

# Galbraith School Council Minutes

January 14, 2025, 6:30 pm

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.

Present: Dave Franz, Melissa Bootsman, Brianne Flaherty, Christine Henke, Sandy Scheldrup, Holly Neufeld, Nicole Freel, Mandi Beulchowski, Andrea Andreachuck,

## 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Meeting called to order by Dave at 6:30

Went around and introduced ourselves

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

Any Additions to the agenda?

Moved by Mandi, Seconded by Holly, *That the agenda be adopted as presented*

All In favor, 0 Opposed, motion passes

## 3. Approval of the Minutes from November 6, 2024 School Council meeting

Any errors or omissions noticed in the November 2024 minutes? None mentioned

Minutes are approved, no vote necessary

## 4. Business arising from the minutes

## 5. School Trustee's Report – Andrea Andreachuk

- December board meeting
- Chritine Lee's Report
  - ICE scholarship night March 27
    - Elementary displays welcome
    - Public welcome to come see displays
  - West Coulee Station School
  - Galbraith Modernization
    - Soil testing done
  - Morag Asquith's report
    - Kindergarten numbers reported to Alberta Ed (mild/Moderate needs (Speech and language))
      - Not getting funding
    - Weighted moving average should go away, communicated to Nathan Neudorf
    - Morag back from leave
  - New Report Cards
    - Galbraith not piloting
  - West side boundaries changing

- All teachers will be able to apply as shuffle happens
- Town Hall
  - Come all
  - February 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Grade 5s welcome
- Robbie Charlebois
  - U of L day with new teachers
- Spanish moving to West Coulee School  
Bussing provided
- Mike Nightengale  
Indigenous education team
- Shawnee Big Bull and husband  
Presentation at Chinook
- LCI Volleyball Girls Gold medalists in Alberta
- High Donations to division  
Turkey dinners
- Calendar  
Will be approved in January
- City Council  
100 years of women on school board  
Recognition ceremony at city Hall
- New way of looking at schools  
Scale and scoring  
Capitol planning  
Galbraith Elevator a priority  
City working to find sites  
Growth on west side
- Code of conduct

6. School Liaison Report – Morag Asquith

- Absent, no report sent

7. Division School Council Report – Dave Franz

7.1 Division School Council report

- Learning session on new report card  
Lots of good discussion
- Society insurance  
Discussed at length  
Not mandatory insurance, acknowledged that email worded poorly  
Make sure motions are made and recorded in minutes when money is spent  
School council events at school covered under insurance, not at school not covered
- Grid Configuration  
What grades are in what schools  
Seems to be what parents want  
Moving grades back to provincial “norm”  
Discussion happening, this will be a long process

- New Alberta Election Rules  
Votes are now hand counted, result will take longer to be announced
- ATA Report  
stop the excuses campaign

#### 7.2 Review of upcoming policies

- Personal Media use and social media use in schools  
Cell phone policy
- Student code of conduct  
Revised draft on website

#### 8. Staff Members' Reports:

- Staff Report- Christine Henke  
Focus for wellness  
Growth mindset is the focus this month  
Staff meeting  
Lockdown procedures  
Difference between lockdown and building secure  
Staff student switcheroo day Jan 16<sup>th</sup>  
World read aloud day Feb 5  
Mayor, councilwomen, Olympian, lots of guests coming to read to students throughout the day  
Dress like a book character day happening the same day  
Planetarium  
March 31  
Grades 4 and 5  
Assessments  
Kindergarten assessments happening now  
K-3 in assessments for next 2 weeks  
Government advocacy  
Time investments, funding for substitutes, etc  
Why? Will funding come along?  
Happening again in May (gr 1-3)
- Vice Principal's Report – Nicole Freel  
World read Aloud Day Feb 5  
Family Dance february 13  
Glow Show theme in makerspace (Glow in the Dark Art)  
Student Art Gallery open during the dance  
Glow in the Dark theme with balloons and glowsticks  
Community Fair  
April 10th, evening  
Community organizations from around the city  
Excited to be involved  
Other families from division invited
- Principal's Report – Sandy Scheldrup

#### Staffing update

Sarah Davis on maternity leave, Shayla Kopp is taking her class until June

Extra EA support in KG

New EA in grade 2 (a male)

BSW student in counselling department

#### Year end swimming trip

Plans being made

#### Lockdown practice and Staff phone out list

#### Boost program back

Grades?

Want to be flexible and purposeful

Galbraith will be hosting Music sessions on January 31 for the PD day

#### Town Hall

February 4<sup>th</sup>

All are welcome to attend

#### Assessments

Starting this week

### 9. Modernization Update

- Soil Samples done
- Looked at 3 proposals  
Where things can fit, if soil can support it
- Ensuring Architecture firm and money in place as inflation increases
- Same head count expected with capacity for more potential as needed

Portables

### 10. Engagement Grant

#### 10.1. Brianne Flaherty Counselling

Brianne shared a brief outline with us of what she and her business partner (Alex) would share

- Emotional regulation and coping strategies
- Developmental milestones
- Emotional Awareness
- Strategies for both children and caregivers

Dates discussed. March 5 agreed on

Nicole Freel will offer babysitting in the gym with some older teenage students

- We'd like to pay the students a bit if possible

Moved by Mandi, seconded by Holly that we hire Brianne Flaherty Counselling services for a parent engagement night on Wednesday March 5 using our parent engagement grant

All in favor, 0 opposed motion passes

Moved by Mandi, seconded by Holly that we supply dinner and babysitting up to 500\$ for the evening using the AGM grant

All in favor, 0 opposed motion passes

Event would run from 6:00- 7:30, pre registration requested

11. Review of School Council Fund  
Report coming for next meeting

12. New Business

13. Other Items

14. School Council Adjournment 7:40

15. **Next meeting: March 11, 2025 6:30**

# Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Minutes

## General Meeting

January 14, 2025

Chairperson: Dave Franz

Vice Chairperson:

Location: Art Room and Teams

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Dave at 7:41
2. Adoption of Agenda
  - Any additions to the agenda
  - Moved by Mandi, Seconded by Holly, *that the agenda be accepted as presented*
  - All In Favor, 0 Opposed, Motion passes
3. Approval of minutes of November 6, 2024\_Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society meeting
  - Any errors or omissions noticed in the November 2024 minutes? None mentioned
  - Minutes are approved, no vote necessary
4. Business arising from the minutes
  - Hot Lunches- Healthy Hunger
    - i Next Hot lunch day is January 30<sup>th</sup>- Quesada Tacos
    - ii Notice teacher concerns/observation of inequality and difficulty during hot lunch day
      - 1 Could Parent Council offer some “everyone” option on hot lunch days?
        - a To think about
5. Treasurer’s Report – Mandi Bulechowsky
  - Bank Account Updates
    - AGLC 235.45
    - Common shares: 1.32
    - Regular account opening balance 1024.62
      - Healthy hunger deposit Nov 7: \$60.96
      - Healthy Hunger deposit Opa: \$43.42
      - 1129.00\$ Closing balance
  - 5.2 Presentation of financials
6. AGLC Committee Report- Mandi Bulechowsky
  - Casino Update
    - i Application everything approved
    - ii 2 more volunteers needed
    - iii 1 Tuesday day, 1 Wednesday night
  - Need to bring a cheque 1700.43. Mandi will pick up and sign a cheque from the school and bring it to the Casino. Dave or Melissa will sign as well
7. Fundraising Committee

- Playground fundraising
- General Fundraising- Melissa Bootsman
  - i Pie Store Fundraiser
    - 1 It's a go!
    - 2 Tracy is working on the online forms for us
    - 3 Information will go out to families January 20<sup>th</sup> with the weekly email, orders due to the school/online by February 12, pick up from the Pie store will be early march
    - 4 Orders will be primarily placed online via SchoolCash but if a family really wants to bring in cash/cheque that option will be available.
    - 5 We receive 20% of sales
  - ii Little Cesars
    - Do we want to do a Little Cesars fundraiser
    - Present dates
    - Got 960\$ last year
    - Moved by Holly Seconded by Brianne that we organize a Little Cesar's fundraiser in the months of May and June
    - All in favor, 0 opposed, Motion passes  
Melissa will contact Little Cesar's and coordinate
  - iii BINGO night
    - 1 Tabled discussion until Spring
      - a Date in the fall

8. New Business

9. Other items

10. Adjournment : Move to adjourn 8:15

**Next meeting: March 11, 2025 6:30 pm**