

William Reid School Parent Council Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026; Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Location:

Hybrid (In person and Teams: [click for website link](#))



School Council (WRSC) Portion of the Meeting (7:00 pm to 8:00 pm)

In attendance: K. Rushton, S. Bullogh, D. Bhaloo-Shivji, S. Moss, S. Stewart, C. Bourgeault, V. Terstappen, L. Riar, T. Wagner, R. Seton, M. Mackimmie, V. Powell, K. Clarke, Y. Bennani, T. Ward, S. Lee, G. Gonzalez, J. Nguyen, H-Y. Chan

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1. Call to order 7:02pm
2. Acknowledgement of the Land: Danisha provided the Calgary Education Board's land acknowledgement
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Consent Agenda: Consent Agenda and last meeting Minutes: move to approve by C. Bourgeault, seconded by S. Moss
5. Guest Presentation: Aliko Avdicos, Principal for Elboya School
 - a. Elboya staff ease elementary students into "middle school model"
 - b. Grade 5 students located in portables, receive "generalist" teacher
 - c. Grade 6 has one math/science teacher and another for humanities (as well as other teachers for phys ed and complimentary courses (aka "options") like robotics, art, drama, etc., of which grade 5 students are offered four)
 - d. Grades 5 and 6 have separate recess, supervision for lunch hour, cannot leave campus over lunch, and are included in lunch hour intramurals as well as athletics, music and band, and may audition for each year's large drama production
 - e. Elboya staff meet with William Reid teachers to onboard incoming students, including review and discussion of student profiles
 - f. 2026-27: three Grade 5 classes, which allows for very small class size, great to students introduce students into larger school environment
 - g. Elboya received funding for four additional teachers for next year
6. Update from our School Administration
 - a. Week of appreciation last week, very unifying events
 - b. Staff appreciation on 02 June was very well received by staff
 - c. Volunteer Tea on 04 June had 82 attendees
 - d. William Reid will receive one additional teacher next year which will be used to reduce class sizes. Teacher class placement to be dictated by the largest class size, TBD at moment. No current classroom space for additional teacher so admin is exploring options. Position will be probationary and not used to address classroom complexity
 - e. School currently has three EAs on staff, including French speakers
 - f. Last Blast:
 - g. Thurs 18 June, 5-7pm. A long-standing William Reid tradition.

- h. Food trucks, DJ, water fight, petting zoo
- i. Volunteers still needed for small things to make events go smoothly
- j. This was the first year with a Grade 4 poster design contest, they put lots of effort in and there were so many great submissions
- k. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:
 - l. Last Blast
 - m. Sports Day - 25 June
 - n. Casino - 27 and 28 Nov 2026
 - o. Looking for volunteers to sign up as soon as they can
 - p. No pre-requisites or special skills required for any of the positions that volunteers sign up for (AGLC requires schools to hire a paid advisor to provide training)
 - q. Jump Rope for Heart: raised \$3,110 of \$5,000 goal, substantial for such a small school on short notice
 - r. Report Cards go live on Thursday, 25 June
 - s. MUST be printed before 31 July, after which online access is lost

7. Updates from our Committee Leads (annual initiatives):

- a. Fall Fling: Thurs, 24 September 2026, same night as Meet the Teacher
- b. Special Lunches: will continue next year on the last Thursday of the month
- c. Naturalization Committee: clean-up was great
- d. Staff Appreciation Lunch: lunch from Jerusalem Shawarma, parents provided 10 desserts. Went slightly over budget so may want to add a small amount more to next year's budget to more fulsomely recognize teachers
- e. Lost and Found: overflowing, items to be spread out during Last Blast, last day will be noon on 26 June after which remaining items will be donated
- f. Fall fundraiser: to take place Fall 2027, will start organising in March 2027
- g. Casino:
 - h. 27 and 28 Nov, a Friday and Saturday
 - i. at Elbow River Casino near Saddledome
 - j. Five volunteers required by September in order to get AGLC license.
 - k. 36 shifts in total to fill various roles.
 - l. Messaging to ramp up in fall, last Casino brought in around \$80,000 so it's a great return on parents' investment of time.
 - m. Each parent volunteer shift roughly equivalent to donation of \$2,000.

8. Identification & Review of Action Items, future Agenda Items

- a. Future council/society meetings: proposal to have in-person meetings for first and last of the year, all others to be virtual
- b. Proposal to have first meeting of the year be AGM in September
- c. Budget will be prepared for then, S. Lee has provided draft budget
- d. Propose moving first meeting of the year to September 15 2026 to accommodate earlier start to school followed by long weekend

9. Adjournment

- a. Move to adjourn by D. Bhaloo-Shivji at 8.01pm, seconded by T. Wagner

Next meeting: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING September 15th, 2026, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm (Hybrid)

School Council: The primary role of a school council is to support and enhance student learning by organizing volunteer-run activities and events that support the school program. School councils also provide one means for members of the school community to communicate with the principal. It is not the primary role of school councils to: fundraise, lobby, or engage in school management.

Parent Council: “Parent Council” is our informal name for the joint meetings of our School Council and our Fundraising Society. Alberta Education rules require these to be separate entities.

Fundraising Society: The primary role of a fundraising society is to raise funds that support the school program and extracurricular activities.