

## **Lord Beaverbrook High School – School Council Meeting**

Minutes – Tuesday September 16, 2025 at 6:30pm

Meeting held In Person and Online via Microsoft Teams only

### **1. Call To Order at 6:35pm**

a. First LBHS School Council meeting of the 2025/2026 school year & potential election of new executive members

### **2. Welcome and Introductions**

a. 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 Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Metis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

b. Introduction of guests & Executive Members

- In person: David Sparrow (principal); David Jones (vice chair); Jen Smart (secretary); Brenda McKenney (grade 12 parent rep); Maria B; Marc B
- On-line: Kimberly B; Amanda J; Genevieve P; Rajwinder G; Anna F; Kathleen M K; Robert R; Terry B; several others

c. LBHS Procedural Items: 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). Housekeeping items on-line attendees: please remain muted and only unmute if you have questions or would like to share as part of the discussions; to vote on items this evening, turn your camera on and raise your hand

d. Quorum achieved: Principal and chair (or acting representatives) are present, majority of attendees are parents (not school staff)

### **3. Review of Agenda**

a. Motion to accept agenda made by Brenda M, seconded by Jen S, carried

### **4. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes - tabled**

a. Minutes of the prior meeting not circulated in advance of this meeting due to technical issues. Once those minutes are available, they will be circulated and approved

### **5. Principal's Report**

a. Back to School & School Start Up

- Start up has been pretty smooth – lockers, IDs, schedules all sorted out in the first week – still in honeymoon phase
- Striving for a safe, welcome, caring environment
- Grade 10 parent night to be held on Wednesday, October 1 at 5:30pm; form circulated to pre-ask questions; Mr Mussie is the grade 10 leader and organizer of the parent night

b. Budget, Staffing 2025/2026

- 2100 students; 96 teachers and 30 support staff – right on budgeted numbers

c. Extra Curriculars / School Trips

- Extracurricular sports up and running – volleyball and football underway
- clubs up and running

- sailing trip scheduled for March; priority to grade 12 students but any can apply
- Bamfield research station scheduled
- Looking at a trip to a research station in the Yukon
- Trips outside of Canada on pause – safety and security issues need to be resolved
- Field trips for Physical Education, Drama, etc. on a course/teacher basis

d. Update on potential work action

- waiting to see what happens next
- October 6 is strike deadline

## 6. Focus Item – Engagement at LBHS

a. Increase meeting participation/engagement

- harder at the high school level; students more independent

b. ASCE Grant \$500 / Collaboration with feeder schools

## 7. Save the Date!

a. Tuesday September 30 – “National Day for Truth & Reconciliation” (non-instruction day)

b. Municipal Election, includes election of CBE Trustees, to be held on October 20

## 8. Music Parents Rep

a. fundraising for all aspects of the music program has started (Hutterite eggs/chickens)

b. October 31-November 2 – performing in Canmore

## 9. Grade 12 Parent Rep

a. nothing to report tonight

## 10. COSC/ASCA Update

a. COSC meeting (Community of School Councils) will resume meetings following the October 20 Municipal Election; , please check out the website for prior meetings, presentations and video. <https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/pages/meetings.aspx>

b. You Can Make a Difference – connect with your MLA

c. Trustee – TBD

## 11. New Business

a. Review Council role and objectives - perspective and sharing of ideas by all invited – led by David J.

- why is there no money or fundraising aspect to school council; how did the casino and all fundraising get attached to the music program?
  - principal notes casino funds not solely designated for music program; principal can request for specific issues
- council as the “conscience of school administration” providing the opinions/perspectives of parents/guardians

## 12. Elections

All parents/guardians are members of School Council and are eligible to run for any executive position.

Nominations with a seconder can be accepted from the floor. Motions are approved with a 70% vote.

Motions are made by show of hands.

Election of New Executive members (motion to approve nominations)

- Key vacant positions discussed: volunteer coordinator, key communicator; a couple of attendees noted they would email with expressions of interest for volunteer coordinator (Kimberly B; Amanda J)
- Confirmation of May 20, 2025 position determinations against meeting minutes
- School Council website to be updated - <https://lordbeaverbrook.cbe.ab.ca/school-council>

### **13. Next Meeting of LBHS School Council**

a. Tuesday October 14, 2025 at 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn made by Brenda M at 7:37pm. Adjourned.