

## School Council Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2026

Started at 9:00am

In Attendance: Faye Holt, Sherry Butler, Keilidh Derowin, Natalie Britton, Carmen Sewell, Sarah

### School Leadership Report

- [School Ed Plan](#)
- Learning sessions
  - o February 18: math resource and planning
  - o March 16: divisional PD day, focus around social studies curriculum
  - o April 17: Hannah Beach speaker, building resilience in kids
- Focus on math fluency in classrooms
- Upcoming Events
  - o See calendar emailed out from school weekly
  - o March 5: grade 5-8 FSL students, French concert at DMG
  - o April 4: Blackie breakfast supporting school

Discussion about how to spread word about junior kindergarten and kindergarten programs

- Low enrollment numbers
- How to spread the word about benefits of Blackie School for our kids
- Sharing positive learning and activities that the kids at Blackie School participate in
- Working on before and after school care, which is necessary for some parents to enroll in Blackie School
- Work on spreading word by social media
  - o this does take time from school staff, maybe getting parent to help create and post content, Melissa M volunteered to help with this, will talk to Amy W

### School Trustee Report

- Provincial ed survey results and information released regarding classroom complexity
- Fast Forward to Flourishing group/project
- How to collaborate with communities
  - o Sharing resources (eg: sports fields)
- Friends of Foothills Fundraisers
- Trustees working on touring all of the schools
- Follow-up from previous meeting re: locked doors/installing cameras at front doors
  - o Working on technology/wiring
  - o Possible concerns with staff and parents becoming complacent (holding open doors, propping open doors, just pushing button)
- School kitchen and community rental issues

- Users/renters needing own insurance for the appliance usage at the school
- Or they could rent through a community group that already has insurance

#### Old Business

- Follow up on virtual meeting request
  - There has been a note in the previous couple of newsletters asking parents to contact the school for a link
  - No one currently has contacted the school for a link for a virtual meeting
  - Will address this as needed in the future

#### New Business

- COSC meeting in January
  - Discussion about ASCA/ASCE grant
  - Talking about consolidating funds, and funds could be accessed by councils with new members in order to complete workshops, etc
- Flourishing Foothills Community awards
  - Suggestion to nominate Blackie Lions
  - Suggestion to nominate Blackie School Bus drivers
- Project planning
  - Friends of Foothills funding
    - Work on application for funding for VR experience for students
    - Application due in the fall

Meeting Adjourned at 10:16am.

Next meeting on March 23, 2026 at 9am.