



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

**Date of Meeting:**

December 17, 2025 at 11:00 am. December’s School Council meeting was held at the school, following the school band Winter Concert.

**Council Members in Attendance:**

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

**Council Members Regrets (Absent):**

Kristine S. (Secretary), Key Communicator (*Vacant*)

**Guests in Attendance:**

Harald L. (Principal)

<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 11:00 am by Henry Y.
<b>Welcome, Meeting Guidelines, Introductions</b>	Welcome by Henry Y.
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Henry Y. motion to approve agenda. Seconded by Megan S. - <a href="#">Henry Motion to Approve agenda. Seconded by Miriam</a> - <a href="#">Added a Land Acknowledgement introduced by Henry</a>
<b>Reports and Updates</b>  -VST: Harold informed us of the <b>video surveillance</b> in SPB CBE was rolling out an upgrades program and since SPB does not have any based on historic low trend of incidents, SPB applied to be part of this video surveillance roll out. Currently SPB is under the consultation phase. Harold shared the plan via share screen- includes the following:	Principal’s Update by Harald L.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “School Digital Citizen” plan 2025-2026</li><li>• Focuses on the responsible and ethical use of technology, primary objective ius to ensure that all students at SPB have equitable access to tech resources and to educate them about responsible and balanced digital use</li><li>• Conversation about AI</li></ul>

<p>-New cameras - qty = 20 interior and exterior complete with signage. Schedule currently unknown. Approx 2 month duration. Safe and respectful learning (site / weather conditions), graffiti etc.</p> <p>- minimizing impact on privacy by avoiding private areas IE: washrooms. Site security assessment was conducted to determine which rooms will be included.</p> <p>freedom of information and protection and privacy act included a training for Principal and Vice Principal. Strict guidelines as to how and who can access this footage. Limited to Principal, Vice Principal, and safety and security staff, and exceptional request from external Agency IS CPS. Additional Controls include: No Cameras are hidden, no audio, cameras are not actively monitored in real time. Not used for staff supervision or performance. VST to help create a welcoming caring and safe, respectful environment. Now it is asked to share the presentation deck with staff, students and guardians complete with a fill in form.</p> <p>Harold invited Questions and Concerns to those in attendance.</p> <p>Harold met with Students asking if there is any additional support required.</p> <p>Elena mentioned the Report Cards were delayed due to strike. advised parents to take the opportunity to review the Power school with your child (ren).</p> <p>Harold mentioned the HomeWork Club.</p> <p>Sra Sutherland created a spanish afterschool club.</p> <p>Megan asked when the 2nd term technically starts. Elena clarified it starts on Jan 28, but reporting period will end Feb 24th.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fantastic conversation with classes (Grade 9), dystopias and the movie, “1984”.</li> <li>• CBE is pushing out security video technology, most schools have it, they are doing it from a liability perspective, video cameras in parking lots (slips and trips etc. not just damage or break ins of vehicles) – what does this look like? The only people that can view the video recordings is the P and AP, with valid reason, any log in must be explained and accounted for. The software blurs people’s faces by default. Schools will engage with conversations because of concerns about being monitored – is it all areas? Biggest areas of concern are vandalism in the washrooms, so areas outside out entrance will be monitored, 20 total (10 inside and 10 outside) on school system and not paid for by school, job advertised in March and done in Summer and ready for next year – school board has made recommendations of which schools will be approved, now we must consult with school and parents and staff. Discussions will be open. It’s everywhere and it’s a lot of extra work for administrators. Only the police will have access to the videos, if necessary and guidelines and restrictions are very tight. For example, the software will track who tried to access any footage and a valid reason must be provided.</li> <li>• We are Phase 2 of the “book ban”. We went from explicit text to just now pictures. Schools have gone through this before the strike. A large number of books were reviewed and came back with the books they have found to remove from the libraries. Books are not to be disclosed whatsoever - this part has been done at SPB, teachers now need by December 15th to go through their classroom libraries and ensure that there are no pictures that fit within the criteria of the ban.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Previous Business</b></p> <p>Henry asked Amanda Vain Chair of the PArnts Association with any additional comments:</p>	<p><i>No previous business</i></p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>Henry discussed parents are moving away due to kids moving schools. A PA meeting occurs right after this SC meeting. Harold asked if there are any questions for Amanda / PA. Harold thanked Amanda and the team for the fundraising for SPB which is highly regarded and appreciated. If there is a Grade 7 parent that is good with numbers please reach out to Harold as an extra curricular activity to handle the books. Megan offered to reach out as part of the volunteer section in the newsletter .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Henry discusses new business, including the introduction of official “School Council Operating Procedures” document. Henry motions to implement the operating procedures as governing document moving forward – second by Megan.</li> </ul>

Harold described the Learning Leaders and shared the decision to spend the funds \$1927 on a presentation for students and guardians regarding the dangers of media. clear stipulations of the grant is for parents and students. Suggested March after report cards and open house. Harold asked if March/ April would work and would work around volleyball, Band field trip and spring break. PAT's volunteering request from Megan to send out requests to the parents volunteers ahead of time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion about additional Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant. We are sitting at a balance of over \$2,400. Sr. Ludwigsen has agreed to move forward with “Screenagers” movie presentation.</li> <li>• Sr. Ludwigsen invite learning leaders at next meetings, video surveillance part next meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Q &amp; A</b>	
<b>Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting</b>	September 2025 minutes have not been posted yet, so we will have to approve minutes from these minutes at our next meeting in January 2026.
<b>Next Meeting Date and Adjournment</b>	Next meeting date set for January 21, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm by Henry Y.

Q& A section:

Megan shared the free event on Canadian grants for university in Canada on how to win scholarships for university and shared the link in the chat.

Amanda asked about the Crescent Heights forms that need to be submitted as part of the Highschool Open houses. Elena will reach out with counselor from Crescent Heights.

Megan asked when SPB has an open house for Feb 11 6-8pm

Henry motioned to approve September and December's minutes, seconded by Miriam.

Next Meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday February 18th, 2026.

Harold mentioned the website historically was not kept up to date and now includes the week ahead details onto the website, usually by 4pm. This academic year all information has been included onto the school website.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:31pm.- January 21 2026.