

Beddington Heights School Parent Council Meeting – February 3, 2026

In attendance: Ellyse Lambie, Korin Peacock, Caroline Stuart, Brooklyn Shill, Jennifer Razzo, Aundy Thillmann, Nicole Lamboo, Opal Ewing, Stephen Ross, Rachael Tipper

Teacher: Wilma Van Es

Parent: Jenny Giang

1. Acknowledgement of the Land
2. Additions to Agenda: None
3. Bouquets – None
4. Motion to accept November 4, 2025 minutes: Nicole Lamboo; seconded by Aundy Thillmann
5. Motion to accept December 2, 2025 minutes: Nicole Lamboo; seconded by Opal Ewing
6. Meeting called to order: 6:40pm
7. Principal's Report: Stephen Ross
 - Celebration of Learning – Kids did great! Only 30-40% attendance, which makes it difficult to put on a performance. Considering removing the evening performance and doing an afternoon instead next school year.
 - Gymnastics – just finished this unit with Mission Impossible
 - Elevate Lacrosse - Residency this week for the whole school.
 - Grade 6 – GP Vanier tour Feb 4 for late French immersion; SJAM tour on Feb 26
 - Math Night is Feb 19
 - Security cameras –these are being wired in now, likely won't be finalized until the fall.
 - Canopy Project – They are building an enclosed space around the outdoor stairs outside the gym, to mitigate flood issues in the gym.
 - Fun lunch – Jelly Modern Donuts went smoothly. Some feedback that the sugar was a lot for some kids. Lots of appreciation for these Fun Lunches!
 - School Planning – School Development Plan and Fees
 - o This is related to how student learning will be improved over time and guides ongoing assessment and review of goals and actions. We're in the 2nd year of a 3 year plan. Goal this year related to literacy is targeted instruction to improve student literacy skills. 8:30-9:00am every morning is Level Up, flexible groupings across grades to address literacy skills at their level. Wellness goal this year has been around increasing attendance (attendance letters and attendance awards). Truth and Reconciliation, diversity and inclusion goal around the spirit of reciprocity.
 - o BHS received \$3,192,009 for school budget. 75% or more is for staffing.
 - o School Fee Guide can be reviewed here:
<https://cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/School-Fee-Guide.pdf>
 - o Fee Report to Parents for BHS can be reviewed here:
<https://beddingtonheights.cbe.ab.ca/documents/e543a624-c654-4e04-a852-c99a72dcdaa5/Report-to-Parents-on-Fees>

- Feedback from parents is appreciated:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hxMW71old0evNoC4_OTuc-px1y8sfRAnfuNdrAzStBUM0hKS1hYSFZWRONRUjBFM0Q0SVoxRUU5UC4u
8. Teacher Report: Wilma Van Es
 - Request of \$3,750 to Parent Association for instruments: bar chimes, granite blocks, ocean chimes, gong, mallets, ribbons, jump bands, tubanos.
 9. Assistant Principal Report: Rachael Tipper
 - Request for funding for space/furniture: Through the required CBE vendors, the cost estimate has almost doubled. Education Matters is covering \$4,000, the school is able to cover \$3,000, and ask is for the Parent Association is for an additional \$3,000 to cover items such as bean bag chairs, wobble stools, and light coverings.
 - Request for approx. \$8,000 for all grades (K-6) to do Sound Kreations (dance) next year. There was great engagement with this group.
 10. Chairperson Report
 - COSC (Council of School Council) meeting in January – when we’re fundraising, we need to be fundraising as Parent Association (Not as Council). Need to be clear with the language.
 - Magnets for the Association are in! Jennifer will arrange to have them available for parents.
 11. Vice Chairperson Report – No report
 12. Fundraising Report
 - Purdy’s: \$920 raised
 - Next will be Rebel Bean coffee from Okotoks, Feb 15-18, and we’ll have our own brew called Beddington Brew. Likely to deliver late-March (could consider aligning with PT Interviews on March 19).
 - Purchasing sheet and envelope can be left at the office for anyone wanting to pay by cash. The school will lock up any cash. Cheques are challenging, but we can offer e-transfer.
 - Order forms could be sent home, though ideal not to be collecting forms and cash from students.
 - Possibility for the Association to purchase a prize for the student who sells the most coffee. Will need to be able to track who is selling (or their class).
 13. Special Events Report
 - We need someone to step in to support events as Stef is no longer available. Hoping to help plan a dance later this year.
 14. Kindergarten Report
 - None
 15. Charity Report
 - None
 16. Fun Lunch Report
 - \$142 raised in December for the Association, 2 volunteers

- \$150 raised in January for the Association, 3 volunteers
- Can remove Jelly Modern Donuts for next year

17. Volunteer Coordinators Report

- Fun lunch in February requires volunteers; potentially for book fair

18. Community Rep Report

- Winter Carnival is Feb 16. Looking for volunteers to support the event: email bhca@beddingtoncommunity.ca (Possible roles: setting up tables & chairs in the auditorium, food room, craft room before 10:00am on the day of the event, help put up decorations, help take down the tables & chairs @4pm, help take down the decorations)

19. Key Communicators Report

- Jennifer Razzo attended the Community of School Councils meeting in January. Learned about roles and responsibilities of trustees and CBE staff, ASCA funding report, and engaged in roundtable discussion about concerns in each ward. Lack of volunteerism is a common theme.
- School Handbook has been updated.

20. Casino Report

- Spring 2027 will be the next one.
- Interested in taking this over? We'll need a new rep next year.

21. Grade 6 Farewell Report

- Can provide a message to administration to send to Grade 6's teachers to share with families, asking for support to plan the Grade 6 celebration.
- Jennifer, Aundy and Ellyse have children in Grade 6 and can support, but not plan the whole event.
- June 25: 9:45-10:45 assembly, 10:45-12:30 is to Parent council to plan, then teachers will plan activities for the afternoon.
- Last year, students just wanted to mingle and hang out together and eat lunch.

22. Additions to Agenda: None

23. New Business: None

24. Adjourned: 8:00pm