



**Senator Patrick Burns School Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Date of Meeting:

April 15, 2026 at 6:32pm, online via Microsoft Teams

Council Members in Attendance:

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

Council Members Regrets (Absent):

Guests in Attendance:

Harald L. (Principal), Elena Moreno (Vice Principal)

Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Elena.M
Welcome, Meeting Guidelines, Introductions	Welcome by Elena M. followed by Harald L.
Approval of Agenda	No Agenda
Previous Business	Elena. M- Fire safety learning: learning to put out a fire and roasting marshmallows Started working on their POC's. The planning for next year is starting. Friday - Spanish club celebrate SPB Gala and school will be able to join in on viewing. Students will participate at Crescent Heights High Scholl to compete with other schools. Spanish club - documentary on the <i>Que Pasa</i> event which is the special feature of the film

	<p>Harold: Health and Safety Audit- external and internal to see how compliant SPB is on all procedures. Inspector stated it was a great school. Inspector brought up that the most hazardous issue is wellness. The inspector recognized this as a strength for SPB</p> <p>Elena M: Wiring installation for camera security has commenced and is well on its way. electrical infrastructure is scheduled for completion for mid May 2026. Camera install is scheduled to be completed between fall 2026 and Dec 2026. Working during school hours.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>School Council Engagement Grant: Harold : Screenagers grant money event. The school council credit card is not allowed to use the US dollars and after several follow ups by the students, it will finally be clear to finalize the payment for the Screenagers viewing. Still looking into having the parent viewing in June 2026.</p> <p>Parent Council: Henry: parent association update given by Henry. This week’s meeting cancelled. There is progress as two / three people are involved now. The cheques have now been issued from parent’s association to SPB which has helped money flow. Plants fundraiser- will need parents to help move around the plants (see <i>Volunteering</i> herein).</p> <p>Volunteering: Megan- Volunteer association. There are inquiries to be set up with the volunteer coordinator in terms of how the account is set up. Harold will send an email to Caroline Simpson to inquire. Stock your freezer event scheduling has been confirmed with Harold this event is after the Plants Fundraiser.</p> <p>Kristine received response from parent association stating they can set up the new contact for the bank information.</p> <p>Field Trip – Canoe Trip cancelled. Kristine asked about why the Canoe trip to Red Deer was cancelled. Harold - The weather for the build up was good conditions but at the time of registering the weather dropped and the thoughts CBE decided to cancel the trip.</p>

Wellness Development:

Sra Sanchez provided a brief summary of the wellness development and wellness survey research results:

- 2 months ago Sra. Sanchez and Sra. Moreno went for 1 day with CBE with 2 students from grades 7,8&9.
- the two main things that came out that day was focused on the safety in and around the school. If they felt safe in the school, why and which areas around the school.
- Survey participants are anonymous

Most positive response:

Reviewed the survey Sra. Sanchez shared the following results based on questions asked:

- areas where they did not feel the safest is bathroom

Bullying:

52.3% have witnessed bullying and 23% have experienced bullying. So the surveyors want to dive more into this aspect in terms of what questions to ask

- most of the time arriving and leaving school they feel safe
- one thought was knowing students in other grades.

Questions about feeling safe with the staff? Ensuring the students have at least one staff member they feel safe with as well as one student.

- students know of school children who vape.
- the students stated they feel safe with the proposed cameras especially by the washrooms.
- a survey was created and the Spanish team reviewed it.

The survey was shared with the team. 444 responses.

Students are eager to reaching out to well being speakers to participate in the wellness program. Grades will be mixed to get to know other grades. Students are reaching out to the community to get speakers.

Harold:

Agreed that regarding bullying we want to ensure the kids feel safe and have a staff member they feel safe reaching out to.

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Kristine- asked about how the students have that staff to get to know the students better.

	<p>Interesting to know who the 20% are. Due to the anonymity of the survey, it is difficult to determine who is being bullied.</p> <p>Harold: idea of belonging where the grade 7's and grade 9's are not known to each other. So, an idea of a vertical home room where different grades are mixed to create.</p> <p>Harold response: a few students felt it was ok to vape in the washrooms and then other students walk in and see the students vaping and those students do not feel safe. Reminders regarding no smoking and no vaping for safety and health standards thru signage "no smoking", "no vaping" When teachers go into the washroom, they are required to state they are entering into the washroom which gives a student time to not be caught red handed.</p> <p>Awareness workshop and resources where so asked teachers in health classes to stop vaping. The education appeared to make vaping more interesting. 4-5 vapes have been confiscated in the last year.</p> <p>Miriam: suggested buddy system similar to Collingwood school.</p> <p>Elena M.- responded stating this is similar to prospective <i>Vertical homeroom</i> where it's a homeroom created to include different grade levels to encourage interaction amongst the different grade levels in SPB and grow community and the feeling of safety in the school setting.</p>
Q & A	<i>No extra questions from group</i>
Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting	Henry Y. motioned to approve minutes from last months minutes. Megan approved.
Next Meeting Date and Adjournment	Next meeting date set for May 20, 2026. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm by Henry Y.