

Alexander Forbes The Academy School Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, May 6, 2025

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.
2. Introductions: Kristina de Metz (Principal), Kendra Stewart (Vice Principal), Rhonda Schneider (Teacher Rep), Raechelle Marcotte (Teacher Rep/Parent), Joan Nellis (Trustee), Sarah Patterson (Secretary), Meagan Jamieson (Parent), Deirdre Puff (Chair), Caitlin McMurrer (Secretary)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Deirdre Puff
Seconded: Sarah Patterson
4. Approval of Minutes of Apr. 8, 2025
Moved: Deirdre Puff
Seconded: Sarah Patterson
5. School Board Report – Joan Nellis
 - a. See pages 3 & 4 below.
6. Treasurer Report – Sarah Patterson
 - a. Current balance: \$4286.97
 - b. Accounts Receivable: Dance funds to be deposited, upcoming Munch-a-Lunches
 - c. Accounts Payable: Upcoming Munch-a-Lunch, Grade 6 Book Buy, Pancakes Day, Worms & Dirt Day
7. Administrator's Report – Kristina de Metz, Jake Roberts, Kendra Stewart
 - a. See page 5 below.
8. Actions from previous meetings
 - a. Pancake Breakfast/Western Day
 - i. Grill secured. Need to get grills to go on top and pancake supplies.
 - ii. Note that it is for students only event.
 - b. Dance discussion
 - i. Brought in \$470. Increased survey responses by 30

- c. Grade 6 Book Buy
 - i. \$650.
 - ii. Motioned: Deirdre Puff
 - iii. Seconded: Sarah Patterson
- 9. New Business
 - a. Review of Operating Procedures
 - b. AGM Date for the Fall and School Council Executive Positions for 2025-26
 - i. Next year 1st Council Meeting: September 9 at 6 pm
 - ii. AGM- September 23 at 6 pm
 - c. Thank You Cards
 - i. List sent to Kristina to see if there are classes that can create them for us to bring around.
 - d. Format of June meeting
 - i. 5:30 at Restaurant. Invites will be sent out shortly.
 - e. Munch a Lunch – Possible alternative
 - i. Jennifer Kohn will be stepping down from the administrative side of the Munch-a-Lunch program. Will need a replacement.
- 10. Upcoming Events:
 - a. May 7: Hats on for Mental Health
 - b. May 8: Arbor Day. Grade 1 get their trees courtesy of Rotary
 - c. May 8: Cut off for Munch-a-Lunch: Mucho Burrito
 - d. May 9: 3D Soccer/Ball Hockey Tournament
 - e. May 14: Track and Field
 - f. May 15: Munch-A-Lunch: Mucho Burrito
 - g. May 16: PLD Day
 - h. May 19: Victoria Day. No School
 - i. May 30: Western Day/Pancake Breakfast
- 11. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.
Location TBA.
- 12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

School Council – Trustee Report – Joan Nellis

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ANNUAL EMPLOYEE WELLNESS REPORT

Director of Human Resources, Tammie Maurer and Director of Inclusive Learning, Nancy Gorgichuk presented the Annual Employee Wellness Report to the Board. The purpose of the report is to provide information to the Board of Trustees and provide assurance that the Division is committed to fostering a workplace that prioritizes wellness, engagement, and psychological health and safety. Highlights included an overview of the 9 elements of wellness that guides the work of the division in supporting employee wellness and a review of staff satisfaction with various wellness initiatives, including the division employee wellness day.

LOCAL PODIUM EVENT AT GRANDE PRAIRIE COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Chair Nellis, Trustee Martin, Deputy Superintendent Robinson, Associate Superintendent Oladele, Principal Vobeyda, and GPPSD System Directors attended a funding announcement with MLA Nolan Dyck on April 11, 2025 for design funding for a permanent addition to Grande Prairie Composite High School which was approved in the 2025 Provincial Budget.

CAREER PATHWAYS "CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE"

Development of the Career Pathways Framework began in the spring of 2024. The GPPSD Career Pathways Framework serves as a foundational structure that provides clarity and coherence of career education. The framework emphasizes the interconnectedness of PK-12 education, families, industry, post-secondary, and community partners. The April 22nd engagement, taking place at Grande Prairie Composite High School Theatre and available virtually, was open to all parents, students, community and industry members. The evening consisted of a one-hour session for parents, students, community and industry, presented by our Careers School Engagement Coordinator, to learn more about: High School Completion Requirements, CTS – Career and Technology Studies Programming, Work Experience Programming, Registered Apprenticeship Programming, and Dual Credit Programming.

Director Kim Frykas and Principal Dennis Vobeyda will present the division's work in this area at the May 13 Board Meeting.

TEACHER BURSARY UPDATE

The 2025 Teacher Bursary Program attracted strong interest, with 60 applications received from students and graduates in their first through final years of the Bachelor of Education program. Four applicants in their final year of the program were awarded employment contracts and a \$5000 bursary. The successful candidates brought strengths in areas such as French Immersion, Secondary Education, Indigenous Studies, and demonstrated flexibility in their teaching interests. Additionally, 3 more bursaries will be made available to year 3 teachers.

JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE FUNDING UPDATE

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) recently announced changes to the Jordan's Principle (JP) program. These changes are being made to narrow the scope of eligible requests, ensuring the program better aligns with its original intent and remains sustainable long-term. For GPPSD, these changes will affect 56 Educational Assistants (EAs), whose JP-funded contracts will not be renewed after June 30th. Administration is currently exploring ways to manage the impact of this change to the division.

ASBA EDWIN PARR TEACHER AWARD NOMINATION

The Board approved the nomination for Ailee Estrada, a grade 5 teacher at Hillside Community School, for the 2025 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Edwin Parr Teacher Award. The Edwin Parr Teacher Award recognizes outstanding first-year teachers who have demonstrated excellence in the Teaching Quality Standard. The board is very pleased to nominate Ms. Estrada and looks forward to attending the Zone 1 recognition meeting in the fall.

School Council – Administrator's Report

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- 3D Charity Ball Hockey and Soccer Tournament – Over \$2000 raised by Forbes students.
- Swan City Soccer
- Badminton 7/8
- Passion Blocks – Round 3
- APPLE Schools Partnership

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- Staff continue to focus on learning new curriculum across K-6.
- Using essential outcomes and evidence of student learning, teachers are planning for the diverse needs in their classrooms.

Information

- School Supplies
 - We will be providing the option for parents to order from School Start again next year.
- Survey input
 - 30 people completed the survey during the dance.
 - Results to be shared soon!
- Staffing
 - Teacher and EA staffing for next year is not yet finalized. We hope to have the majority of 2025-26 staff in place by the end of May.

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

