

Approved Meeting Minutes – September 18th, 2025

Annie Gale School Council Meeting

Attendees: Rumina, Tammy, Kelly, Hans, Daniel, Vinesh, Shilpa, Manjit, Mrs Naicker, Laurel, Tonya, Calyn, Gladys, Kal

1. Chair's opening remarks and introductions

Rumina welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.

Daniel's update:

- Daniel mentioned there are 592 students at Annie Gale this year.
- Five teachers are new, stable this year, Staffed conservatively, no surplus of teachers.
- CTF for grade 7- lost one home room, how do we maximize teacher deployment.
- Modernization – will create some challenges while people working in the building. This way they know what kind of classes they need to do. 4 teachers, two of each will teach two options
- Mrs. Maureen Hurst a helping principal for the last week while she is away. Tammy read the message from Mrs. Hurst, appreciated everyone. Heard great things about all students.

Review of minutes from last meeting – this will be covered on the PESA later in this meeting.

2. Principal's Report

- Start-up was smooth and without incident.

Staffing: very few changes. New to the staff are Ms. Cardinal (Social Studies and CTF teacher), Ms. Mackie (temporary FSL and CTF teacher for Mrs. Elnazali), Mr. La (temporary PE, CTF, English teacher for Ms. Wong), Mr. McKenzie (temporary English teacher for Mr. Cochrane),

and Ms. Nassereddine new lunchroom supervisor. The few changes to staff means more stability and ease for their onboarding to school culture and expectations.

Student enrolment is currently 592. This is fewer than we expected but will not change staff as we were conservative when we did our spring budget.

This year we are using a wheel for Grade 7 CTF – new this year, allowing for all students to try a variety of options so that they are better informed for making decisions in Grade 8 and 9. This was shared with students and parents in the spring and will also allow for more engagement with our future modernization taking out some CTF spaces for periods of time.

I have been on a medical leave for a few weeks and received positive feedback from the Acting Principal. She said: It has been a pleasure working with you this past week and a bit. Tammy always talks about you with such pride, and it is evident to me why. While here, I observed:

- Teachers who are highly dedicated to students and your work. I observed many small interactions from the way you greeted students in the morning to helping them with lockers or schedules that showed you care. I regret not getting into many of your classrooms as I would have liked to see the amazing work you do with students.
- I observed teachers looking out for one another. You helped get off site forms ready. You helped subs who were new to the building. You covered supervision shifts and a multitude of other things when staff members needed to be pulled to do something else. Many of you offered support to me and I thank you for that.
- I observed a lot of good student behaviors, students opening doors for one another, greeting us in the morning, helping one another, translating, helping when hurt, etc. A great school culture.

4. Treasurer's Report

Kal hasn't arrived at the meeting yet – will be covered on the PESA when she arrives.

5. Old Business

- Paul Davis presentation/ draw for students
The presentation on internet safety was a success—everyone who attended found it valuable and engaging. Laurel noted that attendees even brought guests from other schools, which speaks to the relevance and impact of the session.
- Meet the teacher school council popcorn sale
Crystal shared plans to purchase either popcorn kernels or pre-made popcorn bags for an upcoming event. The estimated cost is approximately \$2 per bag, totaling around \$150. It was agreed that the items will be purchased and a receipt will be submitted for reimbursement.
- **Fun lunch dates**
-Oct, Nov, Dec – volunteers??
Fun Lunch Planning Updates
Crystal advised she picked the fun lunches at the end-of-month lunch.
 - October 29: Need to call and confirm halal options.
 - November 26: Conflict with Grade 9 field trip (Daniel).
→ Proposed new date: November 27 with pizza.
 - December 17: Planned lunch from TacoTime.
 - January 28: Lunch type still to be decided.Tammy met with Laurel and Crystal to streamline the Fun Lunch process and improve coordination moving forward.

6. New Business

- October Halloween fundraising ideas/ Grizzley Growler basketball tournament fundraising/ support
Crystal suggested to do some raffle.

Tammy – not decided yet, Daniel, we will share when we have enough information about basketball.

Fundraising idea for Parent Teacher Interviews/ School Council Table (Nov 27th)

Fundraising before Christmas break/ Gift Cards sale

There was a discussion about purchasing gift cards for the upcoming event. Rumina advised that this topic will be revisited in future meetings for further discussion and final decisions.

- **Invitation to the Trustee**

Election Update

- Rumina inquired about the upcoming election.
- Laurel confirmed that the Calgary municipal election is scheduled for October 20, 2025.

Meeting Motions

- Kal arrived and made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Laurel seconded, All in favor.

Financial Update

- Kal reported a balance of \$789.96 in the ATB account.
- Crystal seconded the motion. All in Favor.

8. Next meeting date and time

October 22 at 6 pm

9. Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:40

Rumina passed motion

Crystal seconded, All in favor.