

School Council & BPAC Meeting

MINUTES

May 2, 2026

Meeting called by; Brit Hart
Type of meeting; Monthly
Note taker; Nicole Walker
Chair; Brit Hart/Nicole Walker
Attendees; Marlen Reibeg, Brit Hart, Nicole Walker, Meike Thomsen, Wanda Smith, Kyle Schaub(late). Online; Sarah Van Sloten, Sara Corbeil, Brittany Fraser (left early), Corey Feoderoff.

1. Motion to open School Council Meeting

- Time; 6:34pm

2. Attendee Introductions

3. Principle Message & School Report – Meike Thomsen

- Land acknowledgement – Wanda Smith
- June meeting change – will be Monday June 1, instead of Tuesday June 2.
- Numbers for next September are projected at 364 – staffing for that number
- See admin notes at bottom of document
- Additions;
 - Youthlink – Brit has organized an online session about cyber safety. Main focus is, to protect children on social media
 - This will take place online Juen 15 @6pm

4. Close School Council Meeting & open BPAC Meeting

- Close; 6:56
- Open; 6:56

5. Action items from April Meeting;

- Grant writing – Sarah V
 - Update – Sarah needs help.
 - Would like to put together a grant writing committee, but right now there are other BPAC positions coming available that will take precedence. If someone is interested in helping, Sarah will take the help!
 - a. Brit to help by sending info she finds to Sarah

- Garden – Brit
 - Garden cleanup date – May 9 11am-1pm
 - Andrew to fix Little Free Library
 - Brit has extra paint from Welcome signs
 - Andrew to purchase new 4X4 post and send Kyle the bill
 - Medicine Wheel conversation
 - Mr D spearheaded this just before her left
 - a. Mr D said there is no problem with moving the medicine wheel and dismantling it
 - i. Michelle to move the plants out of the barrels to the tires before May 9
 - This will get cleaned up during Garden cleanup day
 - It is very difficult to grow anything, as the weeds have taken over. The concrete around the boxes makes the CBE unable to mow that part.
 - Brit to make signs for garden asking people to be respectful of the area, and to leave things as they are.
 - Brit to figure out how much any new supplies will cost. There is \$1000 in the budget to spend on the garden this year.
- Conversation about a Moneris or Square type device that could be used/purchased by BPAC and used for things like silent auction – Kyle to look into this.
 - Idea of small Moneris tap that would be sitting on the office front desk that is linked to the education matters account. Anyone could tap their card at any time and donate to education matters. They would be prompt to donate, something like \$2, \$5, \$20...
 - Update – Kyle – Square is a good option for future events. We will wait to see if there is money left in the current budget to purchase. \$70. No service fee per month
 - Chase has a \$45 service fee per month. Not a good option for us at this time.
- Setting up an organization email domain – Gage
 - Gage to look into this and present a plan at next meeting
 - The consensus at April meeting was, if this is something that is free, we could consider this, but we aren't interested in paying a fee
 - a. Update-Gage not at meeting

6. New business;

- Treasurer Report – Kyle
 - GIC update – more information is needed. Kyle to have a plan for the Fall.
 - Smaller chunks of money, over multiple GICs
 - Large amount of money coming in Fall from May 2026 casino. Can do something with most of that, as some will not be used for two years out.

- Fundraising – Marlen
 - Bowcroft Swag – new store open all the time
 - Indeygo – Rocky Mountain Soap – profit \$625
 - Supported by some that don't usually support fundraisers
 - 50/50
 - Ends May 24 – total at \$\$620 currently
 - June frozen food – Coco Brooks – Marlen to setup

- Teacher Luncheon
 - Thank you to teachers
 - Tuesday June 30
 - \$700 with \$50 extra for loaves and beverages
 - Meike to find out allergies and total numbers

- Fall Book Fair - Nicole
 - November 23-27 week – during interviews
 - Nicole looking for someone to take over or shadow her for her final two bookfairs at Bowcroft next year.

- Opting in to commercial emails – information to be sent out by Corey. Nicole posted it on FB page.

7. Anything else?

- Main Street planter – Nicole was successful in her application for adopt-a-planter on main street. The furthest east planter on the far end of main street was adopted by BPAC and will be planted by Nicole (and daughters)

8. Close meeting;

- Time; 7:52

ADMIN UPDATE BPAC May 5, 2026

1. ATTENDANCE

	Missed more than 50%	Missed 20-50%	Missed 10-20%	Better than 90% attendance
By Nov 14, 2025 355 sts	4 sts; 1.1%	30 sts 8.45%	49 sts 13.8%	272 sts 76.6%
Dec 15, 2025 360sts	2 sts 0.6%	34 sts 9.4%	21 5.8% sts	313 sts 84.2%
March 20, 2026 366 sts	4 sts 1.1%	32 sts 8.7%	73 sts 19.9%	257 sts 70.2%
April 28, 2026 367 sts	5 sts 1.4%	34 sts 9.3%	97 sts 26.4%	231 sts 62.9%

12 sts still have perfect attendance! 😊

2. Grade 5/6 field trip for 3 days:

- a. 72 students in the 3 classes = \$ 24,255 (incl GST) for \$330 per student
- b. 2 students will not go (as far as we know right now)
- c. 23 sts have paid
- d. ?? parents have not attended the MANDATORY parent information night – given another chance but still ??? have not read/signed the information package, so only ?? sts have the required prerequisites to go to the field trip.
- e. 10% can be subsidy (this could be up to 7 sts, \$501 Ed Matters, Bottle drive brought in \$700; German sts sold \$ 282 . Ms. Bonham’s friends sponsoring 2 sts.

3. Cyber bullying

- 4. **\$ 12,000 for new Social Studies curriculum.** Teachers were given time to order new curr resources last Friday. CBE has ‘approved list’ for resources to choose from
- 5. **OurSCHOOL** survey is being completed the second time this year (same kids, same questions in the fall and now the spring)

6. Overall student count: 368 as of April 29, 2026

Community

Kindergarten Bonham 18
 Grade 1 Halverson 30 at 11:45am, 12 students leave this cohort and Ms. Bonham teaches them in a separate grade 1 classroom, so for half the day it’s classes of **18 and 12 students.**

Grade 2/3 Buckner 26
 Grade 2/3 Dietrich 27
 Grade 2/3 Rowley 26
 Grade 4/5 Tessier 23
 Grade 4/5 Mitchell 19
 Grade 5/6 Erickson-Flegg 27
 Grade 5/6 Kristalovich 27

German:

Kindergarten Neumann 21
 Grade 1 McCashin 26

Grade 3	Schafer	18
Grade 2	Benty	20
Grade 3/4	Cattanach	20
Grade 4/5	Afshari/Faszer	25
Grade 6	Hauck	19

7. Staffing and RAM

- a. RAM came out April 23.
- b. We will have 2 LL posting, 1CCT posting, 1 principal posting,
- c. Principal is leaving – parent survey for what you want the new P to know from area office
- d. We hope that our probationary teachers get to stay – we will know June 2
- e. Teacher postings are on June 8, with LL postings in May/June and August → possibilities for surplussed probationary teachers to still find a continuous placement