



MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance

- Meagan Lundgren, Belfast Principal
- Clancy Evans, Belfast Vice Principal
- David Tran, Council President
- Kristina Prins, Council Treasurer
- Lois Mafrika, Council Secretary
- Amanda Priolo
- Brandy Bradford-Morin
- Claire Kain
- Deidra Heintzman
- Eleese Llewellyn
- Emily Keenan
- Kim Buchanan
- Robin Pommier
- Ryan Llewellyn
- Regrets: Au Pham, Chelsea Patrick, Fauzia Nasery, Hedi Syme

Call to Order

- Belfast Parent Council meeting called to order at 6:31 pm.

Welcome and Introductions

- Contact sheet was circulated.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: David moved to approve June 16, 2026, agenda as presented, seconded by Kim, all in favour, CARRIED.

Approval of the Minutes from the Last Meeting

MOTION: David moved to approve May 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes, seconded by Amanda, all in favour, CARRIED.

Review of Email Motions to be Added to Minutes

- None.

Reports

School Update – Megan/Clancy:

- Acknowledgement of the Land
- Celebration & Thank Yous
 - Been a busy last couple weeks, thank you to parents for being involved.
 - Thank you to the Executive (David, Kristina & Lois), to Robin for Casino, Kim as Past President and Claire as this will be her last meeting.
- Updates
 - There is a lot of change coming, we acknowledge the change and have been intentional and purposeful and advocated for this school.
- Staffing
 - Belfast is a very special school with a strong sense of community.

- There is uncertainty right now, but staff are very proud of the school they are passing on and what they have accomplished collectively.
- Megan is moving to be a school closer to home.
- Clancy has accepted a Principal position also closer to home.
- Meagan spoke highly of the students, parents, staff, and parent community to the new principal Shafina Dharamsi.
- The CBE staffing process has been extremely hectic, with tight timelines.
- There were 744 postings and only one hiring round this year.
- Many positions were highly competitive, with 3+ strong candidates per position.
- Clancy hired for 7–8 positions, some receiving approximately 40 applicants.
- Meagan has hired for 3 positions.
- The kindergarten position had 27 strong applicants.
- An experienced Principal, Shafina Dharamsi will be joining Belfast coming for a larger school.
- An announcement regarding the Vice Principal position is expected shortly.
- Paige Bodio will teach Kindergarten and comes highly recommended; she is very Fine Arts-focused.
- Dana Powell will teach Grade 1.
- Beverly Nelson and Leonie Quedenbaum will be teaching Grade 2/3 classes each, bringing experience, warmth, and strong arts integration.
- Paul Miller will teach Grade 4/5; he has 15 years of experience at Sunnyside and strong music/arts interests.
- Marianne Clarke will teach Grade 4/5; she has a Fine Arts background and strengths in visual arts, digital media, ceramics, and core subjects.
- Kelsey's former PE 0.5 position has resulted in one full-time Grade 4/5 position becoming available.
- Anna Duda and Charis West will take on Lead responsibilities.
- Melissa Holmes will continue as CCT, supporting teachers across classrooms.
- Dallin Ursenbach is moving to Killarney School to develop a new Montessori type music program. A new Fine Arts teacher will need to be hired working with students and teachers throughout the school.
- Shelley will be returning as Administrative Assistant.
- EA's have been interviewed.
- Overall, staff movement is viewed as a natural opportunity to bring new ideas, experiences, and energy while continuing Belfast's strong foundation.
- Enrollment and funding remain important, with approximately seven additional students needed to support the budget.
- School Development Plan (SDP)
 - Will continue next year, year 3 of a 3-year plan.
 - Focus on Literacy and Belonging.
- Budget Categories
 - Approve the categories only in this meeting.
- Key dates
 - The new principal Shafina Dharamsi will be at the playground door on Tuesday morning to meet students and parents.
 - Summerfest
 - Who will be organizing and prepping freezies and watermelons.
 - 174 kids large freezies cut in half and 8-10 watermelons are needed.

ACTION: Robin volunteered to purchase and freeze the freezies for Summerfest.

ACTION: Amanda volunteered to purchase and cut the watermelons for Summerfest.

- Grade 6 farewell:

- 109 people RSVP'd.
 - Theme is Western.
 - Parents have been amazing.
 - Video is made by Gregory.
 - Fauzia is doing a Balloon Arch
 - No teacher speeches will be done as requested by the grade 6 students, teachers will write a nice message for each student. r
- K jumps into Grade 1 – same day as Grade 6 Farewell but earlier in the day
- Tootoosis Family will be coming in next Wednesday.
- Clap out next Friday.
 - Clap out the grade 6's and anyone else leaving Belfast.
- New principal does a plan for immediate, short-term, and long-term action.
- Budget Categories
 - Not a lot of change from last year.
 - New category needs to be added productions and performances. Next year the plan should be to not have a script. There is an insane number of costumes and scripts that have been organized.
 - Next year is an Outdoor School and the dates are in the Calendar. For Grade 5's & 6's.

MOTION: Lois moved to approve the 2026-2027 Budget Categories as presented, Seconded by Kim, all in favour. CARRIED.

Chair Report - David:

- AGLC Annual Report
 - Kristina took a lot of time to put this report together; this is a bit tricky as Fundraising Societies year-end is different then the school year.
 - Casino total should come at the end of August.
- Nominations/Elections
 - Chair
 - Lois moved that David Tran be nominated for a second term as Chair, seconded by Kim, all in favour, CARRIED.
 - Vice Chair
 - Vacant
 - Treasurer
 - David moved that Kristina Prins be nominated for a second term as Treasurer, seconded by Amanda, all in favour, CARRIED.
 - Secretary
 - David moved that Lois Mafrica be nominated for a second term as Secretary, seconded by Emily, all in favour, CARRIED.
 - Casino Coordinator
 - David moved that Robin Pommier be nominated for a second term as Casino Coordinator, seconded by Amanda all in favour, CARRIED.
 - Kindergarten Liaison - Diedra
 - Key Communicator - Kim
 - Directors
 - The following people expressed interest in being Directors at Large:
 - Amanda Priolo
 - Emily Kennan
 - Eleese Llewellyn
 - Ryan Llewellyn

Kindergarten Report (Vacant):

- No report.

Key Communicator - Kim:

- Meeting was last week.
- CBE budget went up with complexity funding; \$35.4 M of grant money was given to 118 schools.
- Enrolment went up 0.8%, hiring 500 teachers and support staff.
- Opening another school – Evanston Heights.
- Other new schools are underway, and more modular classrooms are coming.
- 252 CBE Schools.
- \$1.3B directly to schools through the RAM.
- Transport fees are increasing from \$360 to \$500. Trustees have inquired with CBE regarding the increase.
- Engagement was a topic. The CBE offers an Alberta School Council Association Grant. Courses are offered to Councils and learning opportunities in a group setting.

New Business

- Kim reminded that the end of June School Council Report from the Chair is due to the Board of Trustees by the end of September. Details regarding this report are in the Handover notes on the Council Google Drive.

ACTION: David to create a School Council Report and submit to the Board of Trustees by the end of September 2026.

Next Meeting Dates

- Proposed Meeting – we can see in person or online.
 - Sept 15, in person
 - Oct 20, in person
 - Nov 17, online
 - Jan 19, in person
 - Feb – TBC 16th, online
 - Apr 2, in person
 - May 18, online
 - June 15 - AGM

Adjournment

- Belfast Council Meeting adjourned at **7:35pm**.