



School Council
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Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15 2025 @ 6:30 pm – ÉWES Staff Room

Gary Whittle, Chair Kelly Jiang, Member Sheila Merkley, Member Micah Quinn, Member Johanna Havelaar, Secretary-Treasurer Ashley O'Brien, Vice-Chair	Sharon MacCoubrey, Principal Valerie Long, Vice Principal Christine Franes, Superintendent Davon, parent Deserine, parent Michelle, parent Kristen, parent
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1. Call to Order – 19:02

2. Land Acknowledgement

- a. We are meeting on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. We recognize their deep connection to this land and express our gratitude for the opportunity to live and work here.

3. Adoption of Agenda

- a. **Motion 25.09.01** to adopt Agenda by Micah, Kelly second, all in favour

4. Adoption of June Minutes

- a. **Motion 25.09.02** to adopt June Minutes by Ashley, Sheila second, all in favour

5. Recognition of Community Members

- a. Deserine, Davon, Michelle, Kristen – EWES parents

6. Correspondence

a. Bussing

- Davon: bus 8 & 11 concerns;
 - Child was moved from bus 11 to bus 8
 - Teenagers on bus 8 are intimidating for young children

- Bus 11 is 20 minutes late to school every day
- Davon requests that her child be moved from bus 8 to bus 11 for the afternoons
- Micah will bring up concerns at the transportation committee meeting
- Sharon and Christine will follow-up with the department
- Sharon will e-mail Micah with items for the transportation committee meeting

b. 4th & Black Crossing Guard

- Check with other schools and what their solutions were
- Can parents volunteer? Christine will follow-up and will e-mail Gary

7. Reports

a. Administration Report – Sharon

- K staggered start
- Cages have been ordered to cover lights in gym
- Staffing and EA allocation for 2025/26 year
 - 10 EAs in the school, Val and Sharon are helping out with a grade 3 cohort that lost their support, 3 students have lost EA support, 3 additional students need support. EWES needs 16 EAs and has 10
 - Meet with the minister: Gary and Ashley; before or upcoming election?
 - **Action 25.09.01** Johanna to draft letter on EA allocation
 - Financial bottleneck = lack of allocation

b. Financial/Treasurer Report – Johanna

- Funding Increase Request
 - We didn't get it – Johanna to confirm with Richard

8. New Business

a. CBC Article

- Gary drafted a letter that he will send out to council
- Council to complete and send the letter in the next 5-6 days
- Letter will be sent to Sharon to check for accuracy

b. Bussing

- Next Transportation Committee Meeting Sept. 23
- See Correspondence (6.a.)

c. Teacher Appreciation – Johanna

- October 10th PD Day – coffee and doughnuts for teachers
- **Action 25.09.02** Johanna will coordinate with Jamie

9. Standing Business

- a. **French Second Language – Sharon**
 - Next meeting October, 28th; Ashley will attend
- b. **Project Advisory Committee: New School Build – Johanna, Gary, Sharon,**
 - Next meeting unknown
 - One open position: Sarah has resigned
 - Sheila and Micah are interested in the position
 - PAC on hold until after autumn election
- c. **School Growth Plan – Sheila**
 - No meetings have been held yet this year
- d. **Transportation Committee – Micah**
 - Next Transportation Committee meeting on September 23rd
- e. **Community events**
 - Family Movie Night
 - **Action 25.09.03** Ashley will e-mail YFS
 - Hallowe'en?
 - Book Fair
 - Held by school in the past
 - Can be held by school council: Ashley and Kelly
 - Held in late October (Wed-Fri) combined with parent-teacher interviews

10. Next Meeting – October 20th, 2025

11. Adjournment of Council Meeting – 20:01