

School Council

Minutes - date, MARCH 4, 2026

School Learning Commons

1. Call to order - 6:30 pm

2. Attendance - Quorum achieved for meeting

Parents: Heather Thompson, Erryn Colling, Kimberlie Ferrier, Jane Radiff, Kirsta Leonty, Audrey Newcombe, Gareth Hughes, Rachel Sawyer, Diane Jeffers, Rayelene Andersen, Jacqueline Cornett-Ching, Stacey Zurburg, Chris LeBihan

Admin: David Pugh , Principal, and Jen Laurendeau, Assistant Principal

3. Approval of the February 2026 Minutes

Motion: Moved to approve date minutes by Stacey; seconded by Jane - *Carried*

4. Review of agenda and accepted as presented

5. Administration report

Happy that so many people (new people) have shown up - every parent IS a member of the parent council , so welcome!

- **“Telus Be Brave”** was excellent , lots of spirit, positive message, loud!
- Band Festivals (huge, intense environment, David went with Gr. 9 concert band, the Rosa Centre at U of C was fabulous for acoustics and advice from top notch experts. Regardless of scores, they did four bands in three days. David and Kai were very proud of the kids. i.e. the Gr.7s dealt with the strike and still participated without having had proper practicing prior).
- Pascal Math Comp had a good outcome - Math Club type setting, another area to celebrate
- Lots of ODL, working around weird weather , even for Calgary. The Grade 7s WILL get their snow shoeing in (rescheduled), gearing up for snow caves and Sunshine Coast with Rusty.
- His presentation about Antarctica was engaging and involved the student leaders as emcees; this was an excellent night for parents, students, and teachers. He will do the presentation at Wildwood and Griffith Woods to promote VM
- Lock down went well, follow up with parents for those who did not make good choices.
- We always give notice for lock downs.

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- VM was chosen for Occupational Safety random CBE school process - teachers were interviewed, along with the principal. The auditor was impressed with the music extension cord solution with Kai's binder clips (as an example). Discussion was had about student accidents reporting process, keeping everyone safe
- SDP (ongoing and important) and Report Cards, all delivered electronically, hopefully parents will reach out to the appropriate teachers and then VP /Principal can support after the HR teacher contacted.
- Prof Day was the first one in a long time. 1st Focus: Literacy for all teachers regardless of the subject which they teach. 2nd Math Focus; more challenging as there isn't always a universal assessment tool, this was discussed. The new curriculum for Math is due out to schools 2027/28 , there will be some shifts in when and where and what grade some concepts / threads will be taught (i.e. fractions, positive and negative numbers - what can we do for students who are struggling). David tried to walk everyone through this with Teachers - Wellness gets picked up by PE teachers but it's everyone's responsibility not just PE and options teachers. Let's find ways to make connections, so that kids want to be here and want to learn.
- Final items; we are starting to get into many busy parts of school life as the school year proceeds - i.e conferences on March 19/20 , we are not going to change the format. Hybrid. The Friday letter will remind parents that March 12th will be booking conferences for parents to use!
- Upon returning to school after March Break - the music festivals, the sailing trips, and ODL adventures will be 'full on'. Groups are coming together with relationship building activities leading up to trips.
- Grade 6 tours April 10th and Open House (this conflicts with Science Competition and other events) This year - Rusty and David might arrange for an alternative date to visit VM this year before they start with us in the fall, so all new students will feel welcome prior to the fall starting
- David won't be here for April trip, Meagan will fill in
- Chris won't be here for April - Rachel will cover for him

6. Chair's report

- a. May meeting has been confirmed with Patricia Bolger - how to get more interest by parents
- b. \$500 grant needs to be used for guest speakers ? Since we don't really have an idea what to use it for this year, Raylene has suggested that we move that \$500 forward so next year's parent council has \$1000 to book someone more 'significant' or a larger event item/purchase (following the rules of course).

7. Healthy Hunger - Ramadan on still on - we'll commence again next month.

8. Next meeting - **April 1, 2026**

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9. Adjourn - 6:52 pm