

Senator Patrick Burns School Council Meeting

June 18, 2025

6:33 pm-7:28: pm (online)

Administration: Harry Ludwigsen (Principal), Elena Moreno (Assistant Principal)

Attendees: Henry Y. (Chair), Miriam P. (Vice Chair), Kristine S. (Secretary), Miranda K. (Key Communicator), Megan S. (Volunteer Coordinator), Peipei Z.

1. Call to Order (6:33 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)

- Megan S. has been helping with the PATs, coordinating volunteers. Her support is very much appreciated. Overall, PATs have been going very smoothly.
- Congratulations to Sra. Mandin on welcoming their son (Leo)! Sra Moreno is acting Assistant Principal (AP) in Sra. Mandin's absence. Transition from interim AP (Judi Hadden) to Sra Moreno went very well.
- Report cards are well underway.
- Surplus situation is being worked out with some shuffling of positions:
 - successful woodshop candidate is the current incumbent who will receive a probationary contract next school year.
 - Art position is open.
 - Two temporary positions to fill.
 - No changes to other key support staff (e.g., secretaries).
- Literacy program had a meaningful impact on improving literacy. The program will continue next year albeit in a reduced capacity. Similar steps are being taken to continue the numeracy program.
- SPB is cooperating with Crescent Heights to help bridge the transition from Grade 9 to 10.
- Play was a huge success. Full performance with intermission was beautifully executed by SPB students at Crescent Heights.
- Trips to Calaway Park are a highlight for kids at this time of year.
- Grade 9 farewell during school hours. Food trucks provided and a dance afterwards.
- Question re: CBE policy when air quality is high risk? Note that some students were outside playing soccer during lunch on days when risk was high.
 - Students told in mornings over intercom that they can not go outdoors due to air quality. Gr. 6s are required to stay indoors over lunch. Whereas students in Gr 7-9 are encouraged to stay indoors at lunch but not required because many rely on buying their lunches.
- Update on the impending strike?
 - Teachers overwhelmingly voted for a strike. This allows the Alberta Teacher's Association to continue the negotiations. Communication will be limited during

negotiations so as not to compromise the integrity of the process. A strike may take place in September but hopeful that the province will provide a strong offer.

b. School Council Updates

- Wellness symposium: offerings were well received. Nice diverse offering and good range of volunteers. It worked well to assign each class two offerings.
- Volunteer coordination has been going well. Makes a big difference to have this role filled and hopefully the pool of volunteers with police clearance will continue to grow.
- Miranda to provide Harry a quick update and link re: CBE Council of School Councils (COSC) for inclusion in the weekly update email.

5. Previous Business

- Next year will be up to \$2,500 of Alberta School Council Engagement Grant to spend:
 - Harry to follow up in September re: screening a movie.

6. New Business

- SPB is the only school with platinum environmental rating. This has improved from bronze to platinum in recent years largely due to leadership from Sra. Bayona. Sra Bayona promotes environmental awareness among staff and students through various initiatives such as environmental shares (e.g., standing item at staff meetings), separating waste, solar panels etc.

7. Questions

- Funding projections for 2025/2026 school year indicate that the funds raised by the Parent Association will be in high demand. Parent Association likely needs more support to help bridge funds raised with the fund allocation in an impactful and timely manner.
- Please reach out to recruit more parent volunteers for the School Council and Parent Association!
- Opportunity to invest in Spanish language promotion though extra activity/engagement? Yes, for example, Sra Moreno is exploring opportunity for Spanish theatre if funding is there.
- Does SPB have an action plan for Truth and Reconciliation? E.g., land acknowledgement at start of meetings? No, but can be explored going forward.

8. Approval of last month's meeting minutes

- Last month's minutes approved.
- Minutes are available here: <https://senatorpatrickburns.cbe.ab.ca/>

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

- Wednesday, September 17, 2025
- Wednesday, October 15, 2025 (AGM)
- Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Meeting Adjourned (7:28 pm)