



MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance

- Meagan, Belfast Principal
- David, Council President
- Kristina, Council Treasurer
- Lois Mafrica, Council Secretary
- Kim Buchanan
- Fauzia Nasery
- Amanda Priolo
- Eleese Llewellyn
- Ryan Llewellyn
- Chelsea Patrick

Call to Order

- Belfast Parent Council meeting called to order at 6:35pm.

Welcome and Introductions

- A contact sheet was circulated.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: David moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Amanda. CARRIED.

Approval of the Minutes from the Last Meeting

MOTION: David moved to approve the AGM Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2025, seconded by Amanda. CARRIED.

Review of Email Motions to be Added to Minutes

- None.

Reports

School Update - Megan:

- Review of 2025-2026 Meeting Dates
 - September 16 (in-person)
 - October 21 (in-person: SDP share)
 - November 18 (in-person: teachers presentation)
 - December - no meeting
 - January 20 (online: teachers presentation)
 - February 17 (online: teachers presentation)
 - March - no meeting
 - April 21 (in-person: data share)
 - May 19 (online: teachers presentation)
 - June 16 (in-person: AGM)
- Acknowledgement of the Land
- Celebrations and Thank You's
 - Welcome back BBQ:
 - Thank you to everyone for attending, helping out and council for funding.
 - In order for all staff to serve food they must be food safety certified.

- September 30 – No school; National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Thursday, October 16 @ 6:00 PM – Blanket Exercise
 - Staff and families welcome (adults only), no babysitting provided
 - This will be an interactive history of Canada told through an Indigenous lens. Script is ever evolving and created by Elders and presented by Megan as a step towards reconciliation. Will end in a circle with smudging
- Parent Support Requests
 - World Teachers' Day is October 5 – a Sunday. That Monday, October 6, Starbucks ordered? Unless Strike when day will need to move.
 - Approving totals in budget
- Discussions
 - Chelsea asked a question about garbage in the school yard. The garbage was full all summer, after the BBQ etc.
 - Megan confirmed that the Facility Operator (Cassandra) is in charge of playground garbage and field garbage. Unfortunately, a lot of household garbage is/was dumped over the weekend in the school garbage cans which are not emptied until Mondays.
 - The playground and fields are very popular and busy all summer.
 - Discussion ensued regarding security cameras and ability to see who is dumping household garbage.
 - Megan confirmed that there is a camera initiative with CBE. High Schools and Junior High Schools are starting to install cameras for security. Something to discuss as a future meeting.

ACTION: Megan to look into increasing the frequency of playground garbage can emptying, stashing more garbage bags in garbage can and/or more garbage cans.

- A Recycle for life bin is in the parking lot, 100% of refundables goes to the school.

ACTION: Instagram post advertising the Recycle for Life Bin and donations to be made.

Chair Report, David:

- David is excited to be a part of the council this year.
- Role of council (Kim)
 - Council and role as parents on council vs the society. Council is an advisory group to support Megan/Clancy (school administration).
 - Council helps to make the school a community with students, family and staff.
- Membership Review (Kim)
 - All parents/guardians of Belfast students have automatic membership.
 - Anyone can attend the council meetings and vote.
- Ellese asked if we can have a Zoom link for all meetings including in person. This may be a deterrent to new membership.

ACTION: Look into the Zoom link for council meetings in person meetings as well.

Kindergarten Report (Vacant):

- Jessica will be talking to parents.

Key Communicator:

- Kim volunteered for this position. She will attend the meetings and/or will read the CBE minutes and report back.

New Business

- Elections: see above.

- Review and Motion to Approve:
 - Categories/"buckets" only amounts will be approved in the Fundraising meeting.
 - Casino Budget Categories
 - Classroom Enrichment (homeroom Teachers)
 - Curricular Enhancement Materials
 - Library
 - Residencies – Fine Arts
 - Residencies – Land-based & inquiry
 - Residencies – PE & Wellness
 - Indigenous Education
 - Technology
 - Garden
 - Field Trips
 - Field Trip deficit
 - Kristina suggested that Mr. U include a PowerSchool teaching on how to pay fees with his teaching on how to use PowerSchool.
 - Miscellaneous - deposit for the next years residencies
 - Outdoor School
 - Outdoor Mural
 - Ed Matters & General Account Budget Categories
 - Farewell (General)
 - SummerFest (General)
 - Welcome Back BBQ (Ed Matters)
 - Community Wellness (Ed Matters)
 - Staff Recognition (General)
 - Shirts with new logo for all students and staff (Ed Matters)
 - Staff Belfast gear
 - Other items to consider/save for:
 - Indoor basketball hoops
 - Screen, projector and sound in the gym
 - Painting of the school wall by the gaga bit.

MOTION: Kim moved to approve the Belfast School Council Budget Categories for 2025/2026 as presented by Megan. Seconded by David. CARRIED.

- Parent Blanket Celemony: see above.
- Volunteer Opportunities:
 - October 25th, Popcorn Day - Fauzia volunteered
 - October 6th, Meet the Teacher - Chelsea and Amanda volunteered
 - Halloween Dance
 - Evening events are assignable times and all teachers will be present.
 - Council is in charge of the concession and grade 6's help. Will need 2 adults per shift (4 parents).
 - Parent to pick-up supplies (1 parent) - parent would pay and get reimbursed from the school. Amanda and Robin volunteered.

ACTION: Megan/Clancy to include volunteer opportunities in weekly email and Instagram.

Next Meeting Date

- Tuesday, October 21, 6:30pm, In person SDP Share

Adjournment

- Belfast Council Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.