

Senator Patrick Burns School Council Meeting

May 21, 2025

6:40 pm-7:25: pm (online)

Administration: Harry Ludwigsen (Principal),

Attendees: Henry Y. (Chair), Kristine S. (Secretary), Miriam P. (Vice Chair), Megan S. (Volunteer Coordinator), Ba Hien N.

1. Call to Order (6:40 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)

- Retired principal, Judi Hadden, has replaced Kari Mandin as interim Assistant Principal. SPB is considering various options in collaboration with the superintendent to fill the position longer term.
- Badminton season has been a great success.
- Transportation changes do not affect SPB because SPB does not have busses. Similarly, there are no changes to SPB's start/end times.
- Sr. Mason with support from various other teachers has been leading several outdoor and Indigenous relations trips this spring.
- Sr. Melchin led two Music trips: Gr 7 (Banff) and Gr 9 (Whistler)
- Upcoming theatre performance led by Sra. Newburn June 5th at Crescent Heights. Information on tickets is available in the News Letter.
- Short skit performed at Que Pasa in early May was a success.
- Support worker appreciation event was coordinated by Student Council. Students made cards and gave speeches to show their appreciation for support staff (cleaning, teacher assistants, lunch room supervisors). Also used the opportunity as a farewell to the lunchroom supervisors who will not be at SPB next year due to Gr. 6 moving to Collingwood.

b. School Council Updates

- Last Parent Association meeting of the year will be next month. Henry to attend to help coordinate funding needs e.g., cross-country team looking for pop-up tents for inclement weather during meets. Goal for this year was to better link funds raised to timely spend so that students/parents who are contributing funds see the benefits of their contributions while they are still at SPB.
- Wellness week has filled up with online sign-up options that will be organized by classroom this year. This approach is logistically easier to plan compared to students signing up on an individual basis.

- Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) has good volunteer support but there are still spots to fill. Please contact **Megan Swan** at meganswanwellness@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer.
- Students will sign up from home via Power School for their option courses for next year. Foods, woodshop and outdoor ed are the top choices. Making a concerted effort to give all students a chance to do these courses at least once between Gr 7 and 9, if they so choose.
- The CBE Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting was held virtually on April 23, 2025. Miranda attended. Recording is available here: <https://youtu.be/bq6wEvS5XYk?feature=shared>. Discussed budgets, approved new school constructions, etc.

5. Previous Business

- \$1,927 of Alberta School Council Engagement Grant to spend on, for example:
 - <https://www.screenagersmovie.com/> Screening a movie that covers topics of mental health in a digital age.
 - Artist in residence – e.g., Indigenous artist
 - Dr. Katherine Millar – research around neurolinguistic approach – staff workshop
 - Ideally it would be spent on an event that brings parents, students and teachers together.
- Grade 9 farewell event with food trucks being held on Monday, June 23. Food trucks are there initially for Gr 9 students and their parents, then available for other students in the afternoon

6. New Business

- None.

7. Questions

- None.

8. Approval of last month's meeting minutes

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

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

- Wednesday, June 18, 2025 – Agenda to include numeracy and literacy update. Specifically, SPB is being used as a successful example for other middle schools to follow

Meeting Adjourned (7:25 pm)