



Calmar Secondary School Council Minutes

Thursday, May 22, 2025

6:00 pm at Calmar Secondary School or virtually at

[Google Meet Link](#)

Attendees: Cheryl TeRietstap, Nicole Martinoff, Cassie Karabonik, Crystal Wasieczko, Bonnie Kabanuk, Krista Gartner, Justin Klaassen

Online: Devonna Klaassen

Regrets: Darcy Skinner, Samantha Besler, Joyce Bakker

1. **Call to order:** 6:18 PM
2. **Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgment** - Justin Klaassen
3. **Welcome and Introductions**
4. **Review of Agenda** - Accepted by consensus
5. **Review of March 13, 2025 Minutes** - Accepted by consensus
6. **Administrative Report** - Mr. Klaassen / Mr. Skinner
 - Staffing Update
 - Numbers down for next year (large outgoing class - smaller incoming) and PTR (Pupil Teacher Ratio) has changed (up 0.6)
 - Recalling 3 of our 5 EA's
 - Roth to reduce to 0.7 FTE
 - Mudry to begin year at 0.7 FTE
 - Numbers Forecasted (Outgoing class - 52 with 4th years)
 - Gr 7 - 34
 - Gr 8 - 31
 - Gr 9 - 46
 - Gr 10 - 44
 - Gr 11 - 50
 - Gr 12 - 39
 - Collegiate Update
 - Building Update
 - Access date to building unknown.
 - Semester One - no programming (Grade 10 program will run)
 - Semester Two - shop open
 - Grade Eleven and First Year Carpentry to run second semester
 - Finalizing details with partners
 - Northern Lakes College
 - Building Trades of Alberta
 - Spring Exploratory Sessions (Division to support)
 - Carpentry - April 25th

- Pipe Trades - May 9th
 - Electrical - May 30th
- Collegiate Information Session feedback?
- Application process
 - Students attending from all schools
- Dual Credit
 - Meeting coming up - Sign up taking place for the fall now.
- Fall Dates
 - Meet the Teacher
 - August 25 2025
 - Fall PTI's
 - Oct 8/9 2025
- [Exam Schedule](#)

7. **Trustee Report** - Devonna Klaassen

- [May 22, 2025 Trustee Report](#)

8. **Business**

a.) **Collegiate Update** - *Justin Klaassen*

- See Admin Report

b.) **Council of School Council** - *Cheryl TeRietstap*

- Next meeting is May 26 at 6:30pm.
- If anyone would like to attend to take part in the conversation, please let Cheryl know.

c.) **Italy** - *Cheryl TeRietstap*

- Fundraising has almost wrapped up. Bottle drive is happening on Saturday June 7.
- Next Payment is due on June 15 and final payment due August 15.
- BBQ hot lunch was cancelled due to low orders
- Flight and hotel information has been shared with attending students and their parents.
- Mandatory parent and student meeting will be held on Sept 25 at 6pm
- Thank you to staff members for their continued effort in supporting the participating students.

d.) **Grad Update** - *Cassie Karabonik/Samantha Besler*

- 46 students for Convocation
- 45 students for Banquet
- Tickets - 9 per student
- list created for extra tickets - capped at a max of 15/student
- 500 ppl attending Grad
- Grade 11 students were asked for help in cleanup following the banquet. A \$500 donation would be made to them for their grad next year, Hopefully this can be part of the policy moving forward.

e.) **ACE - Annual Community Engagement** - **April 30, 2025**

- Cheryl attended on behalf of our School Council

- Event was held virtually with a range of students, parents, administrators, and school board trustees. Main meeting room, then 4 breakout rooms to discuss different questions. Over 120 participants
- Main topic focused on Policy 19, which was created in 2015 and modified in 2020. Policy 19 is about Safe, Caring and welcoming schools
 - Connections to schools as welcoming, caring, respectful, safe and healthy places. Students and staff have a right to learn and work in schools that promote equity of opportunity, dignity, respect.
 - Inclusion and a sense of belonging. Focus on the ways in which we have the same right to learn, not on the things that make us different.
 - Groups in our school communities that face bullying or discrimination more than others? What initiatives could our schools implement to address discrimination? How can student or community leadership groups support this?
 - If you could change one thing about how we address diversity, equality and inclusion, what would it be?
 - Information will be compiled and shared with attendees. The BGSD Board will take information from the event into their Policy 19 review.
 - Thank you to two of our own students for attending the event and representing themselves and our school so well. It was great to hear the student perspective and how they appreciate and enjoy the efforts of our school staff and that they feel welcomed when they walk through the doors of the school.

f.) **School Dress Code** - Located on School Website Policy 3

- Will add to the Notice section on Newsletter

g.) **Thank you** to all parents, staff and students who continue to support our school council at Calmar Secondary. We have had another solid school year and have many things to look forward to with the growth and opening of the Collegiate in the fall.

9. Next meeting date: Annual General Meeting September TBD

Both in person and online options are available.

10. Meeting Adjournment : 7:17 PM

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