

Lord Beaverbrook High School School Council

Minutes – Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:30pm

Meeting held online via Microsoft Teams

Call to Order at 6:31pm

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: David J (acting chair), David S (principal), Scott C (band teacher), Jen S (secretary), Kimberly B (co-volunteer coordinators) Amanda J, Colleen M, Fernanda, Kenneth A, Andrea S, Amanda F-D, Parsa A, Shawna A, Terry B, Carlos, Margaret, Alina S, Leah E, Diepriye I, Meghan C, Kathleen M, Mtu D

Review of Agenda, including addition of any items

Motion to accept the agenda made by Kimberly B, seconded by Kenneth A, carried unanimously

Principal's Report

School Development Plan

- Looks at such items as instructional strategies, professional learning, resources to improve student learning
- School goal – Student academic achievement will improve through the implementation of Fair, Transparent and Equitable Assessment practices.
- The goal is aimed at increasing student success and well-being
- School Development plan can be viewed [here](#)
- School Results Report can be viewed [here](#)

- 75% or more of the school budget is spent on staff
- 25% or less covers everything else
- Fees allow additional activities, option courses, etc.

- For 2025-26, the budget was \$13,186,186
- 91 teachers, 21.7 support staff, 10.7 administration (including learning leaders) for \$12,689,204
- \$496,983 for supplies, instructional materials, photocopying, etc.

- Fall short for many options in the trades (mechanics, construction, cosmetology, culinary, etc.) which is where fees come in; all courses required to graduate do not incur fees
- Fees next school year should be about the same as this year
- Last year there was a deficit of about \$38,000
- Question about how the deficit is covered. Answer is complicated. Schools in deficit can sometimes be brought out of deficit by other CBE schools that ran a surplus. Otherwise, the school tries to make up for it in the next year. Schools try very hard not to go into deficit but 'emergencies' can make that challenge.

Band & casino discussion

Scott Campbell, LBHS band teacher

- Discussion of costs of band program and the band parents association that holds the casino licence
- Band students pay a \$100 rental fee for instruments every year (set by CBE); fee goes towards maintenance and to build a kitty to replace instruments
- \$250 instrumental music fee – goes towards new music, busing, festivals, smaller instruments, guest instructors
- Band program currently has about 90 students, 10 will be graduating this year and 70-80 new students are arriving next year
- Instrument fleet is old and there's not enough instruments for all the students – share with other CBE schools
- Parent association has held the casino licence since the 1990s with the agreement that they would not ask the school for any additional money; during covid they were able to use some of the money for other school needs (new tech for the theatre and artist desks)
- Much of the casino money goes towards replacing instruments – spent \$38,000 last fall (example costs: euphonium \$2,700; clarinet \$1,600; French horn \$3,700)
- If the licence were to be expanded to include more than the band program, other people would have to get involved in running the casino, etc.
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Amanda F-D, David J and Kimberley B to meet with band council to discuss future

New Business

Motion to set up a new school council bank account to allow for general fundraising to start. Initial signatories to be David Jones (acting chair), Jen Smart (secretary) and Kimberley Barr (co-volunteer coordinator). Motion made by Shawna A and seconded by Kimberley B, carried unanimously

Elections

None at this meeting

Next meeting

Motion to propose the date of Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 6:30pm made by Shawna A, seconded by Kathleen M, carried unanimously

Adjournment motioned by Shawna A at 8:18pm