



# Annie L. Gaetz School Council Meeting Agenda

<b>Date</b>	Sept 16th, 2025
<b>In Attendance</b>	Samantha Friesen, Julie Jones, Emilee Smith, Stephanie Gair, Bonnie Lawrence, Rasheed Tomlinson, Melissa Knopp, Mandy Fedorchuk, Reyna Olson, Lacey Oleson-Rinehart, Heidi McFadzean, Bradley Bush, Morganne Bush, Andy Sonnenberg, Patrick Moore, Alenda Moore, Stephanie Pateman, Matthew Pateman, Charlene Sisson, Nadia Valckx, Tiffany O’Connell, Chantelle Bornn, Danielle Mathison, Laura Taite, Justin Taite, Kendra Stankievech, Bernadette Kerekanich, Jon Davies, Kim McGilvray, Krista Hagel, Michelle Prystai, Kerrie-Ann Dalstra, Mike McCorquindale,

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Agenda Item	Time
Call to order	
1. Approval of the previous meeting Minutes*, as presented from Apr 8th, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Chantelle</li> <li>b. Kendra</li> </ul>	2 min
2. Approval of today’s Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kendra</li> <li>b. Emily</li> </ul>	2 min
3. School Council vs Parent Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Jon did a presentation about the differences between the council and the association.</li> <li>b. ALG is unique, as most schools just have a school council.</li> <li>c. School Council is under the Education Act and acts as an advisory board to the school/principal.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Ex. Cross walk painting, stay n play, etc</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Parent Associations fall under the Societies Act. They manage most of the funds for both groups.</li> <li>e. There are 2 separate meetings held each session, one council and one association.</li> <li>f. ASCA - <a href="#">Alberta School Councils' Association website</a> for more info.</li> </ul>	5 min



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<p>4. School Council Elections (Stephanie P.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Treasurer* to be elected during PA.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Call for nomination for Chair<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bonnie Lawrence<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Motion Passed</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>ii. Call for nomination for Vice Chair<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Michelle<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Motion Passed</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>iii. Call for nomination for Secretary<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Stephanie Gair<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Motion Passed</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	10 minutes
<p>5. Review of Parent Feedback from previous school year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. 23 parents filled in the survey</li><li>b. Fundraising, events, hot lunch, meetings/parent involvement, positives, areas for growth</li><li>c. Fundraising - loved Little Caesar's, book fair, coffee, silent auction</li><li>d. Events - holiday concert, dance, stay and play/game nights, open house</li><li>e. Hot Lunch - Liked Tuesday's, variety of price points, munchalunch was easy to use, home made items, convenient, healthy choices</li><li>f. Meetings - suggestions - more time for discussion, shorten the meetings, send out the agenda sooner, more teachers attending the meetings</li><li>g. Ideas - shareable social media account, agendas to promote school council events, new playground</li></ul>	5 minutes



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<p>6. Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Norms and procedures for school council, Principal's role within a school council, Parents' role within a school council</li><li>b. School Ed Plan &amp; PD Plan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. 23 staff total (15 teachers, 6 EA's, 2 caretakers)</li><li>ii. Assurance Measures (surveys)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 50% of parents from our school filled this in.</li><li>2. That is an excellent response.</li><li>3. Our achievement has measured quite high, well-above the provincial average.</li></ul></li><li>iii. District Survey<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. We had the 2nd highest ratings in the entire district.</li><li>2. PD was an area that was identified as an area that we can provide more transparency</li></ul></li><li>iv. Student Growth &amp; Achievement<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Priorities are music education, mental health &amp; wellbeing, literacy scores</li></ul></li><li>v. High Impact Teaching Strategies is the priority for the division for teacher inservicing this year.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Collaboration</li><li>2. Intentional Planning</li><li>3. Data Driven</li></ul></li><li>vi. Student Support<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Student Support room</li><li>2. Nutrition Program</li><li>3. Family School Wellness Coordinator</li><li>4. Hot Lunch Program (the vendors will provide extras to give to students that may not be able to get their own)</li></ul></li><li>vii. PD Plan is attached to the end of the <a href="#">School Education Plan</a></li></ul></li><li>c. Norms<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Keep the meetings as succinct as possible to honour time</li><li>ii. New business<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Complete the Google Form 2 weeks prior in order for the topics to be most effectively addressed</li></ul></li><li>iii. Get the agenda out in a more timely fashion</li><li>iv. Respect<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. We want people to feel comfortable to participate in discussions</li><li>2. Constructive feedback is appreciated</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>d. Budget<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Class sizes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mike has worked very hard to maintain reasonable class sizes.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	20 min
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The Parent Council fundraising efforts have allowed for the principal to prioritize staffing and utilize the parent council funding to offset other school costs.</li> <li>e. Questions?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Funding wish list?                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flexibility as events come up.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ex. Seussical</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Technology contingency fund</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Old Business             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Old Business will be moved to the October School Council Meeting                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <a href="#">Scholarship (ad hoc committee) - Jon</a></li> <li>ii. Academic School Clubs                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mike has been able to secure Mrs. Pakish in the library until 4:15 four days/week.                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If there is a parent that can volunteer to host a coding club, or other special interest clubs, we can make that work.</li> <li>b. Bring ideas to the next meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. New Business             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Meeting Dates for Oct/Nov/Dec - move to the first week of the month or consider a new day of the week like Wednesday (Possible conflicts?)                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Possible Weds dates: Oct 8, Nov 5th or 12th, Dec 3rd or 10th</li> <li>ii. Move to 2nd Wednesday until December and revisit going forward.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion Carried.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Halloween Dance                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Context - ALG School Council has hosted a halloween dance for the past few years. This year, planning for the dance will be affected by possible labour action in October.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Red 4 Ed -                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Please support our teachers by wearing red on Fridays and put lawn signs out in support of public education.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	5 min
<p>Adjourn - 7:15pm</p>	
<p>Action Items:</p>	65 minutes total



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2. Approval of today's Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Charlene</li> <li>b. Melissa</li> </ul>	1 min
3. Parent Association Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. President               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Kim                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion Carried</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Vice President               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Jon                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion Carried</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Treasurer               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Chantelle                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion Carried</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Secretary - School Council               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Stephanie G.</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Directors (Up to 3)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Lacey Oleson-Rinehart                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion Carried</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. Stephanie Pateman                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion Carried</li> </ul> </li> <li>iii. Charlene Sisson                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Motion Carried</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	8 mins



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<p>4. Treasurer's Report*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <a href="#">Balance Sheet</a></li> <li>b. <a href="#">Income Statement</a> - Events</li> <li>c. Income Statement - Fundraiser             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. We raised 33% more money in 2024-2025 than the previous year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Income Statement - Hot Lunch</li> <li>e. Casino Account Review - Money Tracker</li> <li>f. Signing Authority             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Tiffany O Connell</li> <li>ii. Melissa Knopp</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	10 mins
<p>5. Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Old Business will be moved to October Meeting             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. ASCA Zoom Webinar                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We didn't end up attending this session.</li> <li>2. There is ASCA money available in the form of a grant to bring in training.</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. \$200 requested for African Drummer - invoice date Sept 29th.                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Snyder has already been granted funds through the Red Deer Arts Council.</li> <li>2. We are going to cover \$200 of the costs.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Motion Carried</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	7 mins
<p>6. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hot Lunch volunteers, Roll Out.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Volunteers are always welcome, as often or as little as you're able.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Brief Casino Update             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Needs someone to step in to shadow all of the work so that it can be passed on to another individual, in preparation for the next casino.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	7 mins
Adjourn - 8:00pm	
*indicates written report/attachment provided	45 minutes total