

# Griffith Woods School Council Meeting

Wednesday April 15, 2026 at 6:30 pm  
Griffith Woods School Learning Common

## Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Dr. Batycky, Patricia Bolger - Trustee, Shevaun P., Karina D. Jill S., Laura B., Alex M., Tracey B, Rachel H, Shanelle D. S, Cathy U, Ashima S, Alex M.

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, Land Acknowledgement - Karina**
2. **Approval of Agenda - Jill and second Alex**
3. **Approval of Previous Minutes (January 23, 2026)** Dr. Batycky approval and second Laura
4. **School Trustee - Patricia Bolger**

Highlights from her

- Former parent
- The main role : Governor via policy, advocate, working with government, city councils, connecting with people from school council, nonpartisan
- Cost meeting online next week
- Questions from us included School Calendar dates
  - Complaints made of the Nov 2026 break - noted but calendar is a complicated formula
  - Overflowing schools - 32 students on the list
  - CBE is at 95% capacity, ideal is 85%
  - One school is opening Sept. Evanston
  - Aspen woods middle maybe 2029?
  - 70% of our schools will be over 50 years old
  - Asked Patricia to look into the projections for the Manning High School to see if Discovery Ridge kids would ever be able to attend EMHS with the new Catholic School
  - Kids will never get bumped that already attending the GWS school due to capacity
  - There are forthcoming logical changes to the walkzone formula
  - There is a whole team and immense data driving additional funding for schools to help meet those needs and alleviate regular classrooms
  - Bill 28 summary: In September will probably be passed. This is very concerning for the Public School System as it changes the title of the land to the province as soon as the school is built, gives the province the say on vacant lands, school development etc.

- Parents and constituents concerned by the changes are urged to do your research and speak up now
- More information on main CBE website  
<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

## 5. School Updates - Dr. Batycky and Mrs. Bombard

- We were chosen for complexity support 2 x 30 hour EA in K-6.
- Funding came in late in the year so a teacher was hired that will release the current teacher in main class and allow primary teacher to pull groups of kids out to work with them as needed
- Next year it will look different as this funding came in late this year and will be properly scheduled for numeracy and literacy support for many classes

## 6. Unfinished Business

- [Playground Structure](#) - Jess not here to provide an update
- Cereal Box Dominos - Another volunteer stepped forward, Denise Taylor. Other principals of other schools will be interested in a challenge
- Crosswalk Safety - A peace officer sometimes out to ticket people
- Parent event - Talked about doing a parent event to invite and build a parent committee, at this time we have no one stepping up to plan it, so we will revisit this idea at a later date

## 7. Executive Reports

- Chairs - Karina D. and Shevaun P.  
AGM - May 27
- Secretaries
  - Offline Motions: Motion in Chat for Science book for \$175 now void, paid for by school
- Treasurers
  - Revenue: Healthy Hunger doing well. Would like to provide a summary of what it provides to school - Communications to action this. Apples going ahead again.
  - Expenses: Managed well this year, extra support can be provided to teachers next year for learning supplies
  - Bylaws say the budget has to be approved at AGM.
  - 25 Extra yearbooks to be ordered by Cathy, pick up at front desk. Cash only
  - Comms to promote mable labels in May/June

- Motion to use visa gift card to use to buy cereal Motion : Jill and Shevaun
- Motion for additional \$600 for Challenge day: Cathy and Ashima
- Coaches gift cards, Jennifer to let council know
- Dance receipts to come appreciation gift cards for 6-9's
- Grade 9 Graduation community event additional \$150 Motion Cathy seconded by Laura
- \$150 for grade group for activities with their buddies previously discussed, Admin to communicate to teachers
- A few updates in new budget to come at AGM
- Communications
  - nothing to add
  - email Trudie to have something added to school instagram

## 8. Committee Reports

- Fun Lunch - Jenn G. and Sharon R.
- Garden - Jessica P.
- Social Committee - Laura B. (K-6), Arshiya J. (7-9)
  - Arshiya planning a bowling event for 6-9
  - Laura and Sarah will continue as social for K-5 next year
- Teacher Appreciation - Jenn S.
  - Planning for event near end of the year
  - Will add additional funding to teacher appreciation budget next year
- Library - Carolyn M. - no update
- Yearbook - Allison P.
  - Orders due soon
- Lost and Found - Cherine R.
- Key Communicator - Shevaun P.
  - Still looking for someone to step into this role

## 9. Friends of Griffith Woods School Updates - Jamie E. - no update

## 10. New Business

- Budget process for school spending
- Let it Glow Dance update - coming along well, more receipts to come in
- New volunteers for council - will advertise for roles at the AGM and through communications

## 11. Motion to Adjourn - Karina Time : 8:25 pm

Next meeting: AGM - Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm