

School Council Minutes - April 14, 2026

Present at meeting: Principal Mary-Elizabeth Kaiser, Assistant Principal Debbie Bauman, Julia Harron, Grace Proske, Brianna Albert, Devin Wyatt, Serenity Shalev, Lauren Hogue

1. Call to order at 6:33pm by Julia
2. Motion for approval of minutes from March 11, 2026 by Grace Proske, seconded by Brianna Alberta. Minutes approved.
3. School Reports
 - Thank yous:
 - Thanks to the Parent Association for organizing and funding the Spring Dance. It was a big success and everyone enjoyed it.
 - Happenings this Week:
 - Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes both have visits from Teacher's Pet
 - Grade 5 classes are going to the Hangar Flight Museum
 - Author visit for Grades 1-3 students: Angela Murphy. She is the author of the Wonder Pup series, which focuses on social-emotional learning and mental wellbeing
 - T Rex Exhibit is on display in the Learning Commons for the next month. Teachers will be organizing learning around this exhibit
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Kindergarten zoo field trip
 - Volunteer Tea May 1st - invites will be sent out this week
 - No school for students on April 24th - Indigenous Professional Learning Day
 - Fire drill today - 2 more will be scheduled before year end
 - Planning for the 2026-2027 school year has begun
 - Learning Grounds:
 - school received \$117.12 grant from Education Matters to support development of and beautification of Learning Grounds
 - needs to be spent by early June
 - Serenity (Learning Grounds organizer) will coordinate spending of this
 - Residency Planning:
 - Staff has been engaged in planning for possible residencies for next year
 - Possible options include:

- Explore Metis: focus on horticulture, storytelling, and traditional artwork
- Lacrosse
- Photography
- Felting
- Green Fools Theatre (Circus School)
- Mary-Elizabeth and Debbie will look more into pricing and availability, and will report back to council next month

4. New Business

- VST Camera Update:
 - CBE is updating its camera systems to implement “Video Surveillance Technology Solution”. This is happening across the board
 - Sibbald currently has some cameras located outside the school which will be replaced. Not sure if additional cameras will also be installed. Current cameras are end of life and need to be updated
 - No cameras will be inside the building - all will be located outside to help protect CBE property
 - To facilitate this transition, existing cameras will be removed, electrical infrastructure will be updated, and signage will be posted around school advising of new surveillance system
 - System will be monitored by CBE Risk, Safety, and Security
 - Questions for Council:
 - What benefits do you see in upgrading the security camera system?
 - If old system is end of life, it is nice to see investment in new, functional system
 - Debbie noted data shared at one of her board meetings that crime and vandalism have decreased across CBE schools
 - Increased signage of surveillance system will be a good deterrent
 - What concerns might you have?
 - Privacy - what safeguards are in place to ensure system is secure and footage cannot be leaked?
 - Data - how long is data stored for? - approximately 1 month
 - Who has access to the footage? - Mary-Elizabeth, Debbie, CBE Risk department
 - How far does surveillance go? Will it record private properties? - footage will extend to the CBE property line and not infringe on houses or other private property
 - Are there any other questions about the initiative?

- Cost - the camera upgrades are covered by CBE at no cost to school
- Placement of cameras - these will be outside only
- Timeline - not sure when this upgrade will take place.
Typically the electrical upgrades happen in summer when students are not in the building, so could perhaps start this summer with the installation of the new cameras in the fall

- Spring Dance Feedback
 - movement of families into and out of the gym at transition times was very smooth
 - suggested to turn lights on at end of dance to cue families when it is time to vacate the gym
 - Might be beneficial for a 10-15 minute transition time between the two hours
 - Concession: Grade 5 students were helpful and lovely to work with. Lots of enthusiasm for volunteers
 - Setting up DJ in corner of gym was good placement
 - Concessions options were good. Ring pops and chips were popular (sold out of chips)

- 5. Dates and Times of next meetings
 - **May 13 Wednesday @ 6:30pm**
 - June 9 Tuesday @ 6:30pm

- 6. Motion to adjourn by Julia Harron at 6:55 pm