

Escuela Glenmeadows School Council & Society

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:49 PM

Location: In-person

School Council Meeting

Call to Order

The School Council meeting was called to order at **6:01 PM**.

Approval of Agenda

The April 7, 2026 agenda was **approved**.

- **Moved by:** Cindy
- **Seconded by:** Christina

Approval of Previous Minutes

The **February 2026 School Council meeting minutes** were approved.

1. Administration & Teacher Representative Reports

Student Learning & Programs

- **Black History Month Projects:** Sra. Fenske shared an update on student projects recognizing Black History Month, with a focus on Black Canadian Trailblazers.
- **Calgary Science Fair:** Three student teams will participate in the City-Wide Science Fair, taking place Thursday–Saturday at the Oval. Saturday will be open to the public.
- **University of Calgary Mentorship:** The school has begun working with a mentorship program through the University of Calgary.
- **Science Olympics:** Scheduled for April 30. Approximately two volunteers are required per class. Volunteer needs will be communicated once finalized.

- **Calgary Elementary Math Contest:** Scheduled for April 29 at lunchtime. While up to 60 students may participate, current interest is 18 students, primarily from Grade 5.
- **Que Pasa:** The event will take place this year with **Grade 5/6 students**. Students will perform two pieces (dance, singing, etc.), including one residency piece. The event requires a full-day commitment with a rehearsal prior to the performance.

Residencies (2026–27 Planning)

- Confirmed residencies include **Art** and **Alien Inline**.
- Additional residency options discussed included STEM, curling, and culturally focused programming.
- **STEM Residency:** Not offered recently due to limited providers. Options through CBE and SAIT will be explored.
- **Curling Residency:** Suggested due to popularity at other schools. It was noted that purchasing curling equipment for gym use may be a worthwhile investment.

Swimming Program (April 2026)

- Overall feedback on the swimming program was very positive. Appreciation was extended to volunteers and funding support.
- Concerns were raised regarding swim group placement and the tone used by pool staff when assessing students.
- It was clarified that the City of Calgary “Swimability” form was not operationally used by the pool and was only required for CBE liability purposes.
- **Recommendation:** Inform students in advance that they will be asked to self-identify their swim level to help reduce anxiety and improve readiness.

Registration & Enrollment

- **Kindergarten Registration:**
 - PM Kindergarten: 50 students (full)
 - AM Kindergarten: 23 of 25 students registered
- **Grade 1:** 73 of 75 spots filled. Two spaces will be held for potential in-catchment transfers.

Literacy – Flexible Groupings (Grades 1–6)

- Teachers are using student data to create flexible literacy groupings across grade teams.
- Groupings are fluid and may change as students progress or require additional support.
- Students may work with different teachers within their grade, allowing targeted instruction and improved learning outcomes.

School Updates

- **Talent Show:** The event was very successful, showcasing a wide range of student talents. Students demonstrated strong respect and encouragement for one another.
- **Staffing & Resources:**
 - The majority of teachers expressed interest in returning next year.
 - Approximately 83% of the teacher wish list has been fulfilled, with remaining resources soon to be distributed.
 - CBE has provided \$5,000 to support the new Social Studies curriculum.

2026/27 Budget & School Structure

- School budget information will be released on **April 23**.
- A potential **combined Grade 5/6 class** was discussed, due to higher projected Grade 6 enrollment (33 students).
- An engagement process will be used if this option is pursued. Administration noted the importance of considering student experience, particularly for those previously in split classes.

Compound & Facilities Updates

- **Gaga Ball Pit:** Project approved with an estimated cost of \$15,000–\$16,000.
- **Storage Containers:** Discussions are underway with CBE regarding sea-can storage for gym equipment. Two smaller containers may not require city permits.
- **Space Reallocation:** The B/A Kindergarten program will move to the stage next year, allowing the current space to be converted to a kindergarten classroom.

*Administration report concluded at **6:44 PM**.*

2. Council Reports

STEM Committee (Kathleen)

- The STEM Challenge has received approximately 14–15 student entries across most grade levels. Submissions close April 8.
- Two \$25 gift cards will be awarded (Division 1 and Division 2), with a draw to follow later in the week.

Language & Culture Committee (Cindy)

- Cindy invited additional parent involvement and collaboration for upcoming language and cultural initiatives.

Grade 6 Farewell Committee (Kristin P.)

- The committee currently has 10 members, with three working on the yearbook.
- Grade 5 parents interested in learning about the process are encouraged to connect with Kristin.

Library & Literacy Committee (Minjee)

- The Spanish Book Fair will be held on **May 12**. One additional volunteer is still required.
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3. Important Dates

- Las Semana de Español & UNESCO: April 17–21
 - Spring Book Fair: May 12 (all day)
 - Welcome to Kindergarten: May 14, 1:00–3:00 PM
 - Volunteer Tea: May 21, 12:00–1:45 PM
 - Spring Concert: May 28
 - Grade 6 Farewell: June 19 at 12:00 PM
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4. Future Planning, Engagement & Reminders

- Discussion held regarding council/society succession planning and training.

- Ideas were shared on improving parent engagement through events and communication.
- A new approach to WhatsApp communication was discussed, including:
 - A central grade-level group with optional sub-groups
 - Appointing a communication lead or class volunteer coordinator for each grade
- Approval was given to purchase **two new sandwich boards** for school communications.
- Reminders were shared regarding:
 - Joining grade WhatsApp groups
 - Maintaining up-to-date police check clearances
 - Monitoring the volunteer sign-up page for new opportunities

Adjournment (School Council)

The School Council meeting adjourned at **7:05 PM**.

School Society Meeting

Call to Order

The Society meeting was called to order following adjournment of the School Council meeting.

Approval of Agenda

- **Moved by:** Cindy
- **Seconded by:** Britt
- The Society agenda was **approved**.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The **February 2026 Society meeting minutes** were approved.

1. Financial Report (Cheryl)

- Approximately **\$7,200** remains in restricted funds to be spent before month-end.
- An additional **\$83,000**, received in February, requires allocation.
- Smartboards were discussed; Society purchase is not recommended as it may impact future CBE replacements.
- Spending priorities included:
 - Gaga Ball pit
 - Cheryl will confirm AGLC approval for the Gaga Ball Pit.
 - Storage container (Approved)
 - Learning Commons upgrade proposal (to be prepared by Fran)
 - Already Allocated:
 - Physical Education: \$5,000
 - Music instruments: \$3,000
 - Diversity resources: \$1,000
 - STEM supplies: \$5,500
 - 3D printer: \$3,000–\$5,000 plus annual materials (approved, and fit into current allocations, no need for Vote.
 - Sra. Fenske will select the 3D printer; Cheryl will place the order.

2. Society & Fundraising Initiatives

- **Plant Fundraiser:**
 - An update was provided on current sales totals. To date, **28 orders** have been placed, representing **100 units** and **\$3,630 in revenue**, compared to **47 orders, 178 units**, and **\$6,271** total last year.
 - Discussion followed on strategies to increase participation, including distributing flyers throughout the surrounding neighbourhood and sending reminders to parents via WhatsApp, with encouragement to share the fundraiser with family and friends
- **Book Fairs:**
 - The English Scholastic Book Fair focuses on fundraising through accessories and small items.

- For the Spanish Book Fair, Society will supplement inventory with a \$150 budget.
- **Festival (June 18):**
 - A mobile stage has been secured from ATCO.
 - JRR will provide food services.
- **Welcome Back BBQ:** Planned for September.
- **Halloween Movie Night:** Copyright considerations were discussed; alternative event formats are being explored.

Adjournment (Society)

The Society meeting adjourned at **7:49 PM**.

Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Tuesday, May 26, 2026, following adjournment of the School Council meeting.