

Pineridge School School Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2026 6:00pm

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order by A. Hopkins at 6:00pm, and a quorum was present.
2. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. A. Hopkins welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions were made.
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. The agenda was approved with the following amendments:
 - i. New video surveillance technology will be added to the principal's report.
 - ii. Terry Fox Run discussion will be added to new business.
 - iii. Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting in October.
4. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Motion: That the minutes from the meetings on June 1 and July 9, be approved as presented. Moved by R. Moore. Seconded by G. Moore.
 - b. There was a brief explanation of new expectations of the school after the Alberta School Councils' Association helped us sort through our school council and parent society. We want a wishlist from the school earlier in the school year.
5. Principal's Report
 - a. B. Goldie reported the following:
 - i. R. Nynerod is on a short term leave. In his place, she will be the Acting Principal.
 - ii. Current enrollment is 332 students. Peter Loughheed School has called back students. As a result, we have dropped from three grade 6 classes, to two.
 - iii. C. Ma is leaving at the end of the month, and D. Thomas will be stepping into her role. As a result, we are hiring for a physical education teacher.
 - iv. For this school year, we are looking at hosting three evening events - a literacy night, numeracy night, and a science night. The science night will be in the spring.
 - v. The open house is next week. We want to use this opportunity to recruit adult volunteers for field trips, specifically the Open Minds weeklong field trips for grade 2 to science school, and grade 1 to the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary.

b. Questions

- i. In the past, assignable hours would not be used for an evening program. Could one of the three nights planned be turned into a performance? Some bus kids don't have rides in the evening, and they would miss out.
 - 1. We are still a community school and we want to see our children in a performance in the evening when family members are not working. Another parent agrees. She would like to see a seasonal performance with plenty of notice.

6. Treasurer's Report

- a. A. Unger reported that \$24,728.53 of casino funds will expire on February 12, 2027. She asked for the number of classes, so she can track spending approved per class for field trips.

7. Old Business

- a. Will there be patrollers for this school year 2026/27?
 - i. Administration has reached out to AMA and will gauge student interest. They may also need adult volunteers.
- b. How to spend \$803.42 left from the Children's Legacy Fund?
 - i. It must be spent on musical enrichment opportunities for all youth in the school, including the guitar building experience, and the guitar building instructor teaching guitar lessons to the youth. B. Goldie will look into it.

8. New Business

- a. Terry Fox
 - i. The Terry Fox Run will be held on October 2. It will be similar to last year. There will be a Zoom video in each class from Terry's niece. Does the Council want to participate? Water bottles cause a concern with lack of recycling while walking. Instead maybe medals, ribbons, stickers, or tattoos.
- b. Bylaws and Procedures
 - i. The new bylaws and operating procedures are live. These were discussed earlier in the meeting.
- c. Question
 - i. Is it still the opinion of the school to operate with only cashless fundraisers, or based on our most recent cash collection at the doors by parent volunteers, can we have a hybrid of fundraiser collections? B. Goldie, while she is acting principal, will allow us to collect cash at the doors before it reaches the teachers.
- d. Fun Lunch Allowed Again?
 - i. May we continue with a fun lunch on the last Thursday of the month? Yes. We will continue with spirit days on this day as well, and expect to plan them three months in advance.

- e. Open House
 - i. B. Goldie handed out a paper for Pineridge School Open House Passport. She would like the council to be the final stop for the students, and they can collect the passports. Yes, we will do this.
 - ii. Does Pineridge School communicate with Clarence Sansom School in regards to planning open houses? No, but we have learned that it is the same evening, and will plan to communicate with them in the future to avoid booking the same night.
- f. Bank Vote
 - i. This will be noted in the Parent Society meeting.
- g. Speaker of Bullying Assistance
 - i. We would like the school to bring in another presenter to speak against bullying, to address the problems at the end of last year.
- h. Residencies and Field Trip Plans for 2026/27
 - i. The grade 6 classes have an opportunity to go to WinSport. The three optional dates are December 7, 8, and March 4. The cost is \$52.50/student plus bussing. This works out to be \$4350/day including transportation, rentals, and a lesson coach. There are 59 students in grade 6, including those in the Enhanced Educational Supports program.
 - ii. A cricket residency is happening now.
 - iii. A soccer residency is planned for the Spring.
 - iv. A Calgary Hitmen game in February will be offered to the upper elementary students. More details will come. It works by a lottery system.
 - 1. Can parents go with their lower elementary students? I don't know.
 - v. D. Thomas handed out a 12 page document with different residency opportunities. He would like input from the council about which residencies we would like him to look into. A. Unger asked him to consider Rocks & Rings as well.
 - vi. A. Row is looking into field trips earlier this year.
- i. Confirmation of Meeting Dates
 - i. The meeting dates for the rest of the school year have been confirmed as October 5, November 2, December 7, January 11, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7.
 - ii. The AGM agenda needs to be sent two weeks ahead of time.

- j. New Video Surveillance Technology
 - i. What benefits do you see? We could see what actually happened in an incident. It may deter unwanted activity.
 - ii. What cons do you see? They could be damaged. Who pays for that? The Calgary Board of Education has a fund that will pay for any damage to the technology.
 - iii. Are there any questions?
 - 1. How long is the video stored? For 30 days.
 - 2. Who is it accessed by? The principal. The Calgary Police Service can request video footage through the CBE.
 - 3. How many cameras are there? There are 8 exterior cameras and 3 interior.
 - 4. Would cameras be used to support victims of child bullying? They can be, but they should not be the primary source.
 - 5. Do the cameras have sound? Yes.
- 9. Questions
 - a. Will there be a student council again this year? Yes. D. Thomas will take this over from C. Ma.
 - b. The lunch hour was 40 minutes last year. This year it is 35 minutes. Why was it reduced? The first group of students is outside from 11:45am-12:05pm, and the second group is outside from 12:05-12:25pm, so it is still 40 minutes.
- 10. Next Meeting - The date of the next meeting is confirmed as October 5, 2026 at Pineridge School.
- 11. Adjourned - The meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm, followed by a tour of the school to see the location of the indoor cameras for video surveillance.

Pineridge Parent Society Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2026 7:00pm

1. Call to Order
 - a. The regular meeting was called to order by A. Hopkins at 7:10pm, and a quorum was present.
2. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Motion: That the minutes of the meetings held on June 1, and July 9, be approved as presented. Moved by R. Moore. Seconded by G. Moore.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. A. Unger reported the balances of both accounts. As of July 2, 2026, the casino account balance is \$113,415.78. As of June 15, 2026, the general account balance is \$8,972.89. There are two outstanding cheques from Healthy Hunger - The Lunch Lady in May, and Dominoes in June. Once Healthy Hunger is repopulated for this school year, A. Hopkins will follow up with them.
4. Old Business
 - a. School Sign Volunteer
 - i. Rayna volunteered for September.
5. New Business
 - a. Banking
 - i. A. Hopkins presented ATB Sunridge as an alternative to our current bank. They have two community accounts. Our casino account only needs to write cheques. There is no monthly fee, and allows 15 transactions per month. The general account would be a business account. The monthly fee is \$6 with unlimited digital transactions. We would have online access, and self service. There is a fee of \$2.50 for each cashed cheque that we write. We would need to order new cheques. One cost is \$150 for 50 cheques. Third party cheque ordering could be cheaper. We could also make deposits using a bank teller, and would still have two signing authorities. We don't know how this would work for e-Transfers. A. Hopkins will reach out to A. Nair at ATB for more information.
 - ii. Before we switch banks we need to consider uncashed cheques with our current bank accounts. Cheques passed six months are stale dated and will not be cashed. There are three cheques from our casino account in December 2025 that have not been cashed.
 - iii. Our updated bylaws still need to be sent to the corporate registry. A. Unger will include it with the society annual return being mailed later this month.

- b. Fundraising Plans and Goals
 - i. Should we pause fundraising until we have goals, as the Alberta School Councils' Association recommended? No, a wishlist is coming from the school.
 - ii. Can we provide a free fun lunch? Yes. Douglas Harkness School gave free t-shirts to their students.
 - iii. Can the council put pressure on to get the slide fixed? I don't think so. There is a ticket. The maintenance staff have followed up twice, and no time line has been given yet.
 - iv. Parents have asked A. Hopkins if and when we will be selling Texas donuts again.
 - v. R. Moore suggested selling frozen pizzas, spirit wear, and cookie dough. Maybe we need to buy a new freezer.
 - vi. A. Hopkins will try to get a pizza fun lunch up and running for September. In October we can use Subway. In December we could do the free lunch, or a hot chocolate cart.
 - c. Open House Prize Station
 - i. Motion: That we spend up to \$200 on prizes for the open house. Moved by A. Unger. Seconded by R. Moore.
 - d. Terry Fox Completion Award
 - i. Forty five ribbons can be purchased for \$35. Stickers? Cookies? Halal, gluten free. We will brainstorm and do an email vote. A. Hopkins will ask D. Thomas after we vote.
 - e. Discuss Ask for WinSport
 - i. Motion: That we approve funding for two days of WinSport for grade 6 students. Moved by R. Moore. Seconded by G. Moore. There was confusion about the cost of the ask. A. Hopkins will contact D. Thomas for confirmation of the cost. The motion was not carried.
 - f. Residencies
 - i. We will review these at our leisure, and R. Moore will send a group text on Friday to hear our opinions.
 - ii. Will D. Thomas look into using the outdoor skating rink in Pineridge? Swimming? Currently the Village Square Leisure Centre is closed for renovations and busing students to another swimming pool is too high of a cost.
6. Questions
- a. Is this council in favour of buying sleds? Yes, but check with the school.
7. Next Meeting - The next meeting is confirmed on October 5, 2026, following the school council meeting, at Pineridge School.
8. Adjourned - The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Notes prepared by A. Unger, Secretary Treasurer