

Parent Council - Meeting Minutes - approved

Attendees

BOARD: Mel Wolski (Treasurer), D. Scharie Tavcer (Secretary), Nicole Neuman (VP), Jane Leopatra (President), Alana Geiger (Casino Coordinator), Mel Wolski (PVA)

PARENT/COMMUNITY ATTENDEES: Jennifer Resnick, Sarah Olson (PVA parent)

CMHS STAFF: Brian Cheney

The meeting was called to order at 18:06

Updated CBE Land Acknowledgment

- The Calgary Board of Education acknowledges the traditional territories and oral practices of the Treaty 7 Nations, including the Siksikaitsitapi, comprising the Siksika, the Kainai, the Piikani, and the Amskapi Piikani Nations. We acknowledge the Tsuut'ina Nation, the Îyârhe Nakoda, comprising the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney Nations, the Métis Nation within Alberta, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of southern Alberta. This land on which we gather is traditionally known as Moh'kinstsis (Blackfoot), Guts'ists'i (Tsuut'ina), Wîchîspa (Nakoda), and otôskwanihk (Northern Michif & Cree). As a learning organization, we are committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action focused on Education for ReconciliACTION.

<i>Motion to approve agenda for Parent Council meeting for February 10, 2026</i>			
Motioned:	Jane	Seconded	Scharie
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

<i>Motion to approve minutes from the January 13, 2026 meeting for the Parent Council</i>			
Motioned:	Jane	Seconded	Scharie
Discussion	None		
In Favour	All	Opposed	None
Result	Unanimous		

Principal's Report - Brian Cheney presented the School Development Plan

- The Development Plan and School Results Report are published on our website and available to anyone to read. Can be found here:
<https://centralmemorial.cbe.ab.ca/school> With the Report found here:
<https://centralmemorial.cbe.ab.ca/documents/6b6d9690-4701-4ccc-82b0-623898786d35/Central-Memorial-School-Development-Plan-2025-26>
- Year 2 of 3 - outcome is the further development of Outcomes Based Assessment practices across all disciplines, including graduation rates, teacher perception data, etc. Last year they launched it for English and Math.
- "If you focus on the learning, the grades will come."
- Data story:
 - The percentage of students who achieved the Acceptable Standard on their Diploma Exams improved to 91% (up from 87.1% and well above the provincial average of 82%).
 - The percentage of students who achieved the Standard of Excellence on their Diploma Exams improved to 28.3% (up from 24.7% and well above the provincial average of 23%).
 - Our 3-year completion rate increased to 81.5% - above both the three-year average and provincial comparators. Our 5-year completion rate is holding steady at 87.7% - also above the provincial average.
 - Student perception of our school climate increased to 80.8% - which continues improvement over the three-year average.
 - Student learning engagement remains steady at 80% with student responses increasing to 71.4% from 69%.
- Areas for growth:
 - Increase the number of students who can access the resources available to them, both in our Student Success Centre and the Student Support Office (this number dropped from 80.3% to 76.7%). Increase parental involvement – dropped from 74.6% to 70.9%.
- Next steps:
 - Continue to expand Outcomes Based Assessment to improve teacher assessment practices as well as student understanding of curricular outcomes.
 - Work with the Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) and Principal's Advisory Council (PAC) to increase awareness of student supports (as well as continued emphasis through homeroom and in-school advertising) and continue to

increase student, staff, and parent perception of Central Memorial as a Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environment.

- Continue to establish a communication culture with parents through our weekly newsletter and social media to inform parents of opportunities to be involved with the school.
- One parent's comment: That in-person meetings can be a barrier to attendance. President's comment is that in her experience on Council, online meetings don't increase attendance, especially at Parent Council meetings.
- School budget: Central received \$12,177,421 for 2025-26. Current enrollment is 1,569.
- Course fees to cover field trips, sports, artists in residence, etc., was approximately \$1.5 million for 2024-25. Can we set up a fee relief system to support families who can't manage the course fees? How is that feasible? The School Council is not designated as a charity and therefore limited in giving such support. Someone would have to take the initiative to apply for charitable status through CRA. Currently whatever we are supporting to the school, does in turn help families.
- Feedback and discussion. Intentional lessons through homeroom talking about connection and social media, reassessing self goals, and promoting extra-curricular.
- Summary of this feedback will be posted by February 23, 2026.

President's Report

- Nothing to add

School Liaisons Report

- The previous PVA meeting was online. The dance show in January was great. Potluck for the teachers was also well received. Dance Central is coming up in March.
- Toronto trip grade 12 PVA trip upcoming. CBE cancelled all international travel.
- February 19 PVA meeting online.
- Band trip to Niagara in May. Jazz night recently went well. The fundraising is always happening through bingo. Grey Eagle is under renovations so the next casino will be at The Star Casino.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Teacher appreciation (May 6) brainstorming. Proposing either one day or every day that week of food/support from us to them. Mel looked up what other schools are doing.

- Anne asked us to present a list for their consideration ahead of time. Plus a SignUp Genius needed to gauge volunteers.
- Swag has been created! For Parent Council tablecloth and standing poster.

New Business

- Nothing to add.

19:23 adjourned.

Next Meetings:

April 14 and May 19, 2026