

# Pineridge Parent Society - School Council Meeting Minutes

## April 6, 2026 6:00pm

In attendance: April Unger (Secretary/Treasurer), Graham Moore (Director), Rayna Moore (Vice Chairperson), Amanda Hopkins (Chairperson), Stephanie Quesnel (Learning Leader & Resource), Brita Goldie (Assistant Principal), Brock Hadden (Grade 6 Teacher & Learning Leader), Maria van der Hoek (Director), Sheila Dalger  
Online: Mariama Jalloh

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Agenda approved
4. Rayna motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 2, 2026. Maria seconded.
5. Principal's Report by Brita
  - Ryan sends his apologies. He is sick and will not be in attendance this evening.
  - Resource Allocation Management (RAM) has been postponed to the third week in April.
  - There are currently 405 students enrolled at Pineridge School.
  - The Pulse residency is on April 27 with a theme of Something from Nothing. The teachers are already preparing the students for the residency.
  - Parent/Teacher conferences went well. The staff say thank you for the snacks provided by the School Council.
  - Pineridge School has received one additional teacher for classroom complexities. Mr. Row has left his position as a grade 3 teacher, and taken the new role. Another teacher has been hired to teach his grade 3 class. The school will receive two additional Educational Assistants next year for classroom complexities as well.
  - On the morning of April 22, the grade 6 students will go to Clarence Sansom School for a tour of the junior high school.
  - There will be 32 grade 4 students, from two overflow schools, coming to Pineridge School on May 19 for a school tour.
  - Question: With staffing changes to the school, how do you justify four unattached learning leaders?

- Steph is the only unattached learning leader. Carmen teaches some EES, music, and gym. She also focuses on grades 1 & 2 with literacy flex groups. Andrew was teaching grade 3, and Brock teaches grade 6.
- How much time will Mr. Row spend researching complexities vs actual teaching? He will first need to compile some data to see where his teaching is most effective.
- Can we define a learning leader? The role depends on the school. At this school, it is building staff capacity. There are sprints around literacy, numeracy, and wellness. They meet with School Learning Teams, problem solve as a team, and do collaborative responses. Different learning leaders work with different grade teams. They do interventions for ELL, and lead professional development. The learning leaders here are a solid team that work well together.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report

- The account balance as of March 2 was \$143,620.63.
- There is a summary of accounts printed here for those who would like to look at it.

#### 7. Old Business

- Mental Health/Bullying - Elizabeth Bennett - \$1000 by Maria
  - Elizabeth Bennett is a local author, and has a TED Talk. She has been contacted with our available dates in May and June. She will be present for the full school day, with a kick off assembly for 30-45 minutes, and then breaking into grade groups. Her presentation is centered around mental health and wellness. She talks about self-regulation, how to be an upstander, and conflict vs. bullying. She has already formulated a talk for our grade groups. She will also have a virtual evening parent seminar about how parents can take the learning their children have received and apply it at home. The cost is \$1000 +GST.
  - Maria motioned to secure the services of Elizabeth Bennett through Courageous Network for a daytime presentation and a virtual evening parent presentation at a cost of \$1000 plus GST. Rayna seconded.
  - Also, Elizabeth Bennett has a handout to personalize for this school to advertise her event to parents.
  - It was already requested that her presentation date be after the Pulse Residency, but before the PAT's.

- Fundraising Update by Brita
  - She handed out two documents. The first titled Request to School Council for Funds. This is based on recommendations from ASCA. The second titled Pineridge School Fundraising Application. Please read the documents, review them, and we can discuss them at the next meeting.
  - There was a question regarding Section 2 of the Fundraising Application - Normally we fundraise to get our funds up for future requests. How do we answer this question without having a specific goal in mind? You can answer that you want to get funds up for the future.
  - Parent question - Is anything changing moving forward with the Texas Donut fundraiser? No. You can use the fundraising application to request the donut fundraiser.
  - The applications are a great source of communication and can be kept on file for future councils to look back and see what worked well and why.
- Filing Cabinet
  - April suggested moving it to the sick room so it would be more accessible. Brita will have that taken care of.

## 8. New Business

- Update from ASCA
  - We are in the process of getting council and society smoothed out.
  - They looked at our bylaws.
  - They recommend school administration to attend a session on the role of school council and working together.
  - We can find different resources on the ASCA page.
  - Our prepaid credit card will pay for ASCA to draw up new bylaws for us, and another workshop.
  - It will cost approximately \$300-500 for another workshop.
  - We don't know the cost of them drawing up our new bylaws.
  - It will cost approximately \$400 for the administration learning seminar.
  - Amanda will send the ASCA workshop pamphlet to April, and April will attach it to the email in which she sends the minutes.
  - ASCA has given us recommendations for which learning seminar to take.

- We want to continue to move forward with this. Once our bylaws are complete, we can move our bank account to a new bank that can accept e-Transfers.
- ASCA will help with both our council and society.
- Society insurance was discussed as being paid for with the prepaid credit card, but that is not the case. It was paid for with casino funds.
- Grandparent Program by April
  - During a school fundraiser, Marjorie, who was here to help from the Community Association, let us know that she reached out to the principal to restart the grandparent program. Is this program moving forward? Brita does not know, she has not heard anything about it. We will wait to hear back from Ryan.
- Ski at School
  - Amy gave us an invoice for Ski at School \$3,810.00. We have not received a request beforehand for this activity. What is it? Brita understands that it was scheduled for last year, but was canceled due to warm weather in March 2025. It was then rescheduled for this year. She is new this school year, so is unsure of the details. She suggested we check our minutes from last school year. It may have been an activity scheduled only for EES initially, but this year they had more space, so grade 6's were added. She will look for a paper trail on her end, and April will look for one on ours.

## 9. Questions

- Is there a way to send our minutes out to the whole school?
  - They are supposed to be posted on the school website, but with our new secretary this year, she has not been doing it.
  - Brita asked for the minutes to be sent to her and she will skillfully post them on the school website.
- Can we give the virtual newcomers to our meeting an overview of what kinds of questions can be asked?
  - Yes. A description was given including that the purpose of this council is to provide advice to the school, for the betterment of the school.
- Are there any field trips planned?
  - Yes, kindergarten to Little Red Reading House, grade 3 & 4 to SAM Center, grade 1 & 2 to Calgary Zoo, grade 6 to Nose Hill Park, and EES classes to Calgary Zoo. The grade 5's are having a Teacher's Pet program come into the classroom in May.

- Invoices have been received from the school for most field trips. April looked at previous minutes and found an offer to the school to pay for field trips, but not a motion. Rayna motioned to pay for one bus for each class for a field trip, as well as up to \$350 per class for a field trip program. Maria seconded.
- Please let the council know as soon as possible if you need volunteers for the field trips so we can adjust our schedules accordingly. We never want a class to not go on a field trip due to a lack of volunteers.

10. The date of the next meeting is confirmed as May 4, 2026.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

# Pineridge Parent Society Association (PSPA) Meeting Minutes

## April 6, 2026

In attendance: April Unger (Secretary/Treasurer), Graham Moore (Director), Rayna Moore (Vice Chairperson), Amanda Hopkins (Chairperson), Maria van der Hoek (Director)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.
2. Rayna motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 2, 2026. Maria seconded.
3. Treasurer's Report
  - The account balance as of March 2 is \$8,300.33.
  - The cheque from Healthy Hunger for Edo Japan was received - \$109.49, but has not yet been deposited.
4. Old Business
  - School Sign Volunteer
    - Amanda will change the sign.
5. New Business
  - Plant Handout Plan
    - Rayna does not have the final numbers.
    - The plants will be delivered on May 14 in the morning. This way they will be ready to be picked up by kindergarten families.
    - We earned about \$204.
    - We can use the same room as last year to receive and hand out the plants.
    - We will discuss this further at our meeting next month.
  - New Coupon Book Fundraiser Idea
    - Amanda has a friend that has received good profits at two school fundraisers using a coupon book. It is different from the previously discussed coupon book. It sounds mostly to be Domino's Pizza on the corner of 52nd St and Rundlehorn Dr NE. Coupons can be stacked.
    - We do not know if this fundraiser would be cashless.
    - Are we interested? Yes.
    - Do we want to do it this year or next year? We are not in agreement.

- It was mentioned that students who are bused to Pineridge School will not be as close to the Domino's offering the coupons.
- Amanda will find out more details.
- Council Changes
  - April will forward the ASCA brochure from Amanda. Amanda thinks we should book a bylaw workshop. Amanda will follow up with ASCA to try to get a workshop booked, first asking for dates.
  - Rayna motioned to move forward with booking an ASCA workshop and spending the money from our prepaid credit card. Maria seconded.
- Healthy Hunger Cheque
  - The cheque for Edo Japan, \$109.49, was received last week. April plans to deposit it this week.
  - This fundraiser was well received.

#### 6. Questions

- How are we proceeding with insurance?
  - We are currently covered until September 2026.
  - Rayna will renew it at the appropriate time.
  - Amanda will add insurance renewal to the agenda in September.

7. The date of the next meeting is confirmed as May 4, 2026.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.