

# Galbraith School Council Minutes

May 13 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: Melissa Bootsman, Dave Franz, Mandi Beulchowski, Sandy Scheldrup, Miranda Lait, Christine Henke, Nicole Freel, Holly Neufeld

1. Call to Order and Introductions: Meeting called to order by Dave at 6:31
2. Adoption of Agenda  
Moved by Mandi, Seconded by Miranda, **"That the agenda be adopted as presented"**  
All In Favor, 0 Opposed, motion passes
3. Approval of the Minutes from April 8, 2025 School Council meeting  
Any errors or omissions noticed in the April Minutes. If none mentioned, minutes are approved. No vote needed
4. School Trustee's Report – Andrea Andreachuk  
Absent, report sent
  - a. Smile Cookies went well
  - b. Breakfast with the Board at Galbraith on Friday
  - c. Support Staff accepted new contract
  - d. ATA voted against agreement
    - i. 14 day cooling off period
  - e. School Fees
    - i. Making sure monies are going where designated
    - ii. Galbraith doesn't charge fees, unusual in the division
    - iii. Much more fees for middle and high school
    - iv. Large variance among division
  - f. Preparation of Budget
    - i. Tight budget this year
    - ii. Difficult choices based on belief statements
    - iii. Educational needs met within a balanced budget
    - iv. Reserves spent in division and school levels
    - v. 55% is generic funding, 45% is bespoke allotted funding
      1. 6 million dollar gap
    - vi. Funding announcements pitter pattering out...
5. School Liaison Report – Morag Asquith  
Absent, no report sent

## 6. Division School Council Report – Dave Franz

### 6.1 Division School Council report

- (a) Parent learning session about off campus high school education
- (b) Screen time policy
  - (i) Potentially coming
  - (ii) good online content
  - (iii) covering lunches with screen time helps
  - (iv) People on both sides of discussion
- (c) AGM
  - (i) Some parents went
- (d) ATA report
- (e) Admin report
- (f) Assurance plan
- (g) Election coming up
  - (i) Who do we know who would be a student advocate
  - (ii) Certain groups soliciting certain viewpoints
  - (iii) Part time position, small amount of pay, able to do another job at the same time...
- (h) yearly reports due...
- (i) DSC dinner next month

### 6.2 Review of upcoming policies

- (a) Support staff growth and supervision
- (b) professional learning plan

## 7. Staff Members' Reports:

### a. Staff Report- Christine Henke

- i. About to get busy...
  - 1. Lots of field trips
- ii. Assessments starting again
  - 1. Only at risk students
- iii. ATA
  - 1. 14 day cooling off period, at the end a job action vote
  - 2. Raise offered but problems in classrooms not solved
    - a. Teacher and EA positions being cut
  - 3. Alberta has poorest funded education in Canada per student, In north America
  - 4. Teachers say prepared to take the hit for students
  - 5. Christine in Edmonton for entire long weekend...
  - 6. Contact your MLA, Education Minister,
  - 7. Goal is to get back to the table with the government
  - 8. 72 hours notice of strike
  - 9. Provincial government directs school board for a lock out, no one's choice at this point

### b. Vice Principal's Report – Nicole Freel

- i. Busy right now...
- ii. Kids enjoying the sunshine
- iii. Assessments

- iv. Both admin leaving
- v. Please fill out the survey, due Friday
- vi. Posting up Friday, week long posting
- vii. HR meeting last night, new principal will see feedback from surveys
- viii. Books
  - 1. New Science Books
    - a. Picture books for grade 4 and 5

c. Principal's Report – Sandy Scheldrup

- i. Lots of conversations regarding ATA at staff meetings
- ii. Staffing
  - 1. On hold/pause until budget comes out
- iii. Modernization...
  - 1. OH&S- uneven cement outside school
  - 2. Hopefully repaired ASAP, weather is a factor
- iv. Assessments and ISP and BSP
  - 1. happening
- v. Benchmarking
- vi. Home reading Books
  - 1. New home reading books being put together for students
- vii. Once Upon A Carriage Ride
  - 1. December 11
- viii. Cleaning up art room
- ix. Firewood sale
- x. Welcome to kindergarten June 5
  - 1. Ages and Stages happening that night
  - 2. Parent Council have a table...
    - a. Dave will man the table

8. Modernization Update

- a. Next two weeks
  - i. Night time work inside
  - ii. Open ceiling tiles and inspect joists in div one area
  - iii. Ensuring sound structure so they can renovate

9. Engagement Grant

- Update on books purchased for parent library
  - o Books have been purchased from U of L bookstore. Might be enough for one more book. Nicole will make sure the full 100\$ is spent on books for parent library
- Goody bags for new parents? Idea for next year

10. Assurance Plan- Nicole Freel

- a. A work in progress...
- b. Required by government to have completed and posted by May 30<sup>th</sup>
- c. Student Growth and achievement
  - i. Multiple ways to demonstrate progress, identify strengths, and areas of growth
  - ii. Comprehensive numeracy

- iii. CRM model
- d. Teaching and Leading
  - i. Communication
  - ii. New report card learning
- e. Learning supports
  - i. To ensure every person feels valued, safe and respected
    - 1. Relationship building between staff and families

11. Review of School Council Fund

- a. End of April Closing balance: 4168.91
- b. We committed to contribute up to 1500 for grade 5 field trip
- c.  $4168.91 - 1500.00 = 2668.91$  left in fund

12. New Business

13. Other Items

14. School Council Adjournment 8:01

**Next meeting: June 10 2025 AGM**

# Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society Minutes

## General Meeting

May 13, 2025

Chairperson: Dave Franz

Vice Chairperson:

Location: Art Room and Teams

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Dave at 8:02
2. Adoption of Agenda
  - Add 9.1 Gift Card Draw
  - Moved by Holly, Seconded by Miranda **"That the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition of 9.1 Gift Card Draw"**
  - All in Favor, 0 Opposed, Motion passes
3. Approval of minutes of April 8, 2025 Galbraith Parent Advisory Council Society meeting
  - Any errors or omissions? None mentioned, minutes are approved.
4. Business arising from the minutes
  - 4.1 Hot Lunches- Healthy Hunger
    - i May 29: Mary Brown's Chicken
      - 1 Last one of the year
    - ii Alyssa stepping down, Melissa will take over in September
5. Treasurer's Report – Mandi Bulechowsky
  - 5.1 Bank Account Updates
    - i Casino- 235.45\$
      - 1 Casino Deposit of 35 350.37\$
        - a = 35 585.82\$
    - ii Common shares 1.27\$
    - iii Regular account: 1287.28\$
  - 5.2 Presentation of financials
6. AGLC Committee Report- Mandi Bulechowsky
  - 6.1 Casino Update
    - i In the list for the next one
  - 6.2 AGLC Account
    - i We have the second AGLC account requested by AGLC. Currently at 0\$
      - 1 For 50/50 payout
7. Fundraising Committee
  - 7.1 Playground fundraising

- i On hold with unknowns regarding modernization

7.2 General Fundraising- Melissa Bootsman

- i Cookie Crimes Fundraiser
  - 1 Starting this week
    - a Orders due on School Cash by May 27, Pick up at Galbraith Afternoon of June 9<sup>th</sup>
    - b 25\$/box. 3 options available
      - i Regular, Nut Free and Gluten Free

8. New Business

8.1 25-26 meeting dates

September 9

October 14

November 18? (PL day the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, move back a week)

January 13

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9 AGM

8.2 Grade 5 farewell

- i 600\$ for water bottles, 260\$ for waterbottles
- ii Moved by Mandi, seconded by Holly “**that we spend 860\$ from the regular bank account to buy water bottles and gift cards for the grade 5 farewell gifts**”
  - 1 All in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

9. Other items

9.1 Gift Card Draw!

Winner is Holly

10. Adjournment 8:28

**Next meeting: June 10, 2025 6:30 AGM**