

Meeting Minutes – May 21st, 2025

Annie Gale School Council

Attendees: Tammy, Daniel, Rumina, Laurel, Kal, Yeshi, Crystal, Anisha Velji, Ume Abeeha Batool, RS, Joel Thermidor

1. Chair's opening remarks and introductions

- Rumina opened the meeting at 6 pm.

2. Review of minutes from last meeting

- Rumina passed the motion to approve the last meeting minutes, Kal Seconded, All in favor.

3. Principal's Report

- Flood news: Saturday flood in gym and hallways from a new cause. Part of the gym floor needs to be replaced but we are unsure of timeline. Trying to ensure that the band concert goes on but we may have to change seating.
- Staffing continued: we expect few changes to staff roster for next year. We will lose our temporary teachers as their contracts expire at the end of June.
- Timetable: this week we are confirming teachers and the current draft of next year's timetable. Some changes will be options for TLC 9 students, a CTF/fine arts wheel for incoming Grade 7s, and individual teacher assignments.
- Modernization: We continue to attend planning meetings related to the modernization; we expect changes in our CTF spaces (foods, construction, and art) as well as bathrooms, foyer, and outside façade. Timeline for construction not available yet, though likely to be at end of next school year or the following year.
- Lockdown tomorrow, with police support.
- Badminton finished a successful season. Golf is ongoing.
- Pay close attention to the weekly update for information about June: exam dates will bring some changes to our schedule.
- Class lists have been started for next year. We do this in several rounds with a range of teacher perspectives to consider a variety of factors, including gender balance, learning needs including specialized educational codes, EAL students, positive and negative

relationships, and a balance of leadership skills. Each change made affects many things. For this reason, we don't support parent requests for homeroom assignments unless an educational need is raised. Sometimes adjustments in the fall are needed when student move or come to our school so that the classes remain balanced.

4. Treasurer's Report

Kal – no new statement, balance is the same as last time.

5. Old Business

- Paul Davis payment is still not finalized. Communication issues.
Tammy – limited budget for the school. Suggested that parents should talk to their MLAs.
- Update from Morgan for COSC meeting April 23rd, 2025 (Morgan wasn't in today so he sent an email)
 - budget formula had been changed from 3-year weighted budget to a 2-year weighted budget.
 - budget has increased from previous one. CBE to receive an additional \$55 million.
 - continued pressures linked to inflation, labor costs and enrolment growth
 - budget dispersal planning is in progress
 - school fees always reflect actual costs and are cost neutral as always
 - breakdown of money allocation is as follows per dollar spent.
 - \$.74 goes directly to schools
 - \$.6 goes towards supports for schools such as learning support and Ela's
 - \$.14 goes towards operations and maintenance
 - \$.3 goes towards transportation
 - \$.3 goes towards system administration and central services
 - the budget still does not provide the funding necessary for a growing school district
 - per student funding sits at \$9,076, funding required per student based on estimates is \$10,839 creating a \$238 million shortfall.
 - Alberta still has the lowest per student funding in the country
 - enrollment has increased by 20,000 students since 2020-21 school year
 - schools are using staff rooms, learning commons and other spaces for classroom learning
 - over 90% of schools are at or over capacity currently
 - CBE is making use of overflow school as where possible to do so
 - adding modular while waiting for schools to be built will add approximately 1575 additional spaces for students
 - reopening Windsor Park will add 200 spaces
 - consolidating chinook learning services at Spruce grove will free up 500 additional spaces for students
 - all boys program closure at sir James Lougheed will open 250 student spaces
 - Upcoming school board trustee election is October 20th, 2025

- Deadline to become a candidate is September 22nd, 2025.
- information session about becoming a trustee will be held in June 2024
- Cheques for Crystal and Laurel already approved
- Fun lunch
 - May 22nd, Taco Time, volunteers-June 24th, Coco Brooks, volunteers
- Elections discussion
 - Candidate Interest – Rumina confirmed that no parents expressed interest before the May deadline.
- Voting Bylaws – Dan suggested to review the bylaws regarding voting procedures.
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Scheduled for June 11.
- Notice Period – Laurel pointed out that the bylaws require 14 days of notice before the AGM which was followed.

6. New Business

- Daytripper's provides grants for fieldtrips for low-income school communities for students in KG to Gr8.
- Grade 9 graduation celebration fieldtrip money discussion, \$600.
- Graduation Attendance – Rumina raised concerns about some TLC students not attending graduation and questioned whether it was due to disciplinary reasons. She felt all students should participate.
- Behavior Challenges – Laurel stated that the situation was a consequence of poor decisions. Tammy highlighted difficulties managing student behavior, particularly in group settings. She noted a Phys Ed incident, actions of misbehaving that involved about 14 students who arrived late and caused disruption. Messages have already been sent to parents regarding these concerns.
- School-wide Measures –Pearson have also taken similar actions due to behavior issues. The focus remains on maintaining safety and ensuring students follow teacher instructions.
- Future Planning – Rumina suggested improved field trip planning for all grades. Laurel pointed out that CBE regulations can be complex and are not entirely within Tammy's control.
- Next Steps – All agreed on better organization for next year, including teacher involvement in planning for field trips.
- CBE reporting - Rumina advised it will get done.

7. Next meeting date and time

June 11, 2025, at 6 pm.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Rumina passed motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm.