

# Galbraith School Council Minutes

October 8, 2024

Chairperson of School Council: Dave Franz

Vice Chair of School Council:

Location: Art Room and Teams

We acknowledge that we are gathered on the lands of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains and pay respect to the Blackfoot people past, present and future while recognizing and respecting their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship to the land. We offer respect to the Metis and all who have lived on this land and made Lethbridge their home.

1. Call to Order and Introductions: Dave called the meeting to order at 6:33  
David Franz, Sandy Scheldrup, Nicole Freel, Holly Neufeld, Mikala Brown, Melissa Bootsman, Mandi Beulchowski, Andrea Andreachuk,
2. Adoption of Agenda
  - a. Add 10.2- Potential town hall discussion points
  - b. Add 10.3- Review of Parent Council Fund
  - c. Add 7.3- Division school council reps  
Moved by Mikala, Seconded by Mandi, that the agenda be adopted as amended  
All in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
3. Approval of the Minutes from September 10, 2024 School Council meeting  
Any Edits, Comments or noticed omissions from the minutes that were circulated? None mentioned.  
Minutes are Approved, no vote necessary
4. Business arising from the minutes
5. School Trustee's Report – Andrea Andreachuk
  - a. Andrea introduced herself, 33 years 27 in kindergarten, lots of history in the division.
    - i. Andrea will share with us regularly the topics being discussed at the School Division level and meetings.
      1. Christine Lee's report, modernization at Galbraith discussed, elevators in schools, improvements in schools, etc needed
      2. Morag gave report- Buffalo treaty signing, well supported
      3. Division nominated for excellence in Indigenous education
      4. Kindercare at Nicholas Sheran and Buchanan
      5. Testing rolled out for grade ones, lots of testing requested but did pull back on some, much of this testing is beyond child's expected knowledge at this point in the year
      6. Together for Inclusion- advisory panel presentation
      7. Robbie Charlebois- admission numbers up across the board, lower in KG
      8. Send before six procedure
      9. Mike Nightengale: social studies pilot, new firewall rules, AI committee, new report card stuff
      10. Sept 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day recognized across the division
      11. World teacher's day Oct 5

12. Boundary realignment on westside due to new school: 3 options available for community feedback
13. Natural gas contract signed
14. School visits happening and will continue throughout the school year

6. School Liaison Report – Morag Asquith

Absent no report sent

7. Division School Council Report – Dave Franz

7.1 Division School Council report

- Few north side representation at these meetings
- Voted for roles
- committees formed and votes
- Very early stages of review of Grid configuration
  - Grid Configuration means what grades in which schools
- Motion for ASBA for full day all day kindergarten
- ASCA

-Can schools keep the money if they opt out of ASCA? Can we keep the funds for the ASCA meeting if we don't send someone? Division is looking into it and will bring back an answer at the next meeting

7.2 Review of upcoming policies

- None to discuss

7.3 Division school Council Reps

-Currently it reads that our Chair of School Council is our Division school council representative with our vice chair being an alternate. Would we like to make the entire executive committee able to be alternate?

Moved by David, Seconded by Mandi, that *The representative for Galbraith School Council at the Division School Council meetings be the acting Chair with the members of the Executive Committee being alternates if the need arises*

All in Favor, 0 opposed, Motion passes

8. Staff Members' Reports:

a. Staff Report- Christine Henke

-Absent

b. Vice Principal's Report – Nicole Freel

- Grade 5 leadership club is started
  - o Students are very excited
  - o Roles like office assistants, recess leadership, Kindergarten helpers, Planned spirit days,
- Parent teacher interviews
  - o KG interviews : Tues October 22, Thurs October 24, Fri October 25
  - o Gr 1-5 : Thurs and Friday
  - o PL as well that week
  - o Online booking, Can call the school to book as well
  - o Book Fair same week as PTI
- New Report Cards being piloted in the division. Galbraith is not piloting.
- Nicole will share with us the new draft for information purpose only. Just a draft
  - o Elementary update Purpose of report card – DRAFT

- Job of report card to Communicate to parents child's understanding and skills based on learning outcomes in curriculum
- Revision of sections in report card to match wording in curriculum
- General comments at the end
- Personal growth section removed in draft
  - Will now be in physical education and personal wellness section

c. Principal's Report – Sandy Scheldrup

- Staff meeting
  - Hope Johnson EA welcomed
  - Round table discussions
    - Citizenship awards at assemblies?
    - Small group interventions
    - Assembly are dysregulating for kids
      - Grade 4 and 5 grade level discussions
        - Field trips
        - Playground
  - Outcome based assessment professional development focus this year
  - PL how do we focus on assessment on understanding learning?
  - OHS courses
  - ISPs to meet with Garlock
  - Teacher Counsellor- Tanya Gill, M, T TH, Pan Tinordi, W and F
    - Monthly themes in Newsletter
    - Small Groups focusing on peaceful play, loss and other topics
    - Upcoming projects- Monstera plant clippings for each Class
      - Teach growth
  - World read aloud day- February 7
    - Will be Dress like a book character day
    - Famous lethbridgians to read aloud
  - Halloween parade
    - Expectations of costumes being communicated to families and students
  - Thanksgiving no school October 14
  - Art night Oct 17
  - Galbraith promise day oct 17

9. Modernization Update

- Nothing to report yet
- - New builds and modernizations get accelerated with province's announcement. We may get accelerated...

10. New Business

10.1 Open Position 2024-25

Vice Chair of School Council – In the event of resignation, incapacity or leave of absence of the chair, to fulfill the chair's responsibilities, and in the absence of the chair, supervise the affairs and preside at meetings of the school council.

**Table until Alyssa is present**

10.2 Town Hall Discussion point suggestions

- Big town hall meeting in February

- Bell times
  - how come bussing dictates bell times?
  - Bell times a large concern for parents in various schools across the division
- Playground repair funding
  - We don't fix, city fixes, but doesn't fix
  - Joint use agreement?

#### 10.3 Review of Parent Council Fund

- There is a Parent council GL code for each school.
- At the recommendation of Divisions council, the funds and activity in the account should be presented every month
  - The staff agreed and Sandy will make that information available for future meetings.
- Details from that account last year for report
  - Sandy will get us this info for other meetings

#### 11. Other Items

12. School Council Adjournment: 7:44 pm

**Next meeting: November 5, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**

# Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Minutes

## General Meeting

October 8, 2024

Chairperson: Dave Franz

Vice Chairperson: Alyssa Kusalik

Location: Art Room and Teams

1. Call to order: Dave called to order at 7:45
2. Adoption of Agenda
  - Add point 8.1 New risers for Music room, 8.2 yearbook
  - Moved by Mikala, seconded by Mandi *that the agenda be adopted as amended*
3. Approval of minutes of September 10, 2024 Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society meeting
  - Any Edits, Comments or noticed omissions from the minutes that were circulated? None mentioned.
  - Minutes are approved
4. Business arising from the minutes
  - 4.1 Hot Lunches- Healthy Hunger- Alyssa Kusalik
    - i Absent
  - 4.2 Signers at the bank update
    - Need to add Alyssa as a signer on bank accounts
    - **Table until Alyssa is present**
  - 4.3 Insurance Discussion
    - i It would be a good idea, liability insurance for all of us,
    - ii Fairly affordable
      - 1 Dave will get quotes and bring them back for discussion
5. Treasurer's Report – Mandi Bulechowsky
  - 5.1 Bank Account Updates
    - AGLC: 235.45\$
    - Regular: 1024.62
    - Common shares: 1.26
  - 5.2 Presentation of financials
    - nothing in, nothing out, nothing to report
6. AGLC Committee Report- Mandi Bulechowsky
  - 6.1 Casino Update
    - i Booked Sherry as rep
    - ii Need to make sure we get volunteers
      - 1 Communicate via Facebook, teachers, weekly emails from the school, etc...
7. Fundraising Committee

- 7.1 Playground fundraising
  - i Nothing to report until we get a timeline from the division regarding modernization
- 7.2 BINGO night
  - i Must go through AGLC
  - ii Have all the supplies ready and waiting (from Agnes Davidson), May 22
  - iii Reusable and paper cards
  - iv Silent Auction and donated BINGO prizes
  - v Concession?

Moved by Mandi, Seconded by Holly, that we plan a BINGO fundraiser event for May 22, 2025.

All in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

- 7.3 Fundraisers in general
  - i Melissa will bring solid fundraiser plans for November meeting

## 8. New Business

- 8.1 Music Room Risers
  - Our risers are worn out
  - Risers are 1614\$/ risers. 4 would be ideal
  - School will sell firewood as a fundraiser to support the risers
  - We do not currently have the funds to support this as a parent council. We will re address it after the casino funds come in, spring 2025
- 8.2 Year book
  - Nicholas Sheran did a year book a few years ago, 20\$/book
  - Small ads for businesses to help fund it
  - What are the copyright rules from Lifetouch?
  - Sandy will bring ideas to next meeting

9. Other items - Reminder that November's meeting is early due to PL day

10. Adjournment at 8: 25

**Next meeting: November 5, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**