

Lord Beaverbrook High School – School Council Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday December 9, 2025 at 6:30pm
Meeting held In Person and Online via Microsoft Teams
Large Library Conference Room (Room 132)

1. Call To Order

- a. Second LBHS School Council meeting for the 2025/2026 school year called to order at 6:32pm

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 (acting chair), Jen Smart (Secretary), Andrea S, Alina S, Shawna A, Kimberley B, Estere A
 - Online: CL, OA, MW, FQ, NM, SD, CW, and 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. Verification of quorum
Principal and Chair (or acting representatives) are present, majority of attendees are parents (not school staff)

3. Review of Agenda, including addition of any items

- a. Motion to accept agenda made by Shawna A, seconded by Andrea S, carried

4. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- a. September minutes for approval – carried over to next month to allow for circulation
- b. May 2025 minutes still not available

5. Principal's Report

- a. Post-interruption transition
 - Back in school Wednesday, October 29; staff back feeling a little defeated but, overall, fairly positive and right back into it; classes have been catching up quickly
 - Diploma exams cancelled for January; June uncertain
 - No exam break which allows time to complete curriculum; classes and success in learning from January 13-23 instead of exam break
 - Will look at earned credits as a metric for impact of the strike
- b. Budget, Staffing 2025/2026 – follow up from prior meeting, changes, if any, given current environment
 - So frugal last year, ended in a surplus; surplus now gone to help cover number of students coming in under projections; currently no debt
 - Fully staffed for 2082 students; currently 2055; 92 teachers, 4 admin, 40 support staff; no classes above 50 students; aim for more complex classes to have lowest student numbers – high 20s/lower 30s for -2, -3, -4 classes
 - Move to less summative assessment but learning “how” to take a test to help prepare for finals, diplomas

- c. Extra Curriculars / School Trips
 - Volleyball and football finals happened after strike; Junior Boys volleyball won city
 - Basketball and swimming happening now
 - Chief Superintendent' and Principal's student advisory committees and wellness committees up and running; 8 students and 2 teachers attended a Wellness Symposium at MRU
 - Overall wellness a little bit better than it has been; working on cultivating a sense of belonging and positive relationships between staff and students
 - Not one vandalism incident in the bathrooms so far this school year – definite improvement
 - Indigenous group for parents and families
 - Debate club is new this year; also forensics and epidemiology clubs
 - No sailing trip this year but 48 students going to Bamfield over spring break; Mr. Mussie looking at an indigenous research station in the Yukon for a future trip
- d. Other
 - Honour roll program and awards will continue following Mr. Hicks' retirement but will look different going forward; awards ceremonies in June
 - Considering how to recognize students on a regular basis

6. Focus Item – Engagement at LBHS

- a. Increase meeting participation/engagement
 - School council can have a bank account and raise money; casino licence attached to the band program
 - Does council want to fundraise for things like teacher appreciation? How to make that happen without stepping on toes – band, athletics, etc.
 - What is the vision of parent council? Recently has been a strictly advisory role. Organized a mental health presentation with ASCE funding last year
 - Form to be sent to school community asking what people feel the council's role should be and highlighting roles that need to be filled
- b. Fundraising communication for all school groups and trades fee-for-service

7. Save the Date!

- a. Last day of classes is December 19, 2025 with a return on January 5, 2026
- b. Community of School Councils (COSC) meeting is now scheduled for January 21, 2026.

8. Music Parents Rep

- a. Not in attendance; no update

9. Grade 12 Parent Rep

- a. Not in attendance; no update

10. COSC/ASCA Update

- a. COSC resuming meetings on January 21, 2026, following the election of the new board and the teacher strike: <https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/pages/meetings.aspx>.
- b. CBE Trustee Nancy Close (Wards 11 & 13) was re-elected on October 20, 2025. She is now Board Vice Chair. Council could invite Ms. Close to an upcoming council meeting.

11. New Business

- a. A revisit from the prior meeting given the timing interruption: Review Council role and objectives – Perspective and sharing of ideas by all invited

12. Elections

All parents/guardians are members of School Council and eligible to run for any executive position. Nominations with a seconder can be accepted from the floor. Motions are approved with a 70% vote. In the prior meeting, a call was made to confirm positions determined at the May 20, 2025 meeting and request nominations for open positions.

- a. Motion to appoint Amanda Sullivan & Kimberley Barr as volunteer coordinators made by Andrea S, seconded by Shawna A, carried.

b. Volunteer coordinators will help source volunteers for field trips, PE field trips, ALP/PLP, athletics; help organize fundraising; canvas businesses for donations, etc.

13. Next Meeting of LBHS School Council: Tuesday January 20, 2026 at 6:30pm

14. Motion to Adjourn made by Shawna A at 7:54pm