

Monday, February 23, 2026

ÉSCH/CHHS School Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Mike Kukurudza, Jeneal Vargo, Becky Poirier, Karen Saffran, Cara Bourgeois, Erin Vossler, Pat Grisonich

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Karen at 18:33

- 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, Becky approved, all were in favour.
- Attendees reviewed the minutes from 2026.01.26.
 - Cara called for approval of the minutes, Erin approved, all were in favour.

3. Reports

• Principal's Report

Registration for 2026/2027 school year

- Asking parents to complete in PowerSchool.

Junior High Badminton

- Tryouts this week.

Pink Shirt Day

- Wednesday February 25, wear pink to demonstrate support of anti-bullying.

Alberta Education Surveys

- Grade 7 and Grade 10 students/families are asked to complete the survey. To date, only 57 families (10%) of families have completed.
- Letters with a code have been sent home with students so parents can complete the survey online. If your student didn't bring home a code and you want to complete the survey, contact Mike and he will email you a code.
- The survey is open now until March 6, 2026.

Complexities

- 143 million dollars announced. Unfortunately, these funds only support K-grade 6 schools.
- Schools will receive complexity teams, likely 1 teacher and 2 education assistants.
- Write to your MLA if you are unhappy with this decision.

Operations/Behaviours

- There have been some fights off campus involving Junior High students. 5 students have been suspended.
- Vaping is becoming an issue again.

Attendance

- There are distinctive patterns of students missing Mondays and Fridays.
- Kids are not engaging.
- Teachers and administrators can only help students succeed if they are actually in the school.

Student Voice

- Feedback around cafeteria options was received. Students are looking for health food options that are cost effective.
- Mr. Kukurudza met with Jamie (chef) to brainstorm.
- Cafeteria will now offer 2 meals a day for \$5, either breakfast or lunch.

- These meals are subsidised by the school's nutrition budget.

- Trustee's Report

Pat Grisonich

- Pat shared that he is on the board with PSPA and the issues Mike reports are seen across the board. These issues are not isolated to ÉSCH/CHHS.
- He believes that everything we need is actually in place at ÉSCH/CHHS.
- Involved in organizing an upcoming chess tournament. Stay tuned for more details.
- Suggests community events could be advertised at the school. Community could be important for students.
- School calendar input has been great. Will be approved at the next meeting and shared with families.
- Looking at ways to collaborate with the district. Ideas include a retreat, attending shows, events, etc.

- Executive Reports

- Chair

- Account balance is \$4021.93.
- \$ paid to ASCA for the [ASCA Access Pass](#). This is a series of live and recorded webinars that are available to everyone.
- \$500 to Canadian Parents for French to support Cabane à Sucre (feeding student volunteers).
- Date: March 21, 2026 to coincide with [La Journée internationale de la Francophonie](#).
- [Tickets](#) are on sale until March 15, 2026 and are not available at the door. Prices are \$25 for 18+, \$15 for 4-17 years old, free for 3 years old and under. The event has sold out in the past. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.
- Community events in the school are important.

- Suggestion was made that updates to the school website are made to make it more accessible, easier to find community events.
- Brainstorm for ideas on how to spend funds. Idea of providing snacks before PAT exams. Well received by all.
- Wellness Champion
 - No report.
 - Question about the leadership elective offered at ÉSCH/CHHS. Answer - involves volunteering and getting into the community.

4. Discussion

- ASCE grant
 - Council has purchased the [ASCA Access Pass](#) so all families can have the opportunity to benefit from the grant. Information has been communicated via the school website, EDSBY and socials on how families can attend the webinars.
 - If you attend a webinar, please provide feedback to CHHS.Chair@sd76.ab.ca. We are interested if families are receiving value in this membership.
- [ASCA Symposium](#)
 - April 25 in Edmonton, hybrid option also available. Need to register by April 13.
 - In the past, the division has paid for parents to attend.
- Council of Councils Meeting
 - Occuring in March
- Special Topics/speakers
 - Student Resource Officer will be presenting at an upcoming meeting.
 - Constable Bohrn will be presenting at an upcoming meeting.
 - Teacher from the leadership program will be presenting at an upcoming meeting.
 - Can email ideas to CHHS.Chair@sd76.ab.ca if there is a topic you would like covered.

5. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned by Karen Saffran at 19:37.

The next meetings are scheduled for March 30, April 27, and May 25, 2026. In person at the ÉSCH/CHHS cafeteria and virtual option available.