School Council Meeting Minutes October 8th, 2026

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

Land Acknowledgement: Britton Grade 6

Attendees: Erick Noriega, Sra. Jackson, Jeanne Liendo, Sr. Flores, Senior Adrian, Melissa Kurtz, Jackie Bilsky, Amanda Tsai, Heather Ryan, Shannon Wagner, Kelsey Forest, Caitlin Schneider, Steph Pitch, Lara Mack, Carlene Forsythe, Melissa Tchir, Gaurang Saxena, Deandre Neufeld, Lori Krause, Jacinda Marchuk, Analee, Amber Lenzin, Val Noda, Cristy Mcfarland

Topic	**Discussion**
Principle Updates	Outline of Yellow Steps by Jeanne Lienda and the Grade 6 teachers. Real life math problems, Employment opportunities around Dalhousie. We went outside 3 times so fart this year and bring the math curriculum into the outdoors. Use this opportunity to keep the learning going with Spanish and Math in different areas. Looking at prices of homes and kids brought forward ideas of what they would like to introduce people to their communities. They City of Calgary has a profile of demographics in each neighbourhood.
Principals Message	• Yellowsteps has been a great success. Tomorrow is the last day. There is a map at the front doors of areas they have visited in each community and demographics. • The first 6 weeks have been super fast. Its been a busy start to the year. • Swimming is coming up. Looking for volunteers especially males as the boys need extra help. Please reach out to your homeroom teachers. • Grade 1 through 5 teachers had to do provincial screeners. We need to report results to parents this

	year. If a child is behind it just means they need extra support in class. • School development plan. Gives us a direction based on data on what to focus on. It's a 3-year plan that is tweaked but the goal stays the same. They will look at screeners and provincial achievement test and data to create this plan. • IPP are coming out this week. If they have a coding plan a meeting has been set up in September. • Traffic safety – Police and city officials were outside the school. This was a service provide by the police. They enforce the rules. Many parents adjusted paths when they saw police presence. The hug and go zone brings the most trouble and does not work. Looking for suggestion to review this area. Maybe swap out the bus zone and hug and go. • Halloween and Spirit Day. Kick off having every month a spirit day. What we do as a school vs what is done in a class as a reward. Halloween will be a dress up parade around the school. Remind kids no weapons, masks, accessories or candy. • We have asked our teams to review what field trips and time frames. To review schedule dates. Lots of on site and off site trips planned for each grade.
Greeting from the SC Chairs	• <u>Introduction</u> Melissa and Michelle are the new chairs and looking forward to leading the team. Melissa has a grade 1 and grade 3. Michelle has been with the school for 6 years. • <u>Roles and Goals</u> Welcome to the new members Lara & Shannon. Goals are to help create a positive, inclusive and engaging school environment. By establishing regular spirt days once a month to build school spirit. They would also like to introduce a meaningful way to recognize students on their birthdays. With special gifts from the principal.

	Lots of parents asking to volunteer more in the classroom and recommend to reach out to teachers to offer assistance. • <u>Follow up on Volunteer List</u> Please send an email to the Dalhousie Parent society to be place on our volunteer list. Help create a pool of volunteers to call from when needed. • <u>Meeting dates and structure.</u> Would like to discuss future meetings. Snowy months of January/Feb holding meetings online. Skip December and March meetings for shorter months. Outgoing Parent council would advise not skipping March as it's a busy month. Vote to skip December (vote Yes) Vote to Virtual January Meeting Review option to move meetings to Tuesday.
New Meeting Schedules	The following meetings will be held on Tuesdays. 2026/2027 meetings are as follows. Nov 3rd Dec No Meeting Jan 5th – Online Meeting only Feb 2nd March 2nd April 6th May 4th June 1th

Next Meeting: Thursday November 3th, 2026

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