

School Council Meeting – Jan 28, 2026

In attendance: Rolf Haensel, Delaine Craig, Lori Vander Werf, Shauna Carson, Sherry Marr, Katie Elgie, Colleen Foster, Emi Rosane, Silistino de Souza

Call to Order at 6:33pm.

Update on School Council

- There is no current Parent Council, however, there is a process underway whereby the Bonavista Band Parents Association (BBPA), which currently holds the casino, will be transformed into a group that represents the entire school (Bylaws are currently being reviewed and updated)
- The School Council requires a Chair and Vice Chair; currently, the only Executive member is the Secretary. If a Chair and Vice Chair are not secured, the School Council would need to become an Advisory Council
- School Council gives parents a voice – while an Advisory Council can *only* advise, School Councils can advance directives, undertake events, etc.
- Katie Elgie volunteered to act as Chair for the remainder of the year, Colleen Foster volunteered to act as Vice Chair

➔ Motion unanimously carried

School Update

- Wildcat Market was held this past Friday – the Business classes collaborated to create, promote and sell products. Profits will be rolled back into the program and potentially split with a charitable org.
- Grade 9s toured EP Scarlett on Monday
- Scheduling for next year is already being considered. Want to ensure:
 - The process is more streamlined
 - Existing staff expertise is being used
 - Students get the classes they want
 - Resources are offered in an equitable way
- Need to determine if Nickle will stay with a 7 period timetable, or move to a 6 period timetable; pros and cons of each are currently being discussed
- Gr. 9 Farewell to be held at Heritage Park June 11

Staffing Update

- Mr. Hawkins taking a leave of absence for the remainder of the year; Mr. Casey will be in his place until June 30th
- Danielle St-Jules has been hired full-time, will support Literacy, offer Film Studies
- Two new Lunchroom Supervisors have been hired

Council Reports

Treasury:

- No report

Communications:

- No report

Fun Lunch:

- No report

Volunteers:

- Band camps require volunteers in March (3 for Gr. 7, 1 for Gr. 8/9)
- Ms. Storey's Gr. 6 class will be doing Library School in March

New Business

- Alberta School Council Engagement grant can be used to access supports, webinars, etc.
 - May not be necessary as School Council does not need specific bylaws – can use the documents from CBE already in place
 - Could focus on supports to help build engagement in the school community
 - If this is something Council wishes to pursue, we should become members of the Alberta School Council Association in order to access member pricing (would need dedicated email address for Council, etc.)
 - Decision tabled for now, will be discussed at a future meeting
- Any information to be included in the Week Ahead email to be sent to Delaine by Friday of each week

Meeting adjourned 7:39pm.

Next Meeting: Feb 26, 2026 at 6:30pm