

Lord Beaverbrook High School Council

Minutes – Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:30pm
Meeting held in person and online via Microsoft Teams

Call to Order at 6:34pm

Welcome and Introductions

Land Acknowledgement: In the spirit of reconciliation, we would like to acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot confederacy, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and the Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Metis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

Procedures: All parents/guardians of LBHS students are automatically voting council members; we strive to have meaningful involvement by all members of our school community and to advise and consult with the Principal on matters relating to the school. The separate fundraising society is attached to our music parent society (LBMPA).

On-line attendees: Please remain muted and unmute if you have questions or would like to share as part of discussions. To vote on items this evening, turn your camera on and raise your hand or use the hand raised option.

Attendees (online and in person): Sharon D, Cyril M, Colleen M, Kathleen K, Sabrina Z, Brenda M (Grade 12 Rep), Jen S (Secretary), Andrea S, David J (Acting Chair), David S (Principal), Amanda F-D, Kimberly B & Amanda S (co-volunteer coordinators)

Review of Agenda, including addition of any items

Motion to accept the agenda made by Brenda M, seconded by Amanda S, carried unanimously.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve December 9, 2025, minutes made by Andrea S, seconded by Kimberly B, carried unanimously.

Note: May AGM minutes are still unavailable

Principal's Report

Parent Council Survey

Survey was sent to all parents/guardians on file – about 5,000 email addresses; 24 responses received.

In order of priority:

- Advocating on school priorities (parent voice in decision-making)
- Supporting student learning
- Advocating for student needs and equity
- Promoting student well-being
- Enhancing school community communication
- Organizing volunteer opportunities
- Building school spirit and culture
- Shaping school policies and programs

Between survey response and council attendees, reasonable cross-section of school population
List of those who responded as interested in volunteering will be shared with David J
Admin will continue to send out requests for volunteers until we can fill all positions.

Semester 1 wrap up

Most unique January in years; tensions are a bit high in the building right at the end of the semester.
Decision for timing in absence of diploma exams made by CBE and Alberta Education, not school level.
Two days without formal classes (January 26, 27) except for students who have been contacted by
teachers as needing to complete work.
Semester 2 starts on January 28

Extra Curriculars

Basketball is in full swing.
Play cancelled in December has now been performed; auditions for the next are underway.
Bamfield trip is gearing up; ski trip to come in February (outdoor education opportunity)
Debate club is also ramping up.

Staffing & School Events

One staff member is leaving, and a new teacher will replace her: New EA being hired.
Grade 9 tours happening during the day on Monday, January 26 – admin led with student volunteers:
Open House, evening of January 29 with staff involvement.

Discussion

Question re assessments: varied opinions on the value of summative assessments; teachers' discretion
as to how assessment works, best understanding of what students have actually learned (not always
through exams)
Outcomes based assessment rolled out for grade 10s this year, may continue into grade 11.
Idea behind outcomes-based assessment is once an outcome has been mastered, it doesn't need to be
revisited – summative assessments less necessary.
Scope and sequence of how curriculum is delivered is the same across each subject but there is some
flexibility in how it is executed.
There is a process to help students before they get too far behind in attendance/schoolwork/mental
health. Tier 1 support at the individual teacher level up to Tier 4 with additional resource involvement
Parents shouldn't have surprises; communication should be ongoing.
June diplomas still uncertain

Chief Superintendent Advisory Council – one grade 12 nominated by peers from Student Advisory
council to attend.

SAC has six initiatives they're focused on, including mentorship for Grade 10s, more student art in the
school, more intramurals.

Questions re: band casino money budget. Is it possible to see a budget at the next meeting?

Fundraising – Kimberly B has spoken with Mr. Mercer about building on football fundraising – to cover
other sports, etc.

Ideas include have cosmetology offer grad makeup sessions – part of fee to cosmetology/part as council
fundraiser; photography at football games – pictures offered to parents for a fee.

Possibility of a teacher's questionnaire for what they would like to see from council going forward.
Amanda S to investigate.

Council Reports

Key Communicator

CBE Community of School Councils (COSC) meetings are now scheduled for the rest of the school year.

- Jan. 21, April 8 and June 10
- <https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/Pages/meetings.aspx>

Music Parents Rep – not in attendance

Grade 12 Parent Rep – nothing to report.

New Business

Nancy Close is the Wards 11&13 CBE Trustee. Brief discussion about whether or not we want to invite her to attend a meeting. Something to consider.

Open house booth to be managed by Andrea S and Kimberly B

Discussion regarding steps required to set up a bank account for council, including need to find by-laws; to be continued next meeting.

Elections

None at this meeting

Next meeting

Motion to propose the date of Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:30pm made by Amanda S, seconded by Amanda F-D, carried unanimously.

Adjournment motioned by Amanda S