



Ecole Secondaire Highwood High School  
School Council Meeting  
May 25/ 6:30pm  
Minutes

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Attendees: Dave Roberts, Carolyn Lenstra, Ian Whitworth, Nicole Warin

Welcome and Introductions

- 1) Land Acknowledgements- Ian Whitworth
- 2) Additions to Agenda- AGM Meeting in September
- 3) Approval of Agenda- Motion Ian Whitworth, Second Nicole Warin
- 4) Report: Trustee Jackie Roe (Not in attendance)  
Attaching April Update from the Trustee:

**Jackie Roe – FSD Trustee Ward 5**

**Trustee Report to School Councils – For the period of March/April 2026**

**ENGAGEMENT - SUPPORT – SUCCESS**

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

(Detailed information can be found on Foothills School Division's "[Footnotes](#)")

- School safety was brought into the forefront with the tragic events in Tumbler Ridge. The Division has been listening to parent and student feedback on their concerns and needs.
  - School divisions across Alberta were asked to incorporate best practices and procedures to enhance the safety of our schools. As a Board, we found that much of the requirements already exist in *Policy 14 – A Place for All*.
  - Collaboration with RCMP continues to ensure schools, systems and practices are being consistently assessed. Detachments, communities and the Division are collaborating on safety processes.
- Budget discussions have begun and continue for the 26/27 school year.
- The Board is reviewing policies as they pertain to Bill 25.

**PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

- Indigenous Learning & Equity – Charity Tegler, Director – May 13, 2026
- Coordinator Report: Wellness and Well-being, Monica Crane – May 13, 2026
- Technology Services – Sally Smith, Director – May 13, 2026
- School Presentation: École Percy Pegler School Education Plan – April 29, 2026
- Risk and Materials – Dave Barton, Manager – April 29, 2026
- Technology Services – April 29, 2026

**ACTIVITY UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Participated in Edwin Parr Nominee interview on April 20 in Airdrie. All candidates were outstanding; it was easy to see why they were nominated. The celebration is May 14, 2026 in High River and will honour nominees from across Zone 5.
- Attended Zone 5 ASBA meetings on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Golden Hills School Division in Strathmore, and May 1<sup>st</sup> at Canadian Rockies School Division in Canmore.
- Foothills School Division is delighted to present eight 2026 nominees for the Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards. All of the nominees are inspiring students and deserve recognition for their outstanding commitment to both their culture and education. The Board looks forward to celebrating and honouring these students on May 30, 2026, in partnership with Foothills School Division's Indigenous Graduation Ceremony at the Town of Okotoks Powwow.
- I plan to attend as many graduation and commencement ceremonies as possible, if your school wishes to have me there.

- 5) Reports:  
Administration: Principal Dave Roberts and Vice Principal Carolyn Lenstra

**Admin Report – Dave and Carolyn - May2026**



Rugby is grinding along. Girls won seven aside zones and came third at Provincials. They are now in zone playoffs for 15 aside. Boys play their zone final Thursday.



Track and Field is wrapping up, with the Junior High Zone Championships taking place tomorrow at Foothills Athletic Park in Calgary. Congratulations to our two Sr. female sprinters who have earned spots at the Provincial Championships, which will be held in Calgary on June 5–6.

Our school Ultimate team is competing in their final tournament of the season this weekend. Students will be participating in our first SSA Pickleball tournament on Thursday.

The Highwood Band participated in the Provincial Festival of Bands in Red Deer two weeks ago. "Our combined Grade 9-12 Concert Band, formed specifically for this appearance, competed in the Grade 4 category which is typically reserved for bands in Grades 11 & 12, and received a Gold Award for their "Superior Performance", the highest grade a band can receive at the festival."

ELA 30-2 students wrote their Diploma Exams. For some students that was their last day of class this semester. Grade 9 FLA and ELA part A of the PAT's have also been written now. FLA exams will start on June 8<sup>th</sup> (Last day of classes).

FSD Indigenous Graduation is in Okotoks this weekend. The celebration kicks off on Friday, and our HHS Indigenous Graduates will be celebrated on Saturday night at the Viking Centennial Centre in Okotoks.

The Holocaust Studies Program has invited you all to the Holocaust Studies Book Launch on Monday, June 22, from 6:30-7:30 pm at Highwood in the Holocaust Memorial Garden. *Colour & Silence: Art of Remembrance* is a collection of student art from the past 5 years of Holocaust Studies at Highwood High School.

Teacher and Student Council: Cole Russell

Winding down, next few weeks they have Spirit Week and have a recruitment day planned to bring awareness on what Student Matters is all about.

Highwood Fundraising Society- Done for this year and think about wish list for next year.

6) Next Meeting- **AGM Sept 21, 2026**

7) Adjournment- 7:02pm