

Queen Elizabeth Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 20th, 2025, 6:30-7:00pm

Chair: Kim Ehmann

Co-Chair: Alex Hunt

In attendance:

Travis Robertson - QES Principal Alex Hunt QESC Chair, Kim Ehmann QESC Chair, Stephanie Cicero-QEEPS Chair, Zoe Willock, Jane Ewenson, Julia Lam, Nicole Watson, Kristen Lewicki, Sarah Edgar Kelly, Leah Thorpe, Taryn Moran - QEEPS Treasurer,

Grade 6 teachers:

Call to order

- a. Kim called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- b. Acknowledgement of the land given by grade 6's via video.
- c. Welcome and introduction
 - i. Kim made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Stephanie.
 - ii. Kim made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Stephanie.

Reports

- a. School Report
 - i. Grade 6's Teacher report – The teachers discussed the importance of active citizenship. They were unable to do community outreach ahead of the holidays. The Grade 6's will examine civic participation in our community. Students are working through a problem solving roadmap. First, they identified a problem, then they will build a survey for students and staff, followed by classes to brainstorm, Grade 6 Project to help solve a problem, and finally, they will enact their plan. A conversation to work with the School Council to help support the Grade 6's with their project discussed.
Outdoor school was discussed (as it is normally held in October) but it will be happening later this year (April).
 - ii. Principal Report - Travis Robertson, Principal, discussed that Clubs are kicking off in the school. Choir has started. Science Club is going forward. New clubs will be announced in the coming weeks.

Report cards will be made visible Feb 24 on MyCBE (PowerSchool)

Non-instructional Days - Jan 30, Feb 12-13, Feb 7

Parent-Student-Teacher Led Conferences:

4:30 to 7:30 PM Thursday, March 19

9AM - 12 PM Friday, March 20th

5-6 families per half-hour, passport style

Currently in the 2nd round of Provincial Testing - to gather if students need additional supports.

Grade 6 testing - all students are entitled to twice the scheduled time if needed.

There is no Social Studies PAT this year as we have chosen to optimally implement the new Social Studies curriculum. Tests cannot be written early.

Kindergarten Registration is now open.

Outdoor school is scheduled for April 7-9th

Ms. Nasbia Barakatshah, grade 1 is teaching out of the conference room.

Gaga Ball - Conversation about permits for the 2 pits are in the works. Hoping to have everything approved with a plan to move forward.

Open Minds - Teachers are encouraged to apply this year for the next year.

b. Important Dates

- i. Nov 27 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- ii. Nov 27 - PTI Teacher's crockpot dinner
- iii. Nov 28 – Non - instruction Day, Parent Teacher Conferences (AM)
- iv. Dec 1-5 – Book Fair
- v. Dec 10 - Photo Retakes
- vi. Dec 11- Fun Snack Kernel's Popcorn
- vii. Dec 12 - Teachers Holiday Lunch
- viii. Dec 18 - Fun Lunch- Boston Pizza (moved from Oct)
- ix. Dec 19 – Last day of classes before Winter break
- x. Jan5 – Classes Resume
- xi. Jan 15 - Subway Fun Lunch
- xii. Jan 20 – School Council & QUEEPS meeting 6:30 p.m.
- xiii. Jan 30 - No School
- xiv. Feb 24 - Report Cards
- xv. April 7-9 - Outdoor School
- xvi. May 2 - Gala
- xvii. Friday, May 22 9 AM – 11 AM ELAL Part A (Writing)
- xviii. Thursday, June 4 9 AM – 10 AM ELAL Part B (Reading)
- xix. Friday, June 12 9 AM – 10 AM Science
- xx. Monday, June 15 9 AM – 9:30 AM Math Part A
- xxi. Thursday, June 18 9 AM – 10:15 AM Math Part B

Old/Ongoing Business

- a. Fun Lunch 2025-26 – All dates are in Healthy Hunger and volunteers are always needed.
 - i. Dec 18 – Boston Pizza
 - ii. Jan 15 – Subway
 - iii. March 12 - Tim Hortons
 - iv. April 16 – Boston Pizza
 - v. June 18 – Saucy Pretzel CompanyOder here: <http://healthyhunger.ca/>
- a. Popcorn Fun Snack 2015-26 – All dates are in Healthy Hunger
 - i. Dec 11
 - ii. Feb 19
 - iii. May 21Order here: <https://healthyhunger.ca/>
- b. The Shirt Shop will reopen shortly. Please visit our Instagram for the link to shop.
- c. Recruitment for Secretary & Key Communicator
- d. Spring Gala - May 2, 2026. The Planning Committee begins planning this week.
- e. Holiday Workshop & Teacher's Lunch - thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered their time. QES Staff provided a beautiful Thank You card.

New Business

- a. Kindergarten registration is now open
- b. Shirt Shop is reopened and a link will be on our social media.
- c. \$500 AB School Council Engagement Grant will be applied to the QES School Council website
- d. Art Cards - Teachers will start art cards late Jan / early Feb
- e. Book Fair Update from Leah: Biggest year yet. Over 13k sold.
The next book fair will be held November 23-27 2026. The location of next year's book fair is TBD.

Adjournment

- a. Where to find us :
 - i. School Website – find links to School Council and QUEEPS at <http://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/queenelizabeth/get-involved/pages/default.aspx>
 - ii. School Council and Parent Society Website – www.qescouncil.ca
 - iii. Facebook – @qparents
 - iv. Instagram – qes_school_council
- b. Next Meeting Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m. Seconded by Steph.

Meeting Dates for 2025/2026

Tuesday, September 23, 2025	Tuesday, January 20, 2026
Tuesday, October 28, 2025	Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Tuesday, November 25, 2025	Tuesday, April 21, 2026
	Tuesday, May 26, 2026