

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Bearspaw School Library (In-Person)

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Craigie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Destin Skaug	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reena Vadan
R	Kendra Mogck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jody Seerup	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Darah Manhas
R	Judi Hunter (Trustee)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ashley Beagle	R	Amber Brandt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emma Lindsey	R	Sara Hughes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tanya Glencross
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Woodland	R	Supreet Dhillon	R	Sasha Wiens
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alison Foster	R	Chantal Borcello	R	Chelsey Setter
R	Simrit Brar	R	Sierra Rogers	R	Kari Kasper
R	Stephanie Demers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trudy Toews	R	Nicole Savoie
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Megan Dunn	R	Tammy Cultera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nan Thiessen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vrunda Patel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oliver Thiessen (Guest)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clayton (RCMP)

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1. Call to Order	Emma Lindsey (@6:32) – called to order
2. Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved by Alison Foster No additions
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes approved by Alison Foster
4. Old Business	Classroom Parent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Craigie has discussed with staff There is some interest across the Teacher Group (not unanimous across all Teachers) Some of the older grades encourage students to take on some of these roles/tasks
5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes	None
6. Staff Representative Report	Constable Clayton Gelinas <i>School Resource Officer/School Liaison Officer</i> <i>(Works out of Cochrane Detachment)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are three SRO/SLOs in the Cochrane area This role is to foster relationships with students in all grades He focuses on Rockyview County Helps kids make healthy choices

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often Officers/Liaisons get asked ‘Why are you here?’ • Large focus right now is Mental Health – good for students to know to come to them for help if there is a crisis • Working to prevent students from getting into negative activities/impacts by encouraging positive behaviors • Bearspaw School has been fantastic with engaging and leveraging the School Resource Officer • School Resource Officer took a pie in the face for the Read-a-Thon Celebration! • SLO/SRO will be getting Body Cameras in the fall • Support the S.A.F.E. Program; this program allows visibility of the layout and the staff in the school to allow for use in case of an emergency
<p>7. Administration Report</p>	<p>Andrea Craigie Readathon Recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 235 028 minutes read (<i>that is almost a quarter of a million!</i>) • \$19 645.26 raised – AMAZING WORK! • THANK-YOU to families and students! <p>Report from Principal for a Day: OLIVER THIESSEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oliver Read 6903 minutes (~115 hours!) • Oliver’s Plans for his day as Principal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extend the first recess for all of the students ○ For second recess the Grade Sevens can choose to play in Gym ○ There will be a prank for his sister! ○ Add ‘Free Time’ into schedule for day ○ Make morning announcements ○ Round to all classrooms ○ Assist with problem solving ○ Shredding/Filing/Office Tasks ○ Buy Lunch for the Office Staff ○ Conference Call with Minister of Fisheries (interested to come and see Mrs. Roger’s FINS Project where she hatches Trout every year) • Mrs. Craigie and Oliver will even coordinate their outfits with School Spirit Gear! <p>Celebrations of Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher requested appointments all booked • Almost 200 additional bookings, so far, for Showcase Open House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most are earlier in the afternoon/evening ○ More on Wednesday than on Thursday • Reminder: Students must attend with their parent(s)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still seeking some additional volunteers for Pot Luck, will add again to Fan Out <p>Q: What time is drop off for the food if you are bringing food for the pot luck?</p> <p>A: ~2:45 p.m. ish</p> <p>OurSCHOOL Parent Survey Intro Session (this will be for all parents and will roll out in May)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an online survey • It is Anonymous and is for all parents K-12 • This is a voluntary survey • Collects parent perceptions on their child's experience at both home and school • Survey is largely based on Joyce Epstein's work • Focus Areas: Parents feel welcome, parents are informed, parents support learning at home, school supports learning, school supports positive behaviour etc. <p>Enrollment Projections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bearspaw school student population is shrinking • Currently we have 519 students • The following are the estimates/forecasts for number of students in the school over the coming years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2025/26: 481 students ○ 2026/27: 454 students ○ 2027/28: 436 students ○ 2028/29: 419 students ○ 2029/30: 389 students ○ 2030/31: 379 students • This does not have a significant impact in the near term but these are the currently documented projections <p>Q: Does the school accept out of boundary students?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is possible, people need to apply and the application is reviewed in alignment with school numbers • Generally confirmation does not occur until May <p>School Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was discussed at the last Staff Meeting and there will be a ~5% bump up budgeted based on increasing cost of consumables etc. <p>Playground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2031 Bearspaw School will be scheduled to get a new playground
8. Trustee Report	<p>Judi Hunter (<i>regrets</i>)</p> <p>April Newsletter Circulated in her absence</p>
9. FBES	<p>Sara Hughes</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next FBES Meeting is 03/20 via Zoom • This year they have alternated Zoom and In Person Meetings • Hot Dog Day was on 03/19 (usually Hot Dog Days make ~\$1000/Hot Dog Day) – these run very smoothly and the kids love them! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Perhaps consider doing these more (~1/month?) • Healthy Hunger Program: FBES is getting feedback related to vendors and student preferences. Feedback is welcome! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lunches have made ~\$19000 for the year • Purdy's Fundraiser was great made \$3800 (and got a bonus check for ~\$760 dollars!) • Coffee Fundraiser made \$711 • Updates on the Flower Fundraiser will be coming soon! • The next Casino will be in 2026! We will be looking for volunteers – please watch for this (it makes a great deal for the school!) <p>Feedback on the Fundraisers and ideas about what to do is always welcome!</p>
10. Chair Report	<p>Emma Lindsey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report
11. New Business:	<p>Community Liaison Report (Emma Lindsey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At most recent meeting discussions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed the Outdoor Classroom Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The outdoor rink will be removed and a new playground will be installed there ○ Currently looking into the outdoor playground ○ Have accepted a bid for the addressing issues with parking lot ○ There will be a before and after school program offered at the Community Centre (starting in the Fall) ○ Summer Camp information will be coming out soon! ○ The planning for the Christmas Market is starting! ○ Please provide Feedback – we are your Community Centre! ○ Discussion related to the Area Structure Plan
12. Next Meeting	<p>Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, April 30, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.</p>



Bearspaw School Council Meeting March 19, 2025