

Caledonia Park - School Council Meeting

Minutes - February 9, 2026

Attendees: Sarah Coenen, Donavin Simmons, Andrea Santa, Kyla Olson, Hannah Radford, Kelly Patterson, Shantel Bauer, Jody Dowler, Erin McIntyre, Niki Bergsma, Kale Whitehead, Sharon MacDonald

Apologies: N/A

Agenda

Call meeting to order at: 6:37pm

Approval of Agenda by *Andrea Santa* seconded by *Sarah Coenen*.

Approval of previous minutes by *Donavin Simmons* seconded by *Andrea Santa*.

Trustees Report:

1. Read school visit report

Principals Report/Teachers (Donavin):

1. Student Council Following the selection of our student representatives last month, I am pleased to report that our first Student Council meeting has officially taken place. It was a wonderful time of "breaking bread" together over lunch and establishing the expectations for the council. Beyond the social aspect, the students dove right into business. We had productive discussions regarding intramurals and debated the merits of a 5-day schedule versus a traditional Monday-Friday schedule. It is refreshing to hear their perspectives, and they are already demonstrating the leadership qualities we hoped to see.
2. ATA Convention & Staff Wellness Our staff attended the ATA Convention last Thursday and Friday. This was a valuable opportunity for our CPS staff to engage with great speakers, explore the latest educational approaches, and view new consumables to aid our teaching. Perhaps just as importantly, it allowed our staff to break bread together outside of the school walls. In a profession where teachers rarely get to go out for lunch—or even enjoy a lunch period without some form of supervision duty—having this time to connect as a team is a very big deal for staff morale and cohesion.
3. SRO Presentation: Digital Citizenship & Language We recently welcomed our School Resource Officer (SRO) for a very powerful presentation delivered to our Grade 6 and 7 students. The session focused on the legalities of what students say both online and in person. The presentation addressed specific language and terminology that is unfortunately making a comeback in today's society. As schools are often a microcosm of the wider world, we are seeing these societal issues reflected in our hallways. This presentation was a crucial step in our ongoing effort to deal with these issues educationally and proactively, ensuring students understand the weight and consequences of their words.
4. Black History Month As you know, February is Black History Month. We have set up an amazing display in the foyer, and I hope you have had a chance to see it. In addition to the visual celebration, we are looking forward to hosting a guest speaker who will be

presenting to the school at the end of the month, on February 20th.

5. School Spirit: The Olympics & 90s Day. With the Olympics starting soon, we are planning to celebrate in true CPS fashion. While more information will be sent out shortly, we have a tentative plan for a major school-wide event. Provided Team Canada "does its job" and makes it to the finals, we intend to watch the Women's Hockey Final as a school on Thursday, February 19th. Coincidentally, this aligns with our rescheduled "90s Day." This spirit day was originally planned for earlier in the year, but was moved to the 19th due to the strike. Consequently, we will be cheering on Canada in full 90s getup! It promises to be a fun, community-building day for students and staff alike.

Welcome/Introduction for any new faces:

1. What and who is the council?
2. Refer to sheet printed from the ASCA Website, discuss.

Chair Report (Andrea)(ASCA Updates, BGSD Updates & New Business):

1. ASCA Council mtg - joined virtually. Spoke a lot about inclusion, complexity in classrooms, & community and parent engagement.
 - a. This is recorded and can be sent out
2. New communities being built in Leduc have been zoned.
 - a. These are not zoned to Caledonia at this time
3. Caledonia was in the BGSD School News highlight for Twins Day
 - a. This is the first time that aware of us being shared for Caledonia on this news highlight
4. AB School Symposium & AGM is in April
 - a. Not aware at this time which topic this will be
5. Feedback from parents about receiving another email was not great - I had a few parents suggest a newsletter page so I am working on that in Canva for a school council blurb
6. ASCE Grant - tabling the idea of the course until we can get a bit more engagement, open to ideas on a literacy night etc

Parent Q&A

1. Anything not answered off the hop can be answered next meeting or discussed and emailed to parents

Date of Next Meeting: *March 16th at 6pm*

Meeting adjourned: *7:11 pm*