

School Council Meeting Minutes September 16th, 2026

Meeting Details

6:30 PM / In person @ Dalhousie Elementary/ Hybrid via Microsoft teams

Land Acknowledgement: Heather Haberti

Attendees: Erick Noriega, Sra. Jackson, Heather Haberli, Holly Fedosoff, Jackie Bilsky, Amanda Tsai, Heather Ryan, Shannon Wagner, Laura Schipper Blatz, Kelsey Forest, Kaeyli Metcaff, Nicole Ahmed, Alya Ramji, Steph Pitch, Lara Mack, Michelle Kay, Carlene Forsythe, Melissa Tchir, Puneet Malhi, Jacinda Marchuk, Jesse Kay,

Topic	Discussion
Principle Updates	<u>School Highlights and Updates</u> Welcome from our Principal Erick Noriega. He has been teaching for 23 years. Has been at Collingwood School and multiple additional schools all over Calgary. Taught from Kinder to grade 12. Charline Jackson – Acting principal. 22 Years of experience. Office updates: Admin secretary has resigned. Alma has been hired as a replacement but is brand new to the CBE. Will take some time to be up to speed. Staffing. School is fully staffed with 492 students and 25 teachers. Funding reduction initiative implemented and 2 additional teachers were hired for Grades 1 & 2. Grade 1 small class of 15 kids in new space and 2 grade 5 classes that are team teaching. <u>Student & School Priorities</u> Looking to get stationary bikes for helping kids get out the wiggles. Considering a bike per classroom over time. Request to share Bike specs with P.C. Review financially if we can utilize school funds or Parent Society. Cushy seats and stools. Pieces that would be a great addition.

	<u>Upcoming Initiatives</u> Thank you for the Welcome back BBQ. Was a great success. Terry Fox run is tomorrow Sept 17th at 10am. Meet the teacher evening. 6:30-7:30. 20 min sessions in classrooms. This is just an introduction to the teacher. Friday Yellow Steps residency starts. Introductions of 30min per class. There will be a charge of approx. \$25 per student. Truth and reconciliation day. End of September. Each class to have an experience. IPP meeting happening September 25th. <u>Opportunities for School Council Involvement</u> Swimming October 6th to 29th. Volunteers welcome.
Chair Annual Report	<u>Annual Chair Report</u> • We had a great year last year. • Thank the entire school community. • Thanks to Parent Society for extra fundraising. • We put in 2 gagaball pits, new line painting, refresh of the library and a new mural project. • The read-a-thon was amazing and a great fundraiser. • Funds raised through the year for bussing, kinder classroom equipment, gym and music room equipment, sound creations and alien inline skating residency. Along with laten arts field trip. Thank you to everyone.
Key Communicator	Updates from Kelsey Forest our Key Communicator Liasson from the CBE and board of trustees. She attends a couple meetings a year. Alberta School council association. Update and changes to staffing at schools. Encourage everyone to check out the CBE website for needs of schools. 3-year capital plan has kicked off for population density. Where new schools and renovation are noted. Crescent Heights is the most notable renovation project on the list.

Election of New Rolls	PURPOSE OF School Council: • setting policies to govern school council activities at the school level, as described in the Education Act • Planning engagement activities that align with school council's legislated purpose • Choosing to provide advice to the principal and school board Core Activities • Advises the principal and board on educational issues that pertain to the school. • Establishes and reviews school council's goals, objectives, action plans and procedures. See document on 24/2025 year procedures. • Communicates and consults with parents and the school community. • Meets regularly. Positions Vacant Voted in: • Chair – Michelle Kay • Vice Chair – Melissa Kurtz • Treasurer – Shannon Wagner - Returning • Secretary – Heather Ryan – Returning • Key Communicator – Lara Mack • Communications Team – Please reach out to assist. • Garding Lead – Please reach out to chat. Look to formally move the meetings to Thursday for everyone's schedule. Some amendments have been made to the operating procedures. These will be posted online.
Closing considerations	Operating Procedures / bylaws can be found on school website. @ AGM we have to “review and update council's bylaws or operating procedures, mission, vision, and goals to ensure they align with current school and board policies” We would like to make some amendments, as well as indicate on the document “last updated” vs. “20XY - 20ZA” School Year Overtime Athletics: Programs indoors and outside, zero cost to school, average

cost per student \$10-\$15 / class / student

Fall/winter/spring session. Programs for 6-12 weeks. Sports include soccer, flag football, wiffleball, dodgeball, basketball, floor hockey, handball and then our playground favorites like Danish long ball, scatter, four squares, capture the flag etc. -If this is of interest to parents, we will need someone to take on after school sports organizer. Commitment is low, directing communications to OTA and school admin, and facilitating communication for initial start-up.

Grant workshop & opportunities:

In the past we've split our \$500 and ran sessions: Dr. Muller and the neurolinguistic approach to learning a second language, "colouring outside the lines, neurodiversity in the classroom and beyond", cybersecurity, a preview of residencies (Yellow Step Program).

Some individuals with programming have already reached out this year:

"From IPP Goals to Real Life: Supporting Your Child at Home" Takes broader approach and is designed for all families, not only those whose children have IPPs.

The fee for either 90-minute live virtual workshop is \$650. This includes preparation, the live presentation and Q&A, and a downloadable workbook that participants can use during the session and beyond.

If Dalhousie can identify one or two other school councils interested in co-hosting, the councils could divide the cost

Lunch Room Supervision

Lunch room supervision & digital media - reiterate parent wishes to have no digital media at lunchtime. Erik has confirmed that there is no screens during lunch and only changes if its indoor lunches.

Volunteer sign-up list

	There is a volunteer list with Parent Council that needs to be re-done for the 2026/27 year. If Erick can send out a sign up link.
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Next Meeting: Thursday October 8th, 2026

Upcoming meeting agenda will be posted on the school website proper to following meeting.

Limited copies to be printed and shared at in-person meeting.

E-mail us with ideas/contributions: dalhousieschoolcouncil@gmail.com

School Council Handbook: <https://cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/School-Council-Handbook.pdf>

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