

Pineridge Parent Society - School Council Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026 6:00pm

In attendance: April Unger (Secretary/Treasurer), Amanda Hopkins (Chairperson), Rayna Moore (Vice Chairperson), Maria van der Hoek (Director), Carmen Ma (Learning Leader), Brita Goldie (Assistant Principal), Ryan Nyrerod (Principal)

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - With the correction of the following notes to the February minutes,
 - “It is an opportunity for students in grades 4-6 4 and 5 to share their voices. This will help to build a sense of belonging.”
 - “The SAC will meet ~~Tuesday~~ Wednesday at lunch, every other week.”
 - Rayna motioned to make the change to the February minutes and approve the agenda. Maria seconded.
3. Rayna motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 6, 2026. Maria seconded.
4. Principal’s Report by Ryan
 - April, as treasurer, requested an update on the Legacy Children’s Foundation.
 - Who did the guitar building? Dylan.
 - Did someone teach lessons? The instructor got sick, so Dylan is teaching lessons.
 - Do all youth have access to the guitars through musical opportunities in the school? No.
 - Are the guitars in the school? Yes.
 - We paid request #25-144 on September 25, 2025, but do not have all the supporting invoices. Do you know if we have spent the \$5,000 in full? I will meet with Amy in the office tomorrow to find all the necessary invoices. We have them, because we have spent all \$5,000. In addition to the electric guitar building kits, we bought amp plugs with headphones.
 - We are working through RAM. It is late because the government was late. We have to have some hard conversations with staff, as our numbers are projected to be down next year. We received an email last week letting us

know we can expect to lose lots of division 1 students, and some grade 5 and 6 students. We are projected to have an enrollment of 320 students next year. Current enrollment is 404 students. The reduction in numbers will not affect our receipt of a complexity team funded by the government for next year.

- Pineridge School has reached the top 20 of most complex schools in CBE. Carmen has been working with K-3 since the winter assessment. She goes into the grade 1 and 2 classrooms to support teachers with literacy. She helps the grade 3's with math support.
 - Question: Do EES classes affect whether we are in the top 20 most complex schools in CBE? Yes. Also coding in EAL, refugee, and newcomer.
 - Question: Carmen works with K-3, does anyone work with grades 4-6? Yes, Andrew works with grades 4 and 5. Stephanie works with grade 6. Next year, the entire school in K-6, will be supported by the teacher and 2 EA's in the complexity team.

5. Treasurer's Report

- The account balance as of March 20, 2026 is \$142,836.88.
- Uncashed cheques have been written to Pineridge School in the amount of \$21,373.35, and one volunteer credit cheque for \$100, for a remaining balance of \$121,363.53.
- We have received field trip invoices for all grades, except grade 5.
- We have also motioned to spend \$1000+GST for Elizabeth Bennett.

6. Old Business

- No date has been picked yet for the presentation by Elizabeth Bennett yet. Brita is waiting to hear back from her. The dates proposed are at the end of May or in the first week of June.
 - The parent piece will be completely virtual.
 - Once Brita gets a date, she will let us know.
 - Question: Are there plans to advertise this event? Yes, we will use the flat sheet to advertise the date.
- Ski at School
 - No record was found of this council agreeing to pay for this activity. Discussion was had.
 - April motioned, pending AGLC approval, that we pay \$3,810.00 for Ski at School. Rayna seconded. Approved. April will contact AGLC to confirm casino funds can be used to pay for an activity that was only offered to 150/400 students.

7. New Business

- Grade 6 Farewell
 - Has a date been chosen yet? No, nothing is confirmed. We will let you know the dates ASAP. PAT's have to be moved from Friday because more test time has been offered, and Friday's do not have enough hours in the school day to accommodate the new offering.
- Rocks and Rings
 - An email was sent to Ryan and Brita with a link to this program. Can it be looked into as a residency? Yes. It was offered at a different school, and it is pricey.
 - Dylan is also planning to teach tennis to some students in June through a partnership with the City of Calgary.
- Would freezies be considered for June 2026?
 - The bus drivers do not like it.
 - Can the council consider selling them on Thursdays over lunch?
 - Please can we avoid afterschool?
 - The Parent Society will discuss this at the meeting following this one.
- Questions:
 - Why did we not offer this meeting virtually?
 - Ryan is responsible for his Microsoft Team link. In the future he would like the link to come from the School Council. He will send the link out to the families on our behalf.
 - Are we planning to move forward with the grandparent program?
 - Not now. We have other higher priorities.
 - What are our supervision guidelines for lunch and recess?
 - Lunch is 50:1, and that is being met when the students are outside. Recess is ~1 teacher:1 class.
 - Are we ensuring the safety of the kids? Are we meeting the requirements? In February we added supervision and we are above the requirements.
 - As a Mom whose child was diagnosed via pullout intervention, rather than in class support, is the data in this school supporting that?
 - Yes, push in is building the capacity of the teacher. Data can support both arguments. Data is revisited every month. Every decision we make is best for our kids. The classroom complexities team is for students that are most at risk. The pull out model is always short term.

- Comment - thank you for increasing afterschool supervision after an incident outside of the school last week.
 - We are getting outdoor cameras. This is not for supervision. Our school was chosen for four fish eye cameras.
 - Our maintenance worker does a safety check around the building every morning. If you notice broken glass or something else that requires attention, please let the office know.
- Will we have the patroller program again next year?
 - Ryan will look into it for next year. Please add it to the agenda in June. It is during this month that teachers will learn which grades they may be teaching, and the grade 5/6 team could include patrol supervision interest.
- It would be nice to foster good relationships between the students and the Calgary Police Service.

8. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as June 1, 2026.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

Pineridge Parent Society Association (PSPA) Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.
2. Rayna motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 6, 2026. Maria seconded.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - As of March 20, 2026, the account balance is \$8,582.98.
 - Two cheques have been written and not yet cashed for \$105.33.
 - One cheque has been received from Healthy Hunger for our Edo fundraiser in the amount of \$109.49.
 - With these two debits and one credit, the balance is \$8,587.14.
 - If Bar Burrito in Monterey Square is on Healthy Hunger, we will use them for June.
4. Old Business
 - Rayna will update the school sign to include the non instruction days around May long weekend.
 - The flyer is ready to go for the Lunch Lady fun lunch on May 28.
 - It has not hindered us to add multiple fun lunch dates at the same time in Healthy Hunger.
5. New Business
 - Plant Handout Plan
 - The plants will be delivered to the staff room in the morning of May 14. The exact time has not been confirmed.
 - The plants will be handed out after school, except the kindergarten families can pick theirs up after their school day.
 - Payment Mistake
 - The workshop that was booked was paid for using a non member price. We have a membership. We overpaid by \$89. ASCA asked if they could send us an e-Transfer. Our current bank accounts do not allow us to accept e-Transfers. ASCA can give us a credit to be used towards another workshop before the end of the school year. The exact amount of the credit is \$89.25. We will book a one on

one fundraising workshop to set our society up properly and to write bylaws.

- Casino Credits
 - Some organizations that our casino volunteers want to use their credits towards, don't want to give out their AGLC number. April will call AGLC to ask what to do if we can't obtain the number, and if we need a registration receipt.
- Dance
 - Are we going to do a dance this year? Amanda will email Ryan and Brita. We can pay for a DJ if Mr. Row does not do it.
 - Rayna motioned to spend up to \$100 on glowsticks for a dance, if we have one. Maria seconded.
- Freezies
 - Discussion was had. Is anyone opposed to Thursdays at lunch? No. Volunteers are needed from 11:45am-12:25pm. Amanda and Rayna will sell freezies to the students in kindergarten.
 - Due to a field trip on Thursday June 11, there are not enough volunteers to sell freezies that day. After discussion, freezie sales will be moved to Wednesdays for a consistent day of the week. Sales days will be June 3, 10, 17, and 24.
 - Volunteers please bring scissors.
- May 28 Fun Lunch
 - Amanda is not here for this fun lunch, so Rayna will take the lead and need support. Delivery will be between 11:10-11:25am.
- Virtual Link
 - Amanda will set up a zoom link and send it to Ryan to share.
- June Agenda Items
 - Setting the dates for next year.
 - Look into liability insurance for the Pineridge Community Association's ice rink.
 - Swim lessons.

6. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as June 1, 2026.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.