

CALL TO ORDER

Council

- a. Time: 6:47 pm

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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WELCOME & ATTENDANCE

- a. In Attendance: Nancy Koutselas (Chair), Ali Azam (Treasurer), Jennifer Hart (Principal), Lanna Myers (Assistant Principal), Colleen Russell (Teacher), Jason Harding-Doherty (Teacher), Diana Kurila (Teacher), Erin Peplinski (Parent), Braden Boulanger (Parent), Amanda Freer (Parent), Hakim Mangal (Parent), Julie Burghardt (Parent), Rattanjeet Vig (Parent), Hayley Lyndon's mom (Parent), Caitlin Morrison (Parent)
- b. With Regrets: Sara Minshull (Secretary),

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Council

- a. June 2026: Nancy moved, Braden seconded

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council

- a. September 2026: Ali moved, Nancy seconded

TEACHER PRESENTATION

Jason

- **Jason:** Introduced himself as a new teacher to EFS, values joy in learning & creating connections in all we do.
- **Topic | Physical Literacy:** Jason shared how physical literacy is not only important to himself, but also to engage students and classes. Physical literacy is a combination of physical skill, moving with joy & purpose, having confidence & bravery to try new things, motivation, knowledge and understanding.
- Fundamental skills of physical literacy include: locomotor, object control, body management & sport skills. It is also learning about the power and autonomy over one's body and movement.
- Movement helps our minds, encourages all to participate & includes all learners.
- We can adapt activities for engagement and participation by adapting the environment, tasks, slowing processes down & utilizing different equipment (photos and video illustrations).

COUNCIL REPORTS

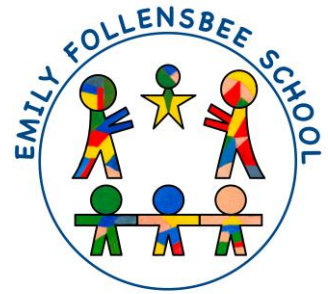
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- a. No reports presented.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Jen & Lanna

- a. **General EFS Update:**
 - New students have settled into daily routine well.
 - One (1) fire drill practice has occurred so far. Students & staff cleared building in five (5) minutes. Additional practices will happen during the months while weather is 'mild'.



b. 2026-27 Activity Plan:

- **Sept. 16 | Paws, Claws and Stars:** Telus Spark presentation of learning through the Blackfoot culture. Living in balance in nature. Being provided to EFS at no charge as a new partnership with Telus Spark Science Centre.
- **Sept. 28 | Terry Fox Walk, Run, and Roll:** Families invited to participate and/or volunteer. Fundraising webpage sent out by Jill. Also collecting donations for the Terry Fox Foundation in school.
- **October 2026 |**
 - **Oct. 8 | Experience Metis:** Experience Metis will be onsite to engage all classes in Metis culture day walks in our community.
 - **Oct. 21 | Veils of Bollywood:** Dance performance of Veils of Bollywood to help celebrate Diwali. Families are welcome to attend.
- **Nov. 18 | The General:** Quest Theatre will be onsite with a play-performance of “The General”.
- **Dec. 10 | EFS Winter Concert:** Annual Winter Concert performed by all classes & led by Breton, Teacher.
- **Dec. 11 | Mr. Skinny:** Mr. Skinny will entertain classes with his juggling, unicycling & other performance activities.
- **Dec 15 | Calgary Philharmonic:** The Calgary Philharmonic will be onsite to provide a musical presentation to all classes.
- **January 2027 |**
 - **Adaptive Yoga Residency |** Students will participate in adaptive yoga during a 3-week long artist residency through the National accessArts Centre.
 - **Jan. 27 | Family Literacy Day |** Families will be invited to participate in Family Literacy Day at EFS.
- **February 2027 |**
 - **Feb. 10 | Calgary Opera:** The Calgary Opera presents the Pied Piper to all classes.
 - **STEM (Science. Technology, Engineering & Mathematics):** Classes will participate in a
- **March 2027 |**
 - **Adaptive Dance Residency |** Students will participate in an adaptive dance residency through the National accessArts Centre. Dates to be determined.
- **Apr. 15 | Penelope vs. the Aliens:** Quest Theatre will be onsite with a play-performance of “Penelope vs. the Aliens”.
- **May 2027 |**
 - **May 8 | Experience Metis:** Experience Metis will be onsite to engage all classes in Metis culture day walks in our community.
 - **May 13 | Family & Volunteer Appreciation and Art Walk Event:** Families and volunteers will be invited to attend this annual appreciation event. Classes will be creating individual and collaborative art pieces that will be available through donation at the silent auction.
 - **May 20 | Calgary Philharmonic:** The Calgary Philharmonic will be onsite to provide a musical performance to all classes.
- **June 18 | Transition Ceremony:** Families will be invited to attend the annual transition/graduation ceremony for those students who are transitioning to new schools for next school year.

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- c. **Funding:** Funds are mainly covered through the generosity of Parent Council. Some additional funds sometimes supplemented/offset through the organizations, donations, grants, etc.
- d. **Health update regarding AHS notice sent to families:** Hand, foot & mouth rash has been noted in one class. All families in that class have been contacted directly. AHS has explained that there is an uptick around the city.
- e. **Pool Update:** The pool will continue to be closed & hopefully to re-open week of September 21. A leak had been detected, and a metal column requires structural repair. Working to have the temporary shoring completed as soon as possible so that the pool can reopen in the interim before full repair can be done.
- f. **Emerging Communication Learning Commons:** BCI (Brain Computer Interface) has been set up in a dedicated space. SLPs will be setting up monthly activities and work with individual students. A fundraising page has been opened for the equipment, and we have applied for a grant to cover Eye Gaze technology. Question about SLP communication and device trials: SLPs would connect with families directly after conjunction with the teacher about appropriateness of programming.
- g. **New Staff:** EFS welcomed Jason Harding-Doherty and Ashley Haber as new teachers this year. There are 3 EA positions that EFS is hiring for (2 full time, 1 part time).
- h. **Office Communication:** Previously, EFS was sending out weekly updates via School Messenger (email). This year we will be sending them out every 2 weeks based on feedback. Emergent news/updates will go out independently via School Messenger.

NEW BUSINESS

Council & Jen

- a. Plan date for AGM: Thursday, November 19 @ 6:45 pm

OLD BUSINESS

Council & Jen

- a. **2026-27 School Council Meeting Dates:**
 - Oct 8, Nov 19 (AGM), Dec 10 (11:15am), Jan 14, Feb 4, Mar 18, Apr 8, May 13 (11:15am) & June 10
- b. **School Council | Open Positions:** Vice-Chair & Fundraising Coordinator. Please reach out to any admin if you are interested in joining. Lots of support is given – no experience needed.
- c. **2026-27 Wish Lists:** Some 2025-26 expenses to submit & clear with Ali. 2026-27 wish list is being generated by staff.
- d. **Prestige (sprinkler system):** Invoice forwarded to Ali & payment will come from the casino account.

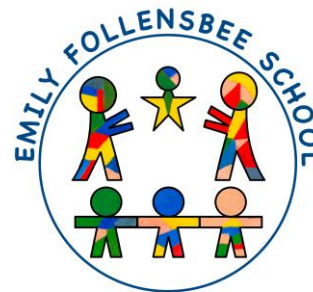
CARRY FORWARD *(to be discussed at next meeting)*

Council & Jen

- a. **2026-27 Fundraising Plan:** This is not a casino year. Purdy's fundraiser will be planned for December 2026. Other plans may include Big Box cards. Open invitation for parents to provide other ideas for fundraising. School sponsored Pool Party with Make-A-Wish fundraiser will be postponed with pool repair. Cookies for Casa Connor is also an in-school fundraiser spear-headed by staff run through the school.

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EFS SCHOOL COUNCIL | AGENDA



NEXT MEETING

Council

- a. Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026
- b. Time: 6:45 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Council

- a. Time: 7:48 pm – Meeting Adjourned

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Ali

- a. **June 2026:**
 - i. Casino Account (*end of month balance*): **\$123,012.17**
 - ii. General Account (*end of month balance*): **\$8,595.09**
- b. **July 2026:**
 - i. Casino Account (*end of month balance*): **\$123,017.28**
 - ii. General Account (*end of month balance*): **\$8,315.94**
- c. **August 2026:**
 - i. Casino Account (*end of month balance*): **\$123,022.08**
 - ii. General Account (*end of month balance*): **\$8,315.94**

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council

- a. **Treasurer:** There is a healthy general account. Final invoices for end of 2025-2026 school year will be reconciled and submitted for next meeting to close out the year. Likely still approximately \$100,000 remaining. There are 3 years to spend the total casino funds. Council likes to leave approximately \$15,000 for next casino deposit.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Jen & Lanna

- a. No reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Council & Jen

- a. **2026-27 Council & Society Annual General Meeting (AGM):** Must be scheduled with 30 days' notice to meeting date. Will be held Thursday, November 19 @ 6:45 pm.
- b. **2026-27 School Wishlist:** Currently being developed with staff input. Will be presented at next meeting.
- c. **2026-27 Fundraising Plan:** Carried forward to next meeting on October 8. Include discussion on including Big Box Cards fundraiser.
- d. **Prestige Invoices:** Ali will review and issue payment.
- e. **Annual Reporting:** EFS Children's Society Annual Return and Casino reporting will be completed by the society's Treasurer.
- f. **2025-26 School Expense Reimbursement:** Jen & Jill will submit and present current expenses to be reimbursed by society for expenses incurred at end of last school year.

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- g. **EFS Spirit Wear:** EFS clothing & merchandise will be sold again via online store this year in the fall. This is a school-led fundraiser.

OLD BUSINESS

Council & Jen

- a. Treasurer Succession Plan: Amanda Freer & Ali Azam to create succession plan for 26-27 year. Will work together to complete reporting. Amanda has previous experience and is eager to take on the role. Ali and Nancy will continue to have signing authority for the 2026-2027 school year. Ali wants to complete the current reporting.

CARRY FORWARD *(to be discussed at next meeting)*

Council & Jen

- a. 2026-27 Fundraising Plan

NEXT MEETING

Council

- a. Date | October 8, 2026
- b. Time | 6:45 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Council

- a. Time | 8:01 pm