

DRBS School Council Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:47 p.m.

Attendees in person: Jamie-Lynn Leci, Nick Berdusco, Jacqui Lund, Natasha Monk, Jenn Lowry, Nicole Leung, Diana Lasso, Chris Kozelj, Johanna Tugbo, Miguel Urrutia, Kim Howden, Evelyne Lamontagne, Sandra Roberts, Amanda Payette, Lauren Ing.

Virtual attendees: Tara, Abiola A, Sadaf Burhan

Land Acknowledgement was presented through a video that the Kindergarten team uses with their classes.

Kindergarten Teacher's Presentation

Ms. Roberts and Ms. Payette presented on what the kindergarten students have been working on. Otters were a major theme that carried into environmental preservation topics. The students recently visited the Calgary Zoo Wilder Institute to see the otters and learn about their habitat. The teachers presented a video that the students assembled together to showcase their learnings.

Principal's Update

Budget:

- The school is maintaining a status quo budget;
- Student numbers continue to fluctuate day to day;
- Specialized teachers for music, gym and literacy will continue to be budgeted for.

Residency Proposals:

- Proposals need to be submitted as soon as possible;
- Elder Shirley has been confirmed to remain.

Outdoor Learning Space:

- Joe, contractor for the outdoor classroom, met with Evelyne to walk the space and review our concerns;
- Joe has agreed to replace two trees and provide some options to replace the mulch;
- Some budget will be needed for the changes, perhaps this is something CBE could contribute something towards;
- Council was not included in the walk but another meeting will be planned to include key council members;
- Council discussed having students water the trees in the school yard until the end of June, and then hiring some university students to water over the summer. Chris and Carrie will organize this.

Motion to approve the previous meeting School Council Minutes made by Jamie-Lynn and seconded by Jacqui. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the School Council Consent Agenda made by Jacqui and seconded by Nick. Motion passed.

Chair Update

- Paul Davis, cyber security expert, is booked to present at the school on April 21, 2026. He will give age-appropriate presentations to all the students, followed by a presentation for parents later in the day;
- JL will complete the Chairperson's Report following the June meeting;
- JL went through all the Executive positions on the Board and confirmed whether the position was filled for the 2025-26 school year or whether the role was vacant:
 - According to the bylaws, Nick Berdusco will move into the Chair Position and JL will become Past Chair.
 - JL moved that Natasha Monk continue as Treasurer. Jacqui seconded. Carried.
 - JL moved that Jenn Lowry continue as Secretary. Nick seconded. Carried
 - Nicole Leung and Lauren Ing will be the Volunteer Coordinators
 - Diana Lasso will stay on as Communications Coordinator
 - Nicky Palmer will stay on as the Fun Lunch Coordinator
 - Chris Kozelj and Carrie Plesuk will stay on as Playground Coordinators
 - Theresa Phan will stay on as Casino Coordinator
 - Johanna Tugbo will stay on as Yearbook Coordinator
 - Nominations remain open for Vice-Chair, Fundraising Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator, Hug n' Go Coordinator and Work Bee Coordinator;
- On June 6, Lauren Ing and Natasha Monk will speak to the parents of incoming Kindergarten students at the orientation meeting to raise awareness of the Board and available positions;
- The last meeting of the year is June 10, not June 2 as previously, incorrectly noted. JL will complete a global edit on past meeting minutes and agendas to amend this.

Yearbook Coordinator update

- Four pages will be added to the yearbook this year for the following content: a personal note from Dr. Roberta Bondar herself, a message from Principal Evelyne Lamontagne, a message from the School Council, and a Land Acknowledgement;
- The cost of the yearbook will be \$40. There will be a direct mail option on the order form for families leaving the school to have the book sent directly to them;
- On May 28 class photos are being taken, as well as portraits for students who were not present at the beginning of the year;
- Evelyne will send a reverse consent form to all parents.

Volunteer Coordinator Update

- Book Fair is on now. Good success getting volunteers to run it;
- Working with Mr. Vanderlinden on Sports Day. Three parents have volunteered to be on the planning committee.

Communication Coordinator Update

- The Welcome Package will be ready for incoming Kindergarten parents on June 6;
- Council discussed how to handle Instagram follow requests when requesting accounts are private (i.e. no private messages can be sent to verify requester identity). Perhaps invitations are accepted and account holder is given a limited time to respond to a confirmation message before being removed. Options are being considered;
- A communication message regarding available Board positions will be created.

Hug n' Go Coordinator Update

- Will need to adjust timing of volunteer commitment to account for change in bell times next school year;
- Will email the current volunteer base to see if there is any interest in taking over the Coordinator position on the Board for the 2025-26 school year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.