



Senator Patrick Burns School Council Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:

May 20 2026 at 6:34pm, online via Microsoft Teams

Council Members in Attendance:

Henry Y. (Chair), Kristine S. (Vice Chair), Megan S. (Volunteer Coordinator)

Council Members Regrets (Absent): Miriam P. (Secretary), Miranda K. (Key Communicator)

Guests in Attendance:

Harald L. (Principal), Elena Moreno (Vice Principal), Laura Hack (School Board Trustee), Sheila S. (Parent Association Treasurer), Lori, Dan M.

Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Henry Y.
Welcome, Meeting Guidelines, Introductions	Welcome Henry Y
Approval of Agenda	Agenda Approved
Special Guest	Laura Hack - Presentation from Calgary Public School Board Trustee (Wards 3 & 4) • Calgary Public School Board Trustees oversee KG to Gr 12, which includes 143,000 students, or approx. 1 in 5 students for all of AB • Ms Hack's role is: 1) to hire the Chief Superintendent - Joanne Pitman. 2) to provide input into report cards, operations, courses and course selection.

	3) to advocate for public education needs (e.g., more staff, resources and schools) via other elected officials at different levels • Policies can be reviewed here: https://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/policies-and-regulations/Pages/Governance-Policies.aspx • Advocacy priorities are available here: https://cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/advocacy-priorities/Pages/default.aspx • Ms Hack acknowledged overcapacity issues. Trustees have requested 27 new projects. Takes ~3-5 years from a request to opening a new school. • Discussed charter schools, creating capacity and academic results. CBE generally lifts the province overall in PAT scores. • Ms. Hack welcomes feedback on both what is working and what is not working. She can be contacted at: laahack@cbe.ab.ca
Reports and Updates	Principal's Report (Sr. Ludwigsen & Sra. Moreno) • Screenagers was successful and will continue to be utilized for the full year for which SPB has access. Technology policy statements created for students and teachers: "Students treat school technology like it is their own. At home and at school, we use AI in ways that are reasonable, environmentally conscious, responsible, and that promote independence and accountability." "We [Teachers] use technology in a way that supports learning, human and critical thinking while being aware of the environmental and ethical implications at all times." • Classroom reduction efforts were successful. SPB was able to hire 2 additional teachers, one of whom has already started and the other will join in September. • Class sizes will be about 28 for gr. 7/8 and 30 for gr 9 next year. • Band performance was a big success • 50,000 grant for the library, mostly for books but also some furniture.

	- Spanish results are improving with a dedicated Spanish teacher and additional resources. Therefore, will maintain this model into the next school year - Continuing to work closely with Crescent Heights and feeder schools to ensure smooth transitions for Spanish students into and out of SPB. - Sr. Ludwigsen and Sra. Moreno have joined a new committee that focuses on linguistic proficiency from K-12 for bilingual student. Parent Association Updates - Sheila S. in attendance representing the Treasurer from the PA and confirmed that she will be getting up to speed in that role before end of school year. - Meghan S. will connect with Sheila S. to transfer funds from the last fundraiser. - SPB hopes to return to more options, clubs and trips in 2026/2027 school year. School Council Updates - Expression of appreciation to all for participating in the School Council Meetings. - Henry Y. has now occupied the position of President for 2 years, which is the maximum tenure, so we will need to fill that role for the next school year. Extra thank you to Henry for his dedication and contributions as President of the School Council. - Dan. M. has expressed interest in the Key Communicator role. - Reminder that the School Council can be contacted at: schoolcouncil.spb@gmail.com
New Business	Harry Y: Grant spending of \$270 to carry it forward to next year. Ran out of time to discuss.
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. Kristine approved.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment	Next meeting date set for September 16, 2026 (i.e., will continue holding meetings on the third Wednesday of the month). Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm by Henry Y.
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