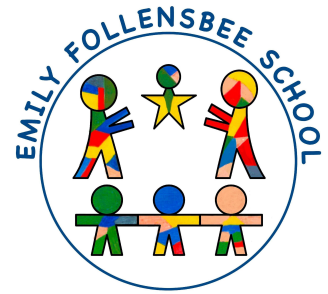


Emily Follensbee School
School Council Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING



DATE | Thursday June 19, 2025
TIME | 6:45 PM

IN ATTENDANCE | Nancy Koutselas (Chair), Ali Azam (Treasurer), Sara Minshull (Secretary), Jennifer Hart (Principal), Lanna Myers (Assistant Principal), Colleen Russell (Teacher), Diana (Teacher)

REGRETS | Jessica Cunningham (Vice Chair)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 6:45 PM

ITEM	PRESENTER	NOTES
1. Minutes from Last Meeting (2 min)	Council	May 2025 Minutes: Nancy Motioned, Ali approved
2. Approval of Agenda (1 min)	Council	June 2025 Agenda: Nancy motioned, Sara approved
3. Land Acknowledgement (5 min)	Lanna	Acknowledgement of the Land: Lanna acknowledged the land on which we gather.
4. Teacher Presentation	Colleen	Parents as Partners: Information on how parents are an integral part of their child's educational journey and the many ways parents are involved in positive and essential roles in our Emily Follensbee School community. - <u>School planning survey</u> is the start of gathering parent feedback at the start of the school year - <u>Joining our school community</u> kick starts the relationship (family tours, student intake meeting, sharing information, parents welcoming parents) - Fall meeting with class teams, IPP and report cards, January conferences, June IPP review and sign off, appeals day - connecting with the whole team, developing priorities for learning, ongoing communication, setting system wide expectations around that communication - <u>Ongoing communication</u> with agenda messages, emails and phone calls, weekly updates through school messenger and newsletter, current updates on school website - families can readily access information and find important details, parents updating class staff on how their child is doing/anything going on, and notes home to families about how the day went for their child at school

		- <u>Volunteering</u> within the school - many different opportunities! Parent Council and Society, field trip supervision, library assistance, swimming, career presentations, cultural sharing - such as preparing a meal or activity, sending in birthday treats to share, parents sharing meaningful moments and photos with the class showing what kiddos are doing at home - <u>Parent council</u> - seeing how invested they are in the school and kids lives, accommodating on-line and in person, and trying new things to be able to reach more families within the school (open house/letters/day time meetings on other days families are attending the school) - <u>Celebrations</u> - bringing families in, the winter concert, student performances and family pride, literacy day, dance residency, art show - student showcase, volunteer appreciation and silent auction - <u>Transition/Gradition Ceremony</u> - 13 students are transitioning to new schools and this is always such an exciting time to share with families <i>the video that Deanna put together for Grad was played at the council meeting. It was so beautiful, so many happy and memorable photos fo the students graduating over the years at EFS - and there were BIG smiles in every photo.</i> - <u>Financial contributions</u> - collected fees, parent council fundraising initiatives, AGLC casino, parent supported school initiatives - <u>Funding</u> - from the above financial contributions; goes towards equipment, outdoor learning, JB Music, Library Collection - <u>Field Trips</u> - bussing to be able to go on a field trip, to bridge the experience of trying new activities and opens door for communication, building connection amongst parents with other parents - <u>Building Community</u> - very impactful, social welcome coffee and snacks, celebration refreshments, bereavement support, sharing equipment, families donating clothing and footwear - <u>Staff Recognition</u> - which are provided by council - staff is very appreciative of everything; meals, coffee, tea and treats, thank you message boards, milestone/retirement gifts The overall presentation from Colleen was beautiful, and afterwards was suggested to re-present at a time when more families were able to view/attend. Especially for new families to the school - to really show how lucky we are to have the EFS community around us!
6. School Presentation	Jen/Lanna	- Intakes of new students, 15 in total - Thank you for the School Council booth with treats and information

	- Last 2 fire drills of the school year completed – total of 6 fire drills & 2 lockdowns mandated - Welcomed Skip Wolfleg back to EFS for Indigenous drumming, singing & storytelling - 5 new Educational Assistants will be joining our amazing team next year – 2 retirements, 1 detached from leave, 1 new hire 20 hour/wk based on additional funding graciously provided through our RAM to be responsive of the needs, and 1 staff has taken a new position - Graduation – wonderful celebration that sees 13 of our students taking the next step in their educational journey - Transitions – If a student is transitioning to a new class, this happens during June so students are ready for their new class and same with staff - Year End Celebration June 24 – treats from Council - Give-A-Cheer – last one of the school year will be held on the 25th which is tied to our year-end swimming celebrations where student achievements in the pool are honoured - IPP's sent home with your student. A true celebration of success. Signature pages must be returned to the school - Specialized Progress Report – Again another incredible anecdotal record of the amazing learning that has happened for each of your children. These go live on June 25. Please access through your parent/guardian MyCBE account or request a hard copy be sent home. - June 26 – Last Day of classes, early dismissal at 12:00 pm • Equipment home for summer. Parent/Guardian responsibility as buses do not have space. - June 27 - teachers partake in administrative prep for the next school year - First day back for students August 19, 2025 - Teachers and administration staff back in on August 14 & 15. Educational Assistants will be back in on August 18, 2025. - You can expect to hear from your bus team and classroom teacher prior to the first day of school. - Well underway for preparations for next year highlights already booked include Calgary Philharmonic, Calgary Opera, Quest theatre and more - New shelving in library and atrium, three eye gaze systems with three rolling mounts, five ipads thanks to CBE, grants and funding from council - Most importantly thank you for an incredible year and all of the support provided. Your input, attendance at meetings and generous gift of time means so much to all of us and makes a significant difference in the education for each student at EFS.
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5. New Business (10 min)	Council	No new business to discuss at this time.
6. Carry Forward (0 min) <i>(to be discussed at next meeting)</i>		

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

June 19 @ 7:36 PM

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE FOR:

September 18 @ 6:45 PM

**Emily Follensbee School
EFS Children's Society**

MINUTES OF MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 7:36 PM

ITEM	PRESENTER	NOTES
1. Minutes from Last Meeting (2 min)	Society	May 2025 Minutes: Nancy motioned, Ali second
2. Approval of Agenda (1 min)	Society	June 2025 Agenda: Nancy motioned, Sara second
3. Financial Update (5 min)	Ali	May 2025: Casino Account: \$68,215.13 General Account: \$14,795.50 Online bank account - Ali opened emilyfollensbeefinance@gmail.com Nancy and Ali will both have the password to this account, this can be used for small transfers etc - thank you Ali! This will be very efficient! All financial documents will be stored in the drive under this account as well.
4. Fundraising Events (2 min)	Sara/Nancy	Colibri fundraiser will be the next one - discussed that having it start right at back to school is ideal. The forms can go home in the welcome packages. Orders to close Friday Sept 5. Sara will register during the "free shipping" promo Casino – volunteer schedule has been drafted and final forms need signatures. Nancy/Jen to coordinate getting signatures and submitting. Email address set up for this/future casinos: efscasino@gmail.com Sign up Genius created for the Casino Volunteer sign up sheet - it will be going out next week to hit parents before summer and to hopefully fill the spots in advance.
5. New Business (10 min)	Jen & Council	- September 29 - Meet the Teacher Day/Evening both teachers/EA staff will all be here. - Nancy motioned to approve staff dinner for this day, Sara second - Ali and Sara all in

		favour. This will be coordinated when we are back in school - Nancy suggested a “council board” to have at the front entrance that can be updated monthly for parents who walk in to be able to glance at! It could include current/upcoming fundraiser information, next meeting dates, what initiatives council is currently helping with and funding, maybe a spot for parents to write suggestions? Intention is to build awareness.
6. Old Business – Carry Forward (10 min)	Jen & Council	- Discussion of tentative meeting dates/times for 2025-2026 - Keeping Third Thursday of the Month (online and in person) 6:45 PM - Winter concert Wed Dec 10 - Day time meeting, with time TBD - 2026 Spring Day time meeting TBD in September Have a great summer everyone!
7. Carry Forward Items (0 min) <i>(to be discussed at next meeting)</i>		

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:58 PM

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: September 18 @ 6:45 PM