

Monday, January 26, 2026

## ÉSCH/CHHS School Council Meeting Minutes

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In attendance: Mike Kukurudza, Joni Hunter, Quinn Skelton, Jeneal Vargo, Becky Poirier, Emily Poirier, Karen Saffran, Cara Bourgeois, Cheryl Stromsmoe and Audrey Goodwin.

### 1. Welcome and Call to Order by Karen at 18:31

- 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, Janeal approved, Becky seconded, all were in favour.
- Attendees reviewed the minutes from 2025.11.24.
  - Cara called for approval of the minutes, Cheryl approved, Joni seconded, all were in favour.

### 3. Reports

- Principal's Report

Upcoming events

High School Musical - All Shook Up!

- January 28 - February 7, 2026. [Tickets](#) are \$25 including all fees.
- There are approximately 400 tickets left across all performances. Lets support all the hard work the students, teachers and parents have put in and sell out this show!
- More information on Facebook and Edsby.

## Semester Change

- January 27 is the last day of Semester 1, January 28 is a changeover day for staff, and January 29 is the first day of Semester 2 for students.

## Report Cards

- Will be posted on Edsby Friday, January 30th.
- A Grading and Reporting One-Pager will also be posted. The goal is to help parents understand the EMAB grading system. If you have questions about the grades your child is receiving, or how evaluations are done under the EMAB system, please reach out to teachers and or administration.
- Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled for March 18-19, 2026.

## Alberta Education Surveys

- Some students will have opportunities to complete the survey in class.
- Letters with a code will be sent home with students so parents can complete the survey online. If your student doesn'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.

## Staffing

- Two teachers have been hired to teach in the Dance Academy (Q4) and the Cosmetology program.

## Grad

- The decorator that has been used in previous years is closing their business.
- There is an opportunity for someone in the community to take on this project.
- The event takes place at the Cypress Center. Would need to have a lift to install the decorations.

## Grade 6 Orientation

- Very well attended. Approximately 500 students attended, with lots of people from outside our district.
- Registration is online beginning February 3, 2026.
- Mrs. Pancost will visit elementary schools to help students register for options later in the year.
- In August, Grade 7 students have their first day of school separate from all the other grades.
- Opportunities for bussing because of the French Immersion program, not restricted to zoning.

## Strike Effects

- Final exams eliminated in January to regain teaching time.
- Exams still possible during class time.
- Diploma exams are outside our control.
- Opportunities for projects instead of exams.
- Focusing on a triangle of evidence. Kids are encouraged to speak to teachers, determine if there are other ways to assess students' needs.
- Administrators and teachers want to work with kids to demonstrate understanding.
- January 27th last day classes, 28th turn around day, 29th first day 2nd semester.

## • Trustee's Report

### Quinn Skelton

- Learning as best they can by visiting all the different schools, meeting with students and parents.
- Learning the difference between operations and governance.

- Executive Reports
- Chair
  - Attended the coordinating committee meeting in December along with teachers and parents.
  - Attended the division council of councils.
  - Policies of the division have changed because of governmental legislation regarding pronouns and female at birth designations. The division did a good job.
- Wellness Champion
  - Supported the theatre group rehearsals.
  - Attended ÉSCH/CHHS open house, liaised with families, encouraged attendance at parent council meetings.

#### 4. Discussion

- Cabane à Sucre
  - 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.
  - The event will consist of a traditional meal, la tire (maple syrup on the snow) and live entertainment.
  - Students from ÉSCH/CHHS can volunteer to make the event a success.
  - Janeal motioned to use council funds (up to \$500) to subsidise student volunteer meals, Becky seconded and all were in favour.
  - The French Immersion Staff have been very involved in making this event a success.

- ASCE grant
  - Karen proposed that council purchases the [ASCA Access Pass](#) so all families can have the opportunity to benefit from the grant. Becky motioned, Jeneal seconded and all were in favour. Information will be 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](mailto:CHHS.Chair@sd76.ab.ca). We are interested if families are receiving value in this membership.

## 5. Business/Topics

- Parent Engagement Initiatives
  - Ideas to get more parents/guardians/students involved in council
    - Special Topics/speakers
      - Student Resource Officer will be presenting at an upcoming meeting.
      - Constable Bohrn will be presenting at an upcoming meeting.
      - Can email ideas to [CHHS.Chair@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:CHHS.Chair@sd76.ab.ca) if there is a topic you would like covered.

## 6. Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned by Karen Saffran at 19:47.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2026. In person at the ÉSCH/CHHS cafeteria and virtual option available.