

Monday, April 27, 2026

ÉSCH/CHHS School Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Mike Kukurudza, Quinn Skelton, Karen Saffran, Cara Bourgeois, Erin Sawicki, and Cheryl Stromsmoe

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Karen at 18:34

- Land Acknowledgment
- Roundtable self-introduction of Principal, council members, parents/guardians, and school board trustees.

2. Review of Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes

- Attendees reviewed the agenda.
 - Karen called for approval of the agenda, Cheryl approved, Cara seconded, all were in favour.
- Attendees reviewed the minutes from 2026.03.30
 - Karen called for approval of the minutes, Cara approved, Erin seconded, all were in favour.

3. Reports

• Principal's Report

Registration update

- Current enrollment is 1166 students.
- Erin and others in the team are working on the time table.
- Aligning prep/collaboration time in the afternoon for teachers.
 - New curriculum in Junior High
 - Jennifer Karpiuk has a masters in curriculum development
- 120 families still haven't confirmed registration for the 26/27 school year
 - important to complete as this is how the school receives its funding

- this works out to 5-6 teaches

Junior High

- Fun activity days will be taking place in Echo Dale for grades 7, 8, and 9.
- International students also have a fun day.

Professional Development

- Professional and new learning of curriculum
- assessment
 - consistency within the grade levels
 - getting away from punitive assessments, such as missing work receiving zero grade, late assignments losing marks.

Track and Field

- May 14 is track and field day for Junior High
- Students that are successful will represent our school at City Championships

Crescent Heights academy day

- May 15 at ÉCHHS
- AM: Arts, Basketball, Volleyball
- PM: Soccer, Football
- Students register for \$20, will receive T-shirt, snacks, pizza
- Alternative to Day Camp (this is a PD day)
- Register ASAP

Junior High Spring Football Camp

- this week

Last Day of Classes

- June 16 is the last day of classes before exams.
- There will be food trucks at the school.

International Students Host Families

- Information was disseminated by email to families. See this [website](#) and complete this [application](#) if interested.
- Trustee's Report
 - Quinn Skelton
 - Working on planning session.
 - Retreat this week for all admins.
 - [Survey](#) responses will help direct future paths.
 - Enrollments and FTEs (full time equivalents) for teachers in the fall.
 - Complexity teams
 - Tracy is on leave, Cody is replacing.
 - Feedback from the community re: work force and tailoring high school to community needs.
 - Themes: wellness, social, emotional, and physical health.
 - Students: are they prepared for their futures?
 - Goals identified.
- Executive Reports
- Chair
 - Financial - some money was spent at Cabane à Sucre.
 - ASCA conference took place this past weekend.
 - Upcoming division Council of Councils meetings.
 - Wednesday April 29 – [ASCA Access Pass](#) Life Cycle of the Playground – Jason Simituk (Virtual 12:00 noon)
 - Monday May 25 - ÉSCH/CHHS School Council Meeting (In-Person and Virtual 6:30 pm)
 - Thursday May 28 - [ASCA Access Pass](#) Positive Parenting Strategies – The Family Centre (Virtual 7:00 pm)
 - ASCA Pass seminars
 - school has purchased [access](#) to online webinars and past recordings
 - use email: CHHS.Chair@sd76.ab.ca and password: Vikings2026! to login

- Wellness

- Pancakes on Friday.
- Booths over lunch with activities.

4. Discussion

MHPSD International Student Program

- 3 years ago, the district had 7-10 international students.
- Now we have approximately 50 international students.
 - Students are from Spain, Italy, Belgium, France, Germany, and Russia
 - Each brings something different, i.e. personality, culture.
- From the school's perspective:
 - the athletics student body is really supported by the international students.
 - Some students come back for a second year or have plans to attend post secondary in Canada.
 - Host families receive \$1020 per student per month to cover room and board.
 - There are different options for lengths: 2 months, 4 months or full school year.
 - The application form is quite detailed. Effort is made to match students to families that would be a good fit.
 - Scott Howe is the other point of contact.
 - Students are typically in High School.
 - Expectations of families are room and board.
 - Activities such as going to Banff or West Edmonton Mall are arranged through the program.
 - It is possible to bring a student without an agency if you have friends or family that would like to have the international student experience.

6. Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned by Karen Saffran at 17:22.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2026, 17:30 at The North.