

Heloise Lorimer School Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2025 @ 6:30pm

In attendance:

Kaitlyn H., Kelly, Vicky P., Melissa M., Latoya B., Delasi M., Kathryn S., Karen R., Fred, Erica P., Jessica Z., Kristy

Trustee Report (Fred):

- Role of a Trustee Information Session September 11th, 6:30-8:00pm, virtual zoom call for anyone interested being a trustee
- More than 98% staff remained within the division
- Facility maintenance department was busy doing during summer months doing a ton of work accomplishing 98% of what needed to be done.
- 29,000 students in Rocky View Schools
- Fred will look into allocation of school council funds to teacher appreciation

Chair Report: (Kaitlyn)

- Balance in account \$5516.62 to date and everything is accounted for
- It has been suggested we start meeting earlier.

Jessica motioned to change meeting start time to 5:00, Karen second, motion passed

- Meetings will begin at 5:00pm going forward. Meetings will occur on the second Wednesday of the month.

School Update (Latoya):

- Going forward assistant principles will likely alternate attending school council meetings
- Currently 896 students enrolled, final number will be on September 30th
- Staffing is almost complete with final grade 4 teacher secured as of Monday September 8th
- Upcoming Important Dates:
 - Last Day to order Orange Shirts, September 10th
 - Last Day to order Terry Fox shirts, September 15th
 - September 25th is Orange Shirt Day
 - September 29th PL Day

- September 30th Truth and Reconciliation
 - Thursday September 25th Orange Shirt Day
 - Friday September 26th Terry Fox Run (school council will provide students with a granola bar and juice box).
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- There will be a social media footprint increase, Facebook and Instagram
 - Newsletter format will change and should be out bi-weekly
 - Calendar on website is most accurate and updated information source
 - Dare to Care
 - Staff were introduced to the program and will be incorporating it in connection time
 - Characteristics located on page 1 of the agenda will be the monthly focus of connection time
 - Dare to Care information and parental access will be sent out to parents very soon
 - April 2026 is when it expires
 - Education Plan will probably be reviewed in October
 - Will have a merging careers focus exploring students passions, what sparks interest, etc.
 - Brainstorming ideas around refundables within the school. The past year they were sent home with students. Looking into how students and parents can take an active role in implementing numeracy skills, etc. and then using the money to contribute to environmental stewardship and school culture
 - Looking into school clubs as an option to connect like minded students. Possibility of community members offering expertise, using existing school resources such as kitchen, woodworking shop, 3D printers, etc. Teacher supervision times have been revised to allow teachers to have space for clubs. A process of streamlining people interesting in helping is being looked into. Clubs would likely be held at lunch time.
 - Home Economics room is being cleaned out and inventoried
 - Large focus on skills needed for career and life

- Grade 6 sports starting up again. Teacher led. Volleyball, basketball, soccer. Focussed on introduction to sport in preparation for middle school. Practices and one tournament

Fundraising Report (Karen R):

- Do we want to keep regular fundraisers? Art cards, growing smiles, meat, purdys, mabels labels
- Would we want to do Coco Brooks pizzas

School Dance on October 9th. Free to attend, possible option to register for free on school cash so we have an idea for numbers dance. Parent must be present with students.

Friends of Heloise Lorimer Society will hold AGM after next school council.

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 8th at 5:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47.