

# EPS School Council Meeting

May 7, 2026

Learning Commons & MS Teams

## **Attendees:**

Admin: Jason Fech and Erin Warburton

President: Meghan Zubot

Vice-President: Kaitlin Santoni

Secretary: Melissa Sawatzky

In-person or online: Melissa Schuster, Trevor Sawatzky, Jillian Wyne, Katie Sapieha, Chelsea McNamara, Risa Desa, Peter Doyle

Quorum achieved (minimum of 9)

## Council

### Last Meeting Follow-up (5 minutes) - Meghan Zubot

1. Approval of minutes from previous council meeting on [March 12, 2026](#) - motion by Meghan Zubot and second by Kaitlin Santoni.

### New Business

2. Approval of agenda - motion by Meghan Zubot and second by Melissa Sawatzky.
3. Parent questions and comments:
  - a. Google classroom - parents asking if they should regularly be on Google Classroom, login can be requested from teachers if needed. Not necessary unless the teacher provides specific directions to access at home. Parents could use reminders on how to login to that plus IXL and Razkids.
  - b. Basketball nets and hoops - needing quotes in if we would like to update. Admin to look into if this is necessary.
  - c. COSC Meeting - (Community of School Councils) - two meetings a year bringing together parent councils across CBE. Meghan Zubot attended on

April 22, 2026 and reported the following: CBE is growing faster than the province. CBE Grades 4-6 - 24.9 average class size; Grades 1-3 - average 22.7 class size. [Full meeting link here.](#)

4. Grade 6 Grad - lots of parent support, Jalaine Lewko is leading a great group. Reach out to her with questions.
5. Question about 'human sexuality education' opt-in emails sent from the classes. Admin reviewed at the meeting and clarified: the opt-in forms for human sexuality are a form-letter template for all grades 3-12. In the opening paragraph, it mentions that as per the Education Act, written permission is required for topics that deal with "human sexuality, gender identity or sexual orientation." The topics of gender identity and sexual orientation are **not** part of the elementary curriculum. The opt-in letter has a link to the curricular outcomes and a general statement of the learning outcome for the specified grade.
  - a. [Grade 6 Guiding Question](#): How can human reproduction support growth and development?
  - b. [Grade 5 Guiding Question](#): In what ways can puberty and the capacity for human reproduction reflect change?
  - c. [Grade 4 Guiding Question](#): How is change reflected through development?
  - d. [Grade 3 Guiding Question](#): How are roles connected to character development?
6. Residencies for 2026/2027 - Melissa Shuster and Meghan Zubot collaborated with admin on budget/plan for next school year. New dance program (not Decidedly Jazz); cricket moving up to two weeks instead of one; poet coming in and parent presentation at conclusion.
  - a. Interest in looking into Track & Field residency. Agreement to rotate through to keep things fresh.
  - b. Discussion about bookmarking an art residency with Sheila Kernan as part of curriculum and also part of the Martinis & Masterpieces (or maybe Centennial Gala) fundraising event for 2027.
  - c. Note that we traditionally support JSM with a residency and also suggestion that we could increase classroom consumables from \$300 to \$500.
  - d. Proposal of plan for residencies as presented; motion made by Meghan Zubot and second by Trevor Sawatzky. Budget must be reviewed and approved by Society.

7. AGM - voting in council members for 2026/2027 school year:
  - a. Joslynn Bay for Key Communicator - nominated by Meghan Zubot; motion to approve by Meghan voted on and unanimously agreed to.
  - b. Melissa Sawatzky for Chair - nominated by Meghan Zubot, motion to approve by Meghan voted on and unanimously agreed to.
  - c. Big thank you to Meghan and Kaitlin for their time and dedication on Council which will conclude at the end of the year.
8. Note that library suggested readings have been added to make it seamless for children to find age-appropriate materials for reading.

## Administration

### Principal's report

[Link to principal's report here.](#)

1. Enrollment Update and CBE Budget & School Development Plan Survey - 210 students expected for next year (compared to 228 this current year) - this can always shift but parents discussed if this indicates families moving to private options or delaying kindergarten because no OSC options are available.
2. Centennial & Opera Details
  - a. June 4 @ 6:30 pm is reserved seating for parents; June 4 at 1:15 PM and June 5 @ 10 AM is available for extended family
  - b. Parent volunteers are being called upon for the Opera (costumes, singing/stage direction)
3. Fall fair - planning for Thursday, September 10 - Melissa Sawatzky to run, will connect with Meghan Zubot and Kaitlin Santoni to start. Permits must be requested in June.
  - a. Terry Fox run is Friday September 11
4. May 21 (6:30 p.m.) - Dr. Buzanko: Parent Focus Group on Supporting Student Emotional Regulation & Resilience. All parents welcome to this - please complete form in advance, but it's not necessary.

## Next Meeting

1. Please contact anyone on council for new agenda items before the next meeting.
2. Next meeting is set for Thursday September 17, 2026 @ 6:30 pm.
3. Motion to adjourn by Meghan Zubot; second by Kaitlin Santoni.