

Calmar Secondary School Council Minutes



Tuesday, November 18, 2025

6:00 pm at Calmar Secondary School or virtually at

[Google Meet Link](#)

Attendees: Cheryl teReitstap, Jenny Balding, Nicole Martinoff, Jolene Peterson, Jacquelyn Carlson, Jaime Clay, Darcy Skinner, Justin Klaassen, Students - Mikayla teReitstap, Natalie Karabonik, Devonna Klaassen, April MacDonald, Crystal Wasieczko

Online: Olivia Carstairs, Yolanda

Regrets:

1. **Call to order:** 6:06 pm
2. **Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgment** - Justin Klaassen
3. **Welcome and Introductions**
4. **Review of Agenda** - Added Yolanda (International Student Program) added as number 6.
5. **Review of September 9, 2025 AGM Minutes** - Accepted by consensus
6. **International Student Program - Yolanda**
 - Allows students to come to Black Gold and visit or live in the area and go to school within Black Gold School Division. High School students are coming from Japan and will be staying for 10 weeks. Still looking for a couple of host families for boys to stay. Financial support is provided to families who choose to host an international student.
7. **Administrative Report** - Mr. Klaassen / Mr. Skinner
 - Fall Numbers
 - i. 7's - 38 Students (Two classes other than second semester PE/Flex)
 - ii. 8's - 36 Students (Two classes)
 - iii. 9's - 44 Students (Two classes)
 - iv. 10's - 48 Students
 - v. 11's - 52 Students
 - vi. 12's - 46 Students (3 returning Grade 12's = 0.5 funding)
 - vii. Total - 264
 - 1. Spring numbers were locked in at 242
 - Staffing Update
 - i. Hired Mr. Gordulic to split Science 10.
 - ii. Looking at the second semester.
 - Post-labour Disruption Changes
 - i. Diploma exams cancelled
 - 1. Note to be placed on transcripts to note this
 - ii. Changes to support Instructional Day recovery

1. Semester one PD days converted to instructional days (Semester two to remain as per original calendar)
2. Exam Week cancelled
 - a. January 28/29, 2026, to be used as credit recovery days (high school).
 - b. Junior High TBD
 - c. January 30, 2026, to remain as a PD day.

- Alberta Classroom Insights Survey
 - i. Reviewed in an emergent meeting by all principals Monday morning.
 - ii. Intent:
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 2. *In order to facilitate the allocation of additional investments to address classroom complexity, Alberta Education and Childcare will begin collecting data on class size and composition through the Alberta Classroom Insights Survey. This information will be used to better understand staffing, student needs, and classroom complexity. Data collected on classroom complexity will help the province understand and address issues in schools, including class sizes, and support strategic investments in classrooms.*
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 - iii. There is a significant amount of data requested on a short timeline.
 1. Friday at noon to the division. Division to submit by Monday.
 - iv. There is a possibility that this will be a yearly occurrence.
 1. Considerations
 - a. Some concern whether the timing will provide a comprehensive data set.
 - b. Hope is that it is reviewed with eyes that understand the context of the data.

- Recent and Upcoming Events
 - i. Term 2 has just rolled over
 - ii. Basketball sign up is posted
 - iii. Fall Awards November 19th, 2025
 - iv. PTI's November 26/27, 2025
 - v. Christmas lunch December 5th, 2026
 - vi. All Shook Up! Musical—December 11, 12, 13 2026
 - vii. Collegiate Grand Opening January 15th, 2026

8. Trustee Report - Devonna Klaassen

-  [2025-05-22_Trustee Report_CSS.pdf](#)

9. Business

a.) Collegiate Update - Justin Klaassen

- The grade 10 program (40 students) is going well. Two cohorts are going on field trips to different trades to learn more and have some hands-on experiences. The next trip will be to the Mason's Hall in Dec.

- Partnership with Portland College.
- The Gr. 11 program (15 students) will start in February with Jim Wallace. They will be working in the shop creating some larger structures.
- The gr. 12 program (60 day program) does not have any students registered in yet. The program consists of the carpentry program. The cost will be \$900.

b.) Council of School Council - Cheryl TeRietstap

- Due to the teacher strike, October's AGM Meeting was postponed.
- No new date has been set.

c.) Italy - Mikayla TeRietstap/Natalie Karabonik

- 25 students and 4 staff travelled to Italy during the fall break.
- They left Edmonton on November 8th and travelled to Sorrento, Italy. They visited the island of Capri, toured the city of Sorrento, rode on a train to Pompeii where they then toured the archeological site of Pompeii.
- They travelled back to Rome where they then toured the Colosseum, and the Roman Forum. They also toured the Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica. They toured the Vatican Museum Antonella and had the option to visit Spagna and the Trevi Fountain.
- They also visited Florence for a guided tour, and the San Loreno Market.
- Big thank you to all the supervisors who gave up time with their own families and their Fall Break, to provide this incredible experience for these students. And also for the countless hours spent organizing with parents, students and the travel company. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.
- Students gave a recap of their adventure, the sites they visited, the experiences they had.

d.) Grad Update - Joeline Peterson

- *Bottle Drive - 16 grads raised \$8174.90*
- *Dessert Theatre on Mar 7, 2025*
- *Mundare sale is currently being sold online (Power School)*

10. Next meeting date: January 13, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Both in person and online options are available.

11. Meeting Adjournment : 7:17 pm

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