

School Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2025

Meeting Details

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

Land Acknowledgement: Odessa Haberli & Lexy Fedosoff

Attendees: Sebastien Fournier, Danielle Outhet, Heather Haberli, Holly Fedosoff, Jackie Bilsky, Amanda Tomlinson, Amanda Tsai, Melissa Kurtz, Melissa Johal, Jacinda Marchuk, Amy Bergeron, Desiree Challoner, Lara Mack, Martine Sawatzky, Heather Ryan, Jesse Chau, Pazu Wong, Amber Lenzin, Valeria Nada, Bertha, Kristine Cannon, Mason Hender, Robert Fedosoff, Rachel Crossland, Allison Pinnock, Puneet, Michelle K, Khushboo Thanawala, Crissinda, Kaeyli, Weeraya, Supriya Vadalkar, Krista and Scott Smiley, Lori Walker Krause, Melissa McCarthy

Topic	Discussion
Teacher Representative: Danielle Outhet	- Has been teaching in Spanish Bilingual for 10 years throughout a variety of grades and ages. - Excited to take on supporting school in a different role
Chair and Co-chair: Greetings from Holly and Heather	- Respect and inclusion statement - - Goals of council include partnership between council and society, collaboration with parents. Thank you to the Parent's Society and all the fundraising efforts over the past year.
Past year achievements	- Achievements include children land acknowledgements at meetings, Read-a-thon, garden project/outdoor classroom, Welcome back BBQ and the Mural/art residency coming to the school this year!
Purpose of the School Council and Executive	- There is an annual \$500 grant for education for school council. Last year included presentation to Neurolinguistic Approach and Neurodivergent Learning strategies. Please email your ideas! - School Council falls under Education Act. Regular meeting link, Agenda, Minutes and Operating procedures all found on the school website at https://dalhousie.cbe.ab.ca/school-council - Purpose: set policies regarding procedure, planning and engagement activities for students and parents, cultural connection, provide advice to Principal and School Board from parents, communicating with our school community. - Committees to champion ideas and fundraising are the best way for successful events. Committees need both Parent Society and School Council involved. - Monthly formal meetings for Council although committees may require additional meeting times. Typically to meet at the first Wednesday of each month.

Election for School Council Bylaw 2 year term	Chair and Co-chair - Heather Haberli and Holly Fedosoff Secretary - Heather Ryan voted in for 2025-2026 year Key Communication - Kelsey Forrest Treasurer - Desiree Challoner voted in for 2025-2026 year Social Media Coordinator and Communication - Melissa Johal and Heather Haberli
Principal Update	Introductions Acting Assistant Principal Danielle and CBE Education Director Martine Sawatzky Meetings are typically in the Learnings Commons. Today we are in a new Grade 6 classroom with new equipment bought last year. Welcome Back BBQ - Great way to welcome our kids on the first Friday of school! New Bell Times - Dual schedule for lunch: Grades 1-3 lunch is 11:40-12:25H with recess in the afternoon. Grade 4-6 lunch is 12:30-13:15H with recess in the morning. - This allows for increase in ratio of supervisor to student during the lunch time supervision. It has been transitional to start of year for the new times but so far there have been success in the lunch rooms. - Change to AM + PM Kindergarten which has been successful thus far. - Food safety and guidelines can be found here Lunchtime. Traffic & AMA Patrol - AMA project to have Hug and Go patrolled by Grade 5/6 students and teachers. Training will begin in the upcoming weeks and then patrol will start. This will allow parents to drop child and child to be brought to line by patrol student/teacher. Hopeful to start at the first week of October. This is to improve flow and safety of traffic during drop off and pick up. Crosswalk not possible close to the doors due to residential neighbours. - Discussion regarding traffic in the alley. Parents encouraged to submit concerns to City of Calgary via 311. School regularly submits concerns. - -20 degrees C with or without windchill students will enter the school immediately rather than waiting in outdoor line-up. See Outdoor Activities Guidelines and Cold Weather Days. - Idea regarding 'Blue Day' sign at each door as a visual signal that it is an indoor day for early supervision. - Barriers cannot be put out in the alley. Meet the Teacher night - September 18th! See you there. Terry Fox Run - Thursday September 25th kids will be running at 11AM. - So far \$1000 of \$9000 goal. Parents can attend the run with the students! - See Dalhousie Calendar for all upcoming events. Volunteer opportunities for events will be available 1-2 weeks prior to event. Please submit Police Criminal record check to school to be able to volunteer. Spanish Bilingual Program Early 2026 there will be a 25 year celebration. It will include Grade 4 classrooms to be at Crescent Heights for a week of Spanish Learning Staffing Update Jennifer Saxton - Administrative Secretary Ruth Martinez Raphael - Grade 2 Marta Sequeros Pinardo - Grade 3 Juana Navarro - Grade 4 Alexandra Canals Butcher - Grade 5

Principals Update cont'd	All four teachers are Spanish visiting teachers who have recently come to Canada to be hired by CBE. This is a benefit for an International Spanish Academy program due to an agreement between CBE and Spain. There are some staff members on leave and in those cases there may be changes to teacher assignments in the future. Until further notice, the teacher in your child's classroom is their teacher and administration is committed to ensuring consistency and support for all students. Lunch Supervision: Arshiya Syed - New Lead Lunch Supervisor Nine daily supervisors and one lead supervisor. One lunch supervisor per class this year. Mural Project Artist in Residency to complete mural on the wall going into gym or music room. Students will be involved in painting! LINK INSTAGRAM Concept development: Sept 15-19th Concepts sent for selection: Sept 22-26th Painting on site will happen Oct 6-10th Big Requests/Ideas Gym Supplies - \$5000 Music Instruments and Equipment - \$4000 Projector Gym - \$15 000 - \$20 000 Gaga ball pit - \$20 000 Basketball Hoop - \$8000 Fields Trips, Bus and Residency Sound Creation Residency - \$5000 Transportation for Field Trip, Grade 9 tours, Que Pasa, 25th Spanish Festivities - \$15 000 - \$20 000 annually Lacrosse - \$6000 In-line Skating - \$12 000 Licences Matific - \$5000 Raz Kids - \$2000 Exploring New Spanish Resources - \$2000 Current Enrolment 519 Students 20 teachers 1 music specialist 1 music specialist + resources 2 Spanish education assistant 2 Administration 2 Office Staff 10 Lunch Supervisors Indoor Recess - Donations can be made of games or indoor activities for students to access.
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Next Meeting:

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.
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