

David Thompson School
School Council Meeting

School Council
Draft Meeting Minutes for 05/13/2026
6:35 pm to 7:16 pm (in-person)

Attendance:	Karena, Tracy, Delaine, Regan, Samantha, Erin, Valerie, Jeanette, Jill, Kim (Grade 6 teacher), Pabe, Nicole
Chair:	Regan
Start time:	6:35

Category	Notes	Action
Welcome introductions, and acknowledgment of the land		
Approval of Agenda	Motion to approve: Sam Second: Jill	Approved
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve: Cassandra Second: Jill	Approved
Report from school leadership		
	<p>Kim Collins: Proposed New Playground at DTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Place to play and right to play! ● Shawna (admin team) worked on playground project at Haultain ● PowerPoint Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent roles - needed to succeed with build. ○ Teens will hangout on the playground ○ Middle schoolers will use the parks ○ Students at DTS want a place to play too, that they are welcome, and to be involved in the care. ○ City + community association + councillor may be partners. ○ Location of playground: Right by the parking lot there is a park, big green space <p>Karena:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Playground at Acadia, DTS feels like they contributed - leadership group fundraised an amount, not a significant amount but the school council was involved. ● DTS students want to play when Acadia kids are there, grades/schools have different access time. When there is a sub, the communication about schedule isn't done well. ● DTS students have littered and talked back to Acadia teachers. ● Grants for playground available? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Haultain had half their playground paid for with grants from the city. 	Admin Update

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will the park be turned over to the city? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Likely to stay with the city ○ Will the park be updated by the city? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Up to the community association. May be a good partnership. Needs a core group of parents to run the committee. ■ The community association is focused on a different playground currently. ○ Would be nice for the incoming grade 5s. Big adjustment for the 5/6s. ● Grants can match what you put in. ● May have to be have some lean years at DTS while all money is tied up in the playground funding. ● Middle school type playground - could help the community as well. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Karena and Tracy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Key dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indigenous day of learning - Chance Bellgard, teachers have take those lessons and used things in the classroom. ○ Eastern Canada: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The students were complimented on the quality of their French. ○ SALTS - went well! ○ Gauss - many students are excited for math! ○ PATS upcoming for Grade 6 and 9 Students. ○ SportHub - will bring fencing to DTS students. ○ Feeder school tours coming up! ○ School Play - 'Wrinkle in Time' ● Tracy has been accepted into a PHD program, a new VP will be brought in. ● Professional Learning - EAL specialist (Ms. Banes) is coming in to teach EAL benchmarking, other admin coming in. ● 1 more homeroom focus day - digital learning topic. ● Building updates - 6 portable classrooms coming in (3 portables?) ETA Spring 2027 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Q&A - location, by the shed, but may be on the tarmac. ● RAM allocation - 62 K in mental health funding, .5 teacher ● Need 2 more basketball coaches for next year. 	<p style="text-align: center;">School Report</p>

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Discussion / Q&A with parents		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Upcoming event: May 21 - Calgary Public Library - panel Tim Fox, ATA president: speaking about the value of public education. Tickets are free!	
News from our Partners		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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: Jill Second: Val Time: 7:16	
Next meeting	June 10, 2026 - in person	

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