

David Thompson School
School Council Meeting

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Draft Meeting Minutes for 06/10/2026
6:45 pm to 7:34 pm (in-person)

Attendance:	Karena, Tracy, Delaine, Regan, Samantha, Erin, Valerie, Jenny, Jill, Elizabeth, Dana
Chair:	Regan
Start time:	6:45

Category	Notes	Action
Welcome introductions, and acknowledgment of the land		
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve: Val Second: Delaine	Passed
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve: Regan Second: Jill	Passed
Report from school leadership		
	● Aria (late french Grade 9), Mr. McLary (Band teacher) ○ Aria: New band shirts, over two decades, fabric is itchy, colour is bright and flashy, logo bot band related, ■ Better fabric, darker shade of red, local contest for band shirts, council and teachers to get a vote. ● McLary ○ Funding the band through casinos (band unable to do it, due to restrictions on how many per school) ○ Other schools have funds diverted to band from casino funds ○ Why is this important? ■ 1) Access and equity to music education ■ many students can only access music through the band ■ 2) rigorous academic course with transferable academic skills ■ 3) community and school culture - create shared experiences, social bonds are important ■ 4) cross school connection and experiences - through performances ■ 5) generational community building - continuity with alumni and current students	

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	○ Why for the request? ■ If band were to receive funding, more can be done like the uniforms, would help student confidence, new instruments - or care and maintenance, consumables are much more expensive (\$500 is what is currently given), instruments may have a reduction in service (which will reduce the lifespan), would keep student fees more affordable (not implement a course fee), investment needs to be on going for the sustainability of the program long-term, without funding opportunities like camp and festivals will be reduced. ● Q&A - course fee is already \$100 for equipment rental, course fee be on top of that ○ Jill - other schools do move funds over (set amount) ○ Cassandra - historically, the society has focused on the whole school community or grade level, options have not received that type of support, band has the ability to raise funds. ● Q - when did the band society start? Can we bring them in? ○ Cassandra - band society has reached out in the past for a joint fundraiser, council agreed but nothing came of it. ○ Jill- for casino, band must provide volunteers in order to get the funding (Jenny likes this idea) ● Q: would we give the foods option money? ○ Jenny - Casey brought up good points. Band is separate. ○ Karena: band is like learning a language, a lot of kids don't take band because they have access to an instrument, it's good for the kids that aren't learning a language.	
Karena and Tracy	● Fencing was very well received, band festival received excellent feedback, volunteer appreciation tea, spring showcase, sports day - good community builder,	

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	• Q - PATS - can we find out the result of the class to compare with individual student? Will be released publicly in the fall), Activity Day on Indigenous learning day, • PAT results have been published from last year - Alberta Results Report - DTS for the past three years DTS was in the red in all three years, safety and PATS now in the green and the blue! ○ Expectation that there will be a dip or level out, there was a huge increase that is unusual, • Staffing - 5 postings at DTS - 80 applied, • Class size grant - DTS got 2 teachers- has to go to keeping class sizes down, class schedule has been changed, Grade 9 FLA/ELA Grade 8 with three teachers (team teaching 2 classes) ○ 1 is a shift, 2 is from increase in population • Q - exams in homeroom? how is this done in options spaces? No other spaces this year and next year. ○ 48 new students in Late French next year • .5 caretaking staff • Kona ice -Thank you Val! • New curriculum - DTS is not piloting, but grade 7 math team wants to do unofficial pilot to not lose the work done this year.	
Discussion / Q&A with parents		
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News from our Partners		
	• CBE Council of School Councils: https://cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/school-councils/Pages/meetings.asp • Alberta School Councils Association: https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/	
Close of meeting:	Move to adjourn: Regan Second: Elizabeth Time: 7:34	
Next meeting	September	

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