



Calmar Secondary School Council Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

6:00 pm at Calmar Secondary School or virtually at

<https://meet.google.com/avi-oxmo-tpx?hs=122&authuser=0>

Attendees:

Online:

Regrets: Devonna Klaassen

Guests: Cheryl teReitstap, Samantha Besler, Cassie Karabonik, Nicole Martinoff, Terri-Lynn Soroka, Crystal Wasieczko, Jaime Clay, Megan Olynyk, Jolene Petersen, Candace Rosenke, Britney Ewasiuk, Sara Reber, April McDonald, Darcy Skinner, Ian Tisdale

1. **Call to order: 6:01pm**
2. **Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgment** - Darcy Skinner
3. **Welcome and Introductions**
4. **Review of Agenda** - accepted by consensus
5. **Review of June 5, 2024 Minutes** - accepted by consensus
6. **School Council Annual Report** -
 - The Annual Report for the 2025/2026 year was conducted online through a google form that was created by the BGSD Board of Trustees, in order to create a more uniform process for all school councils.
 - In 2025/26 CSS Council met 6 times and discussed a variety of topics including the breakfast program, option classes, staffing/budget, ASCE grant, in school presentations, Wellness Week activities, AERR, school calendar, Council of School Councils, continued with an online option for families to attend Council meetings, updates on the Collegiate school along with the opening of the Collegiate and a variety of other topics and concerns.
 - At each meeting we had many parents in attendance, as well as our admin team consisting of Justin Klaassen, Darcy Skinner as well as BGSD Trustee Devonna Klassen. We also had student representatives report on various activities within the school including the travel club's Italy trip, wellness activities, and different theatre productions.
 - We decided to carry forward our ASCE grant to the 2026/27 school year
 - School Council chair attended 3 Council of School Council meetings through the year. Topics discussed included School Council annual reports, online guidance for councils and fundraising associations, ASCA grant ideas, and multiple other topics. It is a great time to connect with other school councils, Trustees as well as the Superintendent.
 - School council members took part in surveys and gave feedback on: the assurance survey, the Alberta Education Results Report (AERR).

- Moving forward, the Calmar Secondary School Council will continue to work with administration, staff and the board of trustees to support initiatives and provide volunteers whenever necessary to support our student's educational journeys. We will continue to inquire about all things related to education from our administration, the division and the province. We will encourage parental engagement at all levels and provide feedback to all stakeholders. We will continue to build our school community and to encourage open communication with all involved in our children's education.

7. Administrative Report - Mr. Tisdale/ Mr. Skinner

- Projected enrollment was 271 students. Currently enrolled 283 students.
- 2 new staff members:
 - Shauna Bart (Jr. High and Foods)
 - Courtney Schroder (English, Drama, Theatre Arts, Jr. High)
- Focused on connection with students and staff, having open dialogue
- Weekly SOC (Students of Concern) Meetings with staff - How do we support our students?
- Grad Tracking is underway - making sure students have the right credits, enough credits and a plan for the year.
- Breakfast program - in the queue for funding from both, OPowerful Kids and Breakfast Club of Canada
- Video Announcements - NEW this year!
 - Recorded video announcements are played in the classrooms and foyer, and are available on the school website for parents to view as well.
 - Announcement can be found on the school website - Home Page - About - Announcements
- Wants to engage socials more - Instagram and Facebook
- Kudos to Darcy Skinner for his support through the Admin transition, "he's phenomenal!"
- Addressing beginning of the year behaviours
- Upcoming Dates:
 - Parent Teacher Interviews - October 7 & 8
 - Awards Night - Wednesday, October 21

8. Trustee Report - No report provided for the AGM

- Congratulations to Superintendent Micheal Borgfjord on receiving the CASSA Distinguished Service Award
- Congratulations to Board Trustee Devonna Klaassen on her appointment to the Board of Directors for CSBA (Canadian School Boards Associations)

9. New Business

- Terry Fox Run - September 24, during Block 4 1030am-1130am
 - Would like to serve hotdogs and water bottles to the students and staff
 - Ask CFSA to fund the free hot lunch
 - Are there any parents available and willing to cook hotdogs to serve to students on this day? Volunteers - Terri-Lynn and April

10. Elections for Executive for the 2026/2027 school year.

- **Chair**

- Cheryl TeRietstap
- Nominated by - Cassie Karabonik Seconded by: Crystal Wasieczko
- Accepted nomination - Yes
- All in favor - yes

- **Vice Chair**

- April McDonald
- Nominated by Crystal Wasieczko Seconded by: Samantha Besler
- Accepted nomination - Yes
- All in favor

- **Secretary**

- Nicole Martinoff
- Nominated by Crystal Wasieczko Seconded by: Cassie Karabonik
- Accepted nomination - yes
- All in favor

- **Motion made to accept the following as Calmar Secondary School Council Executive members for the 2026/27 school year.**

- **Motion made by : Cheryl teReitstap**
- **Motion seconded by : Jaime Clay**
- **All in Favour**

11. Next meeting date: Wednesday, October 14 @ 6:00 pm

12. Meeting Adjournment : 6:41 pm

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