

Senator Patrick Burns School Council Meeting

April 16, 2025

6:35 pm-7:25: pm (online)

Administration: Harry Ludwigsen (Principal), Kari Mandin (Assistant Principal),
Attendees: Henry Y. (Chair), Kristine S. (Secretary), Miranda K.

1. Call to Order (6:35 pm)

2. Welcome, Meeting Guidelines and Introductions

- N/A

3. Approval of Agenda

- Approved without additions.

4. Reports and Updates

a. Principal's Report (Sr. Ludwigsen, Sra. Mandin)

- Sra Mandin's last day before maternity leave is April 16, 2025. Judy Haddin will be acting assistant principal in the interim and a temporary position will be posted for the remainder of Sra Mandin's maternity leave. Ms. Haddin is very experienced. She leads the mentorship program for principals and vice-principals for CBE.
- Six staff members went to Montreal to attend the conference *Languages without Borders*. SPB applied for extra funding and provided a strong case to receive it when normally only 2 staff/school would be approved/funded. The reason it was approved is because SPB had such a strong plan for substitute coverage during the absence. SPB has a very strong network and support system in place. The conference was a success and ideas have been sparked.
- Supporting Grade 9s with their course selection and also gathering feedback on options.
- Badminton tryouts – huge turnout and tournaments underway so that individuals who didn't make the team also get an opportunity to play.
- Track and field starting up.

b. School Council Updates

- Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) in May and June for Grades 6 and 9.
- Sr. Ludwigsen is communicating with Megan re: parent volunteers who are needed to support students during the PAT.
- The CBE Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting will be held virtually on April 23, 2025. Miranda plans to attend.
- Planning for wellness week is ongoing.

5. Previous Business

- Spending of Alberta School Council Engagement Grant. Still seeking ideas! Henry will do some research and Sr. Ludwigsen will follow up.

- Henry is encouraging timely and responsible use of accumulating treasury funds that have been raised by the Parent Association, particularly because parents who have contributed to fundraising likely want to see the funds used before their child goes to high school. This was further discussed under New Business below.

6. New Business

- Predicting 200 fewer students in 2025/26 school year due to no Grade 6 at SPB. With new resource allocation model (RAM), it's a decrease from 37 to 27 staff at SPB (10 surplus staff) and ~1.2M less funding.
- Teachers on a probationary contract will be the first to be surplus. Sra Panrucker will be going to Dalhousie and Sr Melchin is moving to Lethbridge. Four more staff need to be surplus and teachers are being asked to identify themselves if they would like to be surplus. If four do not volunteer, then decisions will be based on seniority.
- 10 fewer teachers means that there will be fewer options for students and likely fewer trips and extracurriculars.
- Outdoor ed, PE, shop, art, music, foods are all core and will continue. Option courses that only had 10-15 students may no longer be offered.
- Treasury funds from Parent Association will need to be drawn upon to keep certain to minimize the implications of running the school on about half its typical funding.
- Students and staff came together through the month-long CUPE strike and managed very well – true display of Bronco Pride. School was thoroughly cleaned over March break and is running normally.

7. Questions

- None.

8. Approval of last month's meeting minutes

- Last month's minutes not approved. Will be deferred to next meeting.
- Minutes are available here: <https://senatorpatrickburns.cbe.ab.ca/>

9. Next Meeting (3rd Wednesday of the month):

- Wednesday, May 21, 2025
- Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Meeting Adjourned (7:25 pm)