

Galbraith Parent Council Annual General Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2025, 6:30 pm, Art Room

Chair Person of School Council: David Franz

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: Christine Henke, Jade Torrento, Miranda Lait. Nicole Garlock, Tracy VanSon, Sandy Scheldrup, Nicole Freel, Josh Gibbons, Dave Franz, Melissa Bootsman, Mandi Bulechowski, Holly Neufeld, Andrea Andreachuk

- 1) Call to Order and Introductions: Dave called to order at 6:31
 - a) Went around and introduced ourselves
- 2) Adoption of Agenda and Call for new business
 - a) Moved by Tracy, seconded by Holly, **"That the agenda be adopted as ammended"**
 - i) **Addition of 12: Josh Gibbon report**
All in Favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- 3) Approval of May 2025 Meeting minutes
 - a) Any errors or ommissions in the minutes
 - i) None mentioned, minutes are approved as presented
 - (1) None mentioned, minutes approved
- 4) Business arising from the minutes
- 5) School Trustee Report- Andrea Andreachuk
 - a) Thank you and acknowledgement of changeover
 - b) Christine Lee
 - i) Worst budget ever, sad to leave on
 - ii) 0% to base grant, cuts that had to be made but were hard
 - iii) Westcoulee school
 - (1) Teachers walk through and give input on classrooms
 - (2) Opening in the fall
 - iv) LCI
 - (1) Modernization
 - (2) Art hosting area
- c) Morag Asquith report
 - i) Kindercare
 - (1) 2 year commitment
 - ii) Increasing kindergarten numbers
 - iii) Connect for wellness

- (1) Post cards sent
- iv) Smile cookies
 - (1) Poverty intervention
 - (a) 70 000\$ for community
- d) Robbie Charlebois
 - i) Appreciation internal
 - ii) Drew Andreachuck coming to Galbraith
 - iii) Congrats to Edwin Parr nominee
 - (1) Grade 1 at NS
 - (2) Winner for zone 6
 - iv) CUPE
 - v) New Subs to welcome
- e) Mike Nightengale
 - i) Assurance plan
 - ii) New report card session
- f) Coalbanks
 - i) Losing staff and students
 - (1) To westcoulee
 - ii) Embraced literacy and numeracy
 - iii) Colby the cobra mascot
 - iv) Year end bbq
- g) Wilson
 - i) Festival in the Field with food trucks
 - ii) Diverse activities
 - iii) Beauty and the Beast
- h) Immanuel Christian Secondary
 - i) GOLD medal winner in basketball
 - ii) Special Olympian in figure skating
- i) Job fairs and trying out jobs
 - i) Epic Day
- j) Spanish group of parents
 - i) Spanish bilingual education society
 - (1) Shared a report
- k) Chinook High school
 - i) Trip to Portugal in spring 2026
- l) Passed the trustee code of conduct
- m) Cooling tower for LCI passed
- n) PowWow at Probe
 - i) 1-3 on Wednesday June 11
 - ii) Moves from side to side of city yearly
- o) Indigenous grad at Churchill

- i) Sturgis (Galbraith student) said Blackfoot prayer
- p) LCI Grad

6) School Liason Report- Morag Asquith

7) Division School Council Report- Dave Franz

a) School Council Report

- i) Was... fun
- ii) Education session on parent councils
 - (1) Lots of good info
 - (2) Lots of schools going through society issues
 - (3) September vs. June AGM
 - (a) Better attendance
- iii) Brief discussion regarding ATA and votes
 - (1) Provincial ATA and Provincial negotiation, then down to local level...
 - (2) Nothing really contentious at the local level
- iv) Superintendent report
 - (1) Quick assurance survey
- v) Reminder of Reports...
- vi) Provincial book guidelines
 - (1) Good conversation
 - (2) Books listed on the survey
 - (a) Books found in HS in our division, pulled pending review
 - (3) Trustees all at the ASBA
- vii) Kindercare
 - (1) Buchanan and Nicholas Sheran
 - (a) Making sure data is shared with new trustees
 - (2) Minister of education is now Minister of education and childcare

b) Upcoming Policies

8) Staff Members Reports

a) Staff Report- Christine Henke

- i) Swimming at Henderson tomorrow
 - (1) Thank you to volunteers tomorrow
- ii) Sports Day June 20th
 - (1) Kona ice
 - (2) Holes in the field fixed
- iii) Grade 5
 - (1) Thank you for zoo contribution
 - (2) Waterbottles
- iv) Welcome to kindergarten

- (1) Dave ran food table and made connections
 - v) Thank you from staff to Parents and Parent Council
 - vi) Job Action vote
- b) Vice Principal Report- Nicole Freel
 - i) Feeling sad about farewell
 - ii) 36000 teachers voted in favor of job action, 95% of voters
 - (1) 120 days to initiate job action
 - (2) Bargaining meetings are still happening and scheduled
 - iii) Handout regarding trustees roles
- c) Principal's Report- Sandy Scheldrup
 - i) 5 year plan to prepare for 50th anniversary of terry fox run
 - ii) Henderson pool
 - iii) Wellness wrapping up
 - (1) Ms. Gill
 - (a) Next year Monday and Tuesday, alternating Fridays
 - (2) Amanda McMahon
 - (a) wed and Thursday,
 - iv) Sports day June 20 – Garlock
 - (1) Book buddies together
 - (2) Cooperation and teamwork
 - (3) Teachers submitting suggestions of activities
 - (4) Opening ceremonies in gym
 - (a) O Canada and Galbraith promise
 - (b) Warm up activity
 - (i) Based on sportsmanship
 - (c) Kona Ice a stop
 - (d) Josh will be here to meet staff (and students at assembly)
 - v) Staff list
 - (1) Class sizes 20 -24, support in most classrooms
 - vi) Bell Times
 - (1) Stay the Same
 - (2) Parents expressed frustration over bell times
 - (a) Late dismissal very hard on little ones and after school activities.
- 9) Modernization Update- Sandy Scheldrup
 - a) Not much to report
 - i) Looking at foundation of old building
 - (1) Contractors out
 - (2) What will it look like

10) Review of School Council Fund- Mandi Beulchowski

- a) April Balance: 4168.91
 - i) 1500\$ for Grade 5 Field Trip
 - ii) 100\$ for books for Parent Library (Engagement Grant)
 - (1) 68\$ actual
 - iii) 260\$ for grade 5 award gift cards
 - iv) 351.47\$ for grade 5 farewell water bottles
 - v) New Balance: 1957.44
- b) Move by Holly, seconded by Jade
 - i) **that we spend up to 860\$ from the school council account to buy water bottles and gift cards for the grade 5 farewell gifts**
 - ii) All in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

11) New Business

- a) Dates for 2025-2026 Parent Council Meetings
 - i) September 9
 - ii) October 14
 - iii) November 18
 - iv) January 13
 - v) March 10
 - vi) April 14
 - vii) May 12
 - viii) June 9 (AGM)
- b) Election of Executive Committee
 - i) Vice Chair- covers Chair if Chair absent
 - (1) Melissa Bootsman nominated,,,
 - (a) Dave called for nominations three times
 - (b) Melissa Vice Chair
 - ii) Secretary- keep minutes during meetings
 - (1) Miranda Lait nominated
 - (a) Dave calls for nominations three times
 - (b) Miranda Secretary
 - iii) Treasurer
 - (1) Mandi nominated
 - (a) Dave calls for nominations three times
 - (b) Mandi treasurer

12) Josh Gibbons Presentation

- a) Introduced himself
 - i) Family excited
 - ii) Wife bakes...

iii) Excited to join Galbraith community

13) Adjournment: 7:39

Next Meeting: September 9 2025, 6:30

June 10, 2025, 6:30 pm, Art Room
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- 1) Call to order: 7:40 called to order
- 2) Adoption of the agenda
Moved by Holly, seconded by Nicole Garlock, That the agenda be accepted as amended
All in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- 3) Approval of May 2025 meeting minutes
 - a) Amendment of point 8.2.i
 - i) Should read 600\$ for waterbottles, 260 for gift cards.
 - ii) Minutes accepted as amended
- 4) Hot Lunches
 - a) Papa John's pizza
 - i) Went well, lots of pizza ordered
 - b) No hot Lunch in June
- 5) Treasurer's report- Mandi
 - a) Bank Account Updates
 - i) Casino: 35 585.82
 - ii) Common Shares: 1.32
 - iii) Regular: 1287.28
 - b) Presentation of the Financials
- 6) AGLC Report
 - a) No updates
- 7) Fundraising Committee- Melissa Bootsman
 - a) Playground
 - b) General Fundraising
 - i) Cookie Crimes Fundraiser
 - ii) 3 fundraisers next year hopefully, local as possible
- 8) Election of School Council Society Executive
 - a) Vice Chair
 - i) Melissa nominated
 - (1) Dave called for nominations 3 times
 - (2) Melissa Vice Chair
 - b) Secretary
 - i) Miranda nominated
 - (1) Dave called for nominations 3 times,

- (a) Miranda Secretary
- c) Treasurer
 - i) Mandi nominated
 - (1) Dave called for nominations 3 times
 - (a) Mandi treasurer

9) New Business

- a) 2025-2026 Parent Advisory Council Meeting Dates
 - i) September 9
 - ii) October 14
 - iii) November 18
 - iv) January 13
 - v) March 10
 - vi) April 14
 - vii) May 12
 - viii) June 9 (AGM)
- b) Teacher appreciation
 - i) Moved by Holly, seconded by jade, that we spend up to 250\$ on a teacher appreciation gift
 - (1) All in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

10) Other Items:

- a) Gift Card Draw: we had gift cards for all parents present who were not staff or executive

11) Adjournment: 7:55

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