!

### **6.0 Trustee/ Board Highlights:** [https://www.aspenview.org/news/board\\_highlights\\_march\\_25\\_2021](https://www.aspenview.org/news/board_highlights_march_25_2021)

Donna Cherniwchan gave accolades to Steven Yakimec for Edwin Parr Award as well as accolades to Danielle Girard. Donna reviewed the board's highlights. She also spoke about \$19M for renos for Landing Trails, the summer school and the R.A.P program. The annual internal evaluation for the superintendent is coming up. Revamp of policy FNMI. The board meeting on April 15th- curriculum and Athabasca covid

### **7.0 Standing Business:** No business at this time

### **7.0.1 School Council Operating Procedures:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/192mnOCx-sNAFOzliUXufwpttzjWYAXfX8-ROrRrXpxM/edit>

*Motion to amend 1A - to include Vilna Off Campus Achievement Academy (VOCAA)*

*Approved by: Carolyn, 2nd by: Leanne (Amendment to be made by Donna C.) Amended? Yes, waiting for a copy to replace, post to the school council webpage*

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### 7.0.2 Principal's Report:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bBZrb4JTiomVj2IVqREUzHsZ\\_S4V9ckjnAguyklgk-E/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bBZrb4JTiomVj2IVqREUzHsZ_S4V9ckjnAguyklgk-E/edit)

Brenda Mykytiuk reviewed the Principal's Report and stated the new curriculum link will be posted for parents to view and send feedback shortly.

**8.0 New Business:** Donna Cherniwchan mentioned Aspenview School Division will take care of costs to attend the Alberta School Council Association's virtual Annual General Meeting this year.

#### 8.0.1 Upcoming Events for School Council involvement (*Approved and/or new for consideration*):

- **2021 Virtual Conference and AGM (Registration open Feb. 15/21)**  
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference> - Donna would like to attend, Jen.S tentative, Carolyn.P and Leanne G. interested.

#### 9.0 Roundtable: *Open for discussion*

- Danielle Girard said the Parent Action Committee fundraised for recess pack activities. The recess packs are located in the gym for recess. They include a variety of different activities and equipment to use.
- Parent Action Committee (PAC) Annual General Meeting next weekend.

**10.0 Next Meeting of the Vilna School Council: Date:** June 02 2021 @7pm (**Changed to May 20th, 2021**)

#### 11.0 Adjourn (Time: 8:01pm)

- School Council Resource Guide :  
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/documents/40732>
- Provincial School Council Regulations:  
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/provincial-regulations>
- Alberta School Council Association News: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/news>

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