

Queen Elizabeth Elementary School ("QES") Council ("QESC") Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 6:32pm- 7:35pm

Chair: Kim Ehmann Co-Chair: Alex Hunt

In attendance:

Travis Robertson - QES Principal; Dan Tinaburri – QES Vice Principal; Alex Hunt - QESC Co-Chair (Kim Ehmann - QESC Chair was not in attendance); Stephanie Cicero- Queen Elizabeth Elementary Program Enhancement Society Chair; Christa Burry – QESC Treasurer; Kristen Lewicki – QESC Key Communicator; Lindsay Cox – QESC Secretary; Taryn Moran; Michelle Fournier; Natasza Mizera; Jason Kampala; Krista Williscroft; Melanie Wirz; Kamal Chopra-Bhamra; Jane Ewenson; Hillary Harding; Darren Hopkins; Margot Davidson; Andrea Leier; Laura Spence; Janet Kerrigan; and Grade 3 teachers – Karen Mansell, Darryl Wensley and Laura Greenfield.

Call to order

- a. Welcome and introduction - Alex called the meeting to order at 6:32pm
- b. Approval Matters
 - i. Alex made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting, which was seconded by Stephanie, and approved.
 - ii. Alex made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from April 21, 2026, which was seconded by Stephanie, and approved.
- c. Acknowledgement of the land was provided by the Grade 3 students via video presentation, which presentation included an update on the Grade 3 students learning and activities this school year. After addressing questions from the attendees at the meeting, the Grade 3 teachers left the meeting.

Reports

- a. Principal's Report
 - i. Travis introduced Jason Kampala, who presented to the attendees at the meeting a potential initiative to encourage kids to bike to school, and Kamal Chopra-Bhamra, who offered to make a presentation to the QESC at a future meeting on the topics contained in the book "The Amazing Generation".
 - ii. Travis then provided the Principal's Report, which included the following:
 - a. Updates on the upcoming Volunteer Tea on May 29, the whole school photo on June 8, Sports Day on June 19 and the Grade 6 upcoming provincial achievement tests.
 - b. An update on planning for the 2026-2027 school year. Travis advised that bell times and the calendar for the 2026-2027 school year are expected to remain unchanged. Travis then advised that classrooms were likely to be single grades (rather than multi-grades) for the 2026-2027 school year and provided an update on the budget received by QES for teaching staff for the 2026-2027 year and its effect on current teaching staff.

- c. An update on the class size reduction grant that was applied for by QES. At this time QES has not received confirmation as to whether or not they will receive the grant.
- d. Confirmation that all Grade 1 to 6 classes have been successfully granted one week with Campus Calgary Open Minds for the 2026-2027 year.
- e. The Fred Fox visit and Terry Fox run will occur on September 22, 2026.
- f. A brief discussion regarding QES's plans for engagement with parents, students, staff and the community regarding a potential new logo for QES.

b. Important Dates

Alex noted the following important dates:

May 29 – Volunteer Tea (11:30am – 12:30pm)

June 5 - Family Hot Dog Picnic

June 18 - Fun Lunch (Saucy Pretzel)

June 19 - Sports Day

June 25 – Kindergarten Spring Concert and Fun Lunch

Grade 6 Exams (Volunteers will be required):

Thursday, June 4	9am – 10am	ELAL Part B (Reading)
Friday, June 12	9am – 10am	Science
Monday, June 15	9am – 9:30am	Math Part A
Thursday, June 18	9am – 10:15am	Math Part B

Old/Ongoing Business

- a. Yearbooks
 - i. Alex noted that yearbooks are available for purchase at qescouncil.ca and will be delivered in Fall, 2026.
- b. Spring Garden Clean Up
 - i. Jane provided a summary of the spring garden clean up event.
- c. Totally Tropical Spring Gala held on May 2, 2026
 - i. Alex thanked the planning committee and volunteers for a successful Totally Tropical Spring Gala and requested feedback, comments, questions and suggestions from attendees at the meeting. A discussion ensued and feedback and suggestions were provided.

New Business

- a. Year-End Family Hot Dog Picnic
 - i. Alex advised that the Year-End Family Hot Dog Picnic will be held from 12:37pm - 2:00pm on June 5, 2026 and volunteers will be required.

- b. Sports Day
 - i. Alex advised that Sports Day will be held on June 19, 2026 and that volunteers will be required. Treats for the kids at Sports Day will be provided by the QESC.
- c. Back to School 2026-2027
 - i. Alex advised that there will be a first day welcome back table with coffee and treats provided by the QESC. She further advised of the following events/dates:
 - i. Book fair confirmed for November 23-27, 2026
 - ii. Proposed Fun Lunch/Snack Dates for 2026-2027 - September 24, October 22, November 19, December 10, January 21, February 19, March 11, April 15, May 20 and June 17
 - iii. Proposed Dates for 2026-2027 QESC Meetings - September 29, 2026, October 27, 2026, November 24, 2026, January 19, 2027, March 9, 2027, April 20, 2027 and May 25, 2027
- d. Election of 2026-2027 Executive
 - i. Stephanie confirmed that Kim Ehmann was appointed Chair of QESC for the 2026-2027 school year at the April 21, 2026 meeting of QESC and advised that the Co-Chair role is available.
 - ii. Stephanie made a motion to appoint Darren Hopkins as the Key Communicator for QESC for the 2026-2027 school year, which was accepted by Darren, seconded by Alex, and approved.
 - iii. Stephanie made a motion to appoint Lindsay Cox as the Secretary for QESC for the 2026-2027 school year, which was accepted by Lindsay, seconded by Kristen, and approved.
- e. The QESC Coordinators for the 2026-2027 school year were confirmed as follows:
 - i. Volunteer Coordinator: Andrea Leier
 - ii. Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator: Leah Phillips
 - iii. Garden Coordinator: Jane Ewenson
 - iv. Community Engagement: Krista Williscroft
 - v. Gala Coordinator: Krista Williscroft
 - vi. Yearbook Coordinator: Hillary Snider
 - vii. There are Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator and Fun Lunch Coordinator roles available.
- f. Kristen, the QESC Key Coordinator, then provided a summary of the meeting of the Community of School Councils (COSC) that she attended on April 22, 2026.

Termination

- a. Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 6:30pm.
- b. The meeting was terminated at 7:35pm.