

**Emily Follensbee School
School Council Meeting**



MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE | Thursday, January 15, 2026
TIME | 6:45 PM

IN ATTENDANCE | Nancy Koutselas (Chair), Sara Minshull (Secretary), Ali Azam (Treasurer), Jennifer Hart (Principal), Lanna Myers (Assistant Principal), Colleen Russell (Teacher), Diana Kurila (Teacher), Alia, Erica Brooks (Teacher), Angela Gosselin (Parent), Alka Sharma (Parent), Sukhi, Julie Burhardt (Parent), Alia, Amanda Freer (Parent)

REGRETS |

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 6:45 PM

ITEM	PRESENTER	NOTES
1. Welcome & Introductions (1 min)	Nancy	Welcome & Introduction of Attendees Nancy welcomed everyone, and circle of introductions
2. Minutes from Last Meeting (2 min)	Council	November 2025 Minutes: Nancy motioned, Ali second December 2025 Minutes: Nancy motioned, Julie second
3. Approval of Agenda (1 min)	Council	January 2026 Agenda: Nancy motioned, Ali second
4. Land Acknowledgement (5 min)	Lanna	Acknowledgement of the Land: Lanna acknowledged the land on which we gather
5. Teacher Presentation (5 min)	Diana	Learning Math Skills with Group Games. During this presentation, Diana will be sharing how group games help develop counting and spatial awareness skills and how games are important to support increasing student engagement, communication and socializing with peers! Students learn while having fun during group games. Students are super engaged when playing games, and everyone is happy. Very Special Maths - sense of size, quantity, difference, space, movement, rhythm and sequence, time/interval/duration, possession or loss. For Curriculum; quantity can be determined by counting (counting bowling pins, keeping score), describing more/less/same, describing relative to another quantity. Distance/measurements - games such as "what time is it mr.wolf" are adapted. Communication and core words - verbal, or in many other forms (AAC/tactile/switch) or reaching, turn taking, requesting/sharing, so many ways to communicate during the game.

Emily Follensbee School
EFS Children's Society



MINUTES OF MEETING

		<p>Problem solving in the moment, discovering differences, spatial awareness, gross motor and fine motor skills, directions.</p>
<p>6. School Presentation (5 min)</p>	<p>Jen</p>	<p>General School Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The winter concert was wonderful, and all the learning that all was able to happen ● The food bank drive was successful \$120/dollars in donations and 6 full boxes - no weight yet ● Mr.Skinny was an amazing performer the last week of December. He used lots of signing, and was really engaging. ● January has been busy, warm weather has had the classes all trying to take advantage to get outside. ● The gym was lit up for a glow dance yesterday, bodies moving and celebrating together - fun afternoon! ● Jan 20 - Calgary Philharmonic is coming to the school, broken up into two groups so everyone can get up close to the performers 9:45 and 10:30 ● Jan 28 - Monthly Give a Cheer, celebrate successes to experience, a great opportunity for other staff to see what other kiddos are working on and celebrating each other ● Jan 30 - no school, PD day for teachers ● Feb 4 - Literacy Day, families are invited in to learn more about literacy and the programming at EFS 12:30 - 2 PM, notices will be sent home. The first 15 minutes will be "coffee and conversation" . There will be an information session held by Jen and Thea to learn about programming and how literacy can be supported at home with the library books that are sent home, families are invited back to the classroom for an engaging whole class session ● Feb 12 & 13 - No school, Teacher Convention ● Feb 16 No school Family Day ● Feb 24 - IPPs come home (new date due to labour action), report cards will be able to be viewed online at home ● Feb 26 - In person learning conference/online option, a great opportunity to see the classroom and signed pages from IPPs can be brought back in person. ● Little Red Riding Hood by Calgary Opera will

Emily Follensbee School
EFS Children's Society



MINUTES OF MEETING

		<p>be in Feb, TBD date that Jill will send out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feb 25 Monthly Give a Cheer ● CBE is looking at moving towards installing cameras on school premises, in shared areas like foyers and outside spaces. EFS has had some vandalism. There will be lots of information sent out as this is explored, is starting initial phases. ● NAAC National Access Art Centre - Dance Residency, we received a \$2000 grant - thanks Lanna for applying! Dates have been secured for April, each class will partake in 4 classes and a celebration dance party on May 1. ● May 8 - Art walk and Parent Appreciation ● An Assurance Survey through Alberta Education will be sent out shortly to parents. Next month we will go through the School Development Plan and Financials, no parent survey is being sent after this year.
7. New Business (10 min)	Jen & Council	
8. Old Business – Carry Forward (10 min)		
9. Carry Forward (0 min) <i>To be discussed at next meeting</i>		

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

7:19 PM

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Emily Follensbee School
EFS Children's Society



MINUTES OF MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:19 PM

ITEM	PRESENTER	NOTES
1. Minutes from Last Meeting (2 min)	Society	<p>November 2025 Minutes: Nancy motioned, Ali Second</p> <p>December 2025 Minutes: Nancy motioned, Sara Second</p>
2. Approval of Agenda (1 min)	Society	<p>January 2026 Agenda: Nancy motioned, Sara Second</p>
3. Financial Update (5 min)	Ali	<p>November 2025: Casino Account: \$147,606.13 General Account: \$12,462.85</p> <p>December 2025: Casino Account: \$147,609.79 General Account: \$12,462.95</p>
4. Fundraising Events (2 min)	Jen & Jill	<p>School Fundraiser - EFS Clothing: Online store. Dates to be Determined.</p> <p>Purdy's cheque will be issued in 3 - 4 weeks.</p> <p>No further fundraisers planned at this time.</p>
5. New Business (10 min)	Jen & Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fiddlers Green: Portal was created, login information was emailed out from the EFS council account to Jen, Ali & Nancy. Cheque to Fiddler's Green has been issued and will be picked up. ▪ 2025-26 Wishlist Update: A lot of what was approved has been ordered, and arriving already - which is very exciting! The school has asked for approval for an additional sling - Nancy motioned, Ali second, everyone approved in favour. ▪ Literacy Day: Wednesday, February 4 – request that society provide coffee & snacks for attendees. This an opportunity for council/society to engage with families. <p>Nancy motioned, Ali/Sara/Julie second and agreed. This will be planned in the private chat.</p>
6. Old Business – Carry Forward (10 min)	Jen & Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ability Workshop: Donation request for Ability

Emily Follensbee School
EFS Children's Society



MINUTES OF MEETING

		<p>Workshop Society in the amount of \$500.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nancy motioned, Julie second - Sara & Ali in favor ▪ Council/Society Engagement: Is there a different order/flow to council meetings to improve engagements? <p>Discussed keeping the teacher presentation at the beginning still, but moving up the succession planning and open positions to be right before or after; as that is when the most parents are present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent Survey: Follow up on interest in sending a parent survey to gauge for a social event. <p>Worth trying, Sara to draft some questions & send via e-mail to Jen and council for approval. Jen/Jill to send out.</p>
<p>7. Carry Forward Items (0 min) <i>(to be discussed at next meeting)</i></p>	<p>Council</p>	

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

7:52 PM

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

Thursday, February 19, 2026