

Galbraith School Council Minutes

April 8, 2025, 6:30 pm

Chairperson of School Council: Dave Franz (absent, meeting Chaired by Melissa Bootsman)

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: Melissa Bootsman, Holly Neufeld, Nicole Freel, Sandy Scheldrup, Mikala Brown, Mandi Beulchowski, Andrea Andreachuck

1. Call to Order and Introductions: Meeting called to order by Melissa at 6: 41
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - Any additions to the agenda?
 - Moved by Mikala, Seconded by Holly, **That the agenda be adopted as presented**
 - All in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
3. Approval of the Minutes from March 11, 2025 School Council meeting
 - Any errors or omissions noticed in the March minutes? Big thanks to Mikala for taking minutes in March
 - None mentioned, the minutes are approved, no vote needed
 - Minutes are approved
4. School Trustee's Report – Andrea Andreachuk
 - a. Christine Lee report
 - i. Approved for k-5 elementary on the westside, southwest side
 - ii. ICE Scholarship showcase well attended
 - iii. Budget just released, specifics have not been investigated yet
 - b. Morag Asquith
 - i. Indigenous education team at Head Smashed in Buffalo Jump
 - ii. Division Kindergarten Night well attended
 - iii. Access codes for Assurance survey given directly from school lead to much higher response
 - c. Mike Nightengale
 - i. ATA meeting presentation regarding budget
 - ii. Spirit of 51 evening
 1. 150 support staff honoured
 - iii. New Report Card
 - d. Robbie Charlebois (HR)
 - i. Staffing for West Coulee Station nearly complete
 - ii. Next steps in staffing rolling out
 - iii. Mentorship program for 1st and 2nd year teachers
 - iv. ASEVP benefits provider
 1. Ink Blot
 2. Good health benefits

- v. Acknowledgement of excellence
 - 1. GS Lakie
 - a. Fish Friday
 - i. Accolades
 - 2. Galbraith recognition
 - a. Read aloud, family fun night, targeted learning
 - 3. Buchanan
 - a. Leadership gr 4 and 5
- vi. Community conversations
 - 1. Held at the Fish and Wildlife hut
 - a. Well attended
 - 2. Next one May 7 evening 7-830, location TBA
- e. Christine Light
 - i. Keep Committee going with the city
 - ii. ASCA funding
 - 1. 8 individuals from division
- f. Meg Fester
 - i. Public presentation regarding poverty within the city
 - 1. Food bank usage up 40% this year
 - 2. Mindful munchies no longer providing 2025-2026
 - a. Approx 10-20 Galbraith kids use this program
 - 3. National school food program rolled out March 10th
 - a. Might be resources available for us
- g. Bus distance
 - i. Division running a deficit 413,000 dollars
 - 1. No extra transportation funding provided throughout the year
 - ii. Bus at level of funding (provincial?)
 - 1. K-6 1.6 km
 - 2. 7-12 2 K
- h. Edwin Parr award
 - i. 1st year teacher in zone 6, each division nominate
 - 1. Hayley Bedard at Nicholas Sheran
- i. School Fees
 - i. Tabled due to more information needed/requested
- j. Avis
 - i. Budget walk through
- k. Capital planning
 - i. On website
 - ii. West side will see most growth in city
 - 1. Chinook 140% of capacity
 - 2. Probe 163% of capacity
 - iii. VIC park
 - 1. Renovations
- l. Trustee code of conduct
 - i. Tabled
- m. New teacher inductions

- 5. School Liaison Report – Morag Asquith
- 6. Division School Council Report – Dave Franz (Absent)

- 7.1 Division School Council report

- ASCA Conference Saturday April 26- Sunday April 27

- Online this year

- Attendance fee covered for ASCA members if you would like to attend. Registration deadline is April 14th. Please let us know and we can help with the registration process.

- 7.2 Review of upcoming policies

- 7. Staff Members' Reports:

- a. Staff Report- Christine Henke

- Absent

- b. Vice Principal's Report – Nicole Freel

- i. Modernisation Draw up Design

- 1. Monthly meetings, online

- a. Preliminary design phase completed

- b. Functional lay out, preliminary schematics

- ii. March Madness

- 1. Amazing book choices

- a. Mr. Fox's Game of No was the Winner !

- b. Fun community building

- iii. Community fair

- 1. Thursday April 10 evening

- 2. My City Care will be here

- 3. 28 organizations coming

- 4. Leadership club helping

- iv. Education week

- 1. Highlighting a grade each day and what they are doing on social media

- c. Principal's Report – Sandy Scheldrup

- i. Budget

- 1. Delayed in discussions due to late government roll out

- ii. Westwind thunder Dancers coming April 10

- 1. Recess adjusted for the morning

- 2. 3 Galbraith students participating

- iii. Alberta Ed assessments in May

- 1. Just at-risk students, grade 1-3

- iv. Student Registration

- 1. Write up-get to know you questionnaire for mid year registrations

- v. Nicole Garlock back

- vi. "Donut Stop" reading award

- 1. Classes that are "caught" reading win a doughnut celebration

- 2. All classes have received

- vii. More on staffing next meeting

- 8. Modernization Update

- a. See Vice Principal's report

9. Engagement Grant

- a. 100 \$ remaining

Notice of motion: That we use the remaining 100\$ for resources for the Galbraith Parent Library
Moved by Mandi, Seconded by Holly, **that we use the remaining monies from the parent engagement grant for resources for the Galbraith Parent Library**

All in Favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

-Will Nicole please purchase books on our behalf? We will send recommendations and trust her judgement

-Yes, Anxious Generation and Let them Theory

- Maybe some family activity books, Bird watching, Container Gardening?

10. Review of School Council Fund

School Council Fund: \$4168.91

11. New Business

12. Other Items

- a. AGM coming up in June. Positions open for re-election

i. Vice Chair

ii. Treasurer

iii. Secretary

If you are interested in any of these positions, please let us know either by speaking to Dave, Mandi or Melissa or the school office. We would also love more parents/community members to come to meetings without roles.

13. School Council Adjournment 7:31

Next meeting: May 13, 2025 6:30

Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Agenda

General Meeting

April 8, 2025

Chairperson: Dave Franz (absent, meeting chaired by Melissa Bootsman)

Vice Chairperson:

Location: Art Room and Teams

1. Call to order: Melissa Called the meeting to order at 7:32
2. Adoption of Agenda:
Any additions to the agenda? None
Moved by Mikala, seconded by Mandi, **that the agenda be adopted as presented**
3. Approval of minutes of March 11, 2025 Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society meeting
Any errors or omissions in the March Minutes
None mentioned, the minutes are approved, no vote necessary
4. Business arising from the minutes
 - 4.1 Hot Lunches- Healthy Hunger
 - Last month's Little Cesars was very popular
 - No Hot Lunch in April
 - May 29th, Mary Brown's Chicken
 - 4.2 Zoo field trip
 - i Leadership club sent out letters to local businesses asking for funds for a leadership club project. They did not receive enough funds for their project but agreed that the finds they did raise should go towards the Zoo field trip
 - ii Grade 5 teachers and school are asking if Parent Council Advisory Society can contribute some funds towards this tripMoved by Holly, seconded by Mikala, **"that Parent Council Society support the 2025 zoo field trip up to \$1500 from the school council Fund"**
5. Treasurer's Report – Mandi Bulechowsky
 - 5.1 Bank Account Updates
 - i Regular Account \$1207.08 plus 80.20 Healthy Hunger \$1287.28
 - ii AGLC \$235.45 (50/50 Money)
 1. Separate account requested for 50/50 and Casino
 - ii. Common Shares 1.32
 - b. Presentation of financials
 - i. Healthy Hunger deposit of 80.20
2. AGLC Committee Report- Mandi Bulechowsky
 - a. Casino Update
 - i. Use of \$113 tip money

1. Moved by Mikala, Seconded by Holly, **That \$100 in tip money from the casino be used to buy 4 gift cards to be used as draw prizes for attendance at Parent Council Meetings”**

All in Favor, 0 Opposed, Motion passes

3. Fundraising Committee

- a. Playground fundraising
- b. General Fundraising- Melissa Bootsman
 - Pie Store Fundraiser was very successful (over \$2700 raised). Nicole and students have made a large thank you card for the Pie Store. Melissa will deliver it to the Pie Store
 - Cookie Crimes has sent us a letter regarding a fundraising campaign with them. Melissa spoke with them, and they are available and willing to do a fundraiser with us at the end of May. 12 Cookies sold for \$25, we would get \$10 from each dozen. Ice Cream Pints sell for \$10, we would get \$5 from each pint. Suggestion to just do cookies so that we are not trying to keep Ice Cream frozen....
 - Could we please cancel our Little Cesar’s fundraiser that was planned for late May and do a Cookie Crimes Fundraiser?
 - Moved by Holly, seconded by Mandi, **That we cancel our Little Cesar’s fundraiser planned for May 2025**
 - o All In Favor, 0 opposed, Motion passes
 - o Melissa will communicate with Little Cesar’s
 - Moved by Mikala, Seconded by Holly, **that we run a fundraiser with Cookie Crimes in May/June 2025**
 - o All In Favor, 0 Opposed, Motion passes
 - o Melissa will communicate with Cookie Crimes

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4. New Business

- a. Community Fair Draw
 - Move by Holly, seconded by Mikala, **that we use the remining gift card from the parent engagement night as a draw prize at the Parent Council Table at the Community fair on April 10th**
 - 6 In Favor, 1 opposed, Motion passes
- b. Year End Awards
 - Information/requests coming at the May Meeting

5. Other items

- a. AGM coming up. Positions open/ up for re election
 - i. Vice chair
 - ii. Treasurer
 - iii. Secretary

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6. Adjournment : 8:07

Next meeting: May 13 2025, 6:30

