

Panorama Hills School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 6, 2025 – 6pm – Hybrid Meeting

Began at 6:05 PM

Land Acknowledgement

Principal's Report

This year has started a bit differently than other years with job action.

Mr. Jeffrey speaks to last council meeting:

- Apologies for any confusion or discomfort the last meeting caused
- School counsel is intended to bring school community together
- To ensure smooth meetings, if we need to add items to the agenda, we will motion to add them to ensure we are ready and prepared to speak to the agenda items raised. If needed, they can be added as agenda items for the next meeting
 - We will give a grace period on this, as people may arrive late since we have adjusted our meeting times

Orange Shirt Day

- Had an assembly at the end of September, hosted by Grade 3 students

CAD

- Began CAD. Due to job action CAD schedule will be adjusted

Photo Day

- Was a success, even with short notice due to job action
- December 8th is retake day

Parking Lot/Cross Walk

- There is fresh paint in cross walk and parking lot
- There is now one designated accessible parking spot in the staff parking lot

Blue Dot Day Communication

- The school has communicated procedures for “Blue Dot Days” in the Weekly Howl
- The school has the weather posted on the PHS Website, that is the temperature used by the school to determine if it will be a “Blue Dot Day”

Portable capacity at PHS

- At the last meeting, a concern was raised with respect to the capacity in portables with combining grade groups. Mr. Jeffrey advised he would inquire as to the capacity of the portables
- Mr. Jeffrey have not heard back yet with respect to portable capacity
- Mr. Jeffrey advises teachers have larger spaces available to have larger groups of kids

Lockdown Drill

- Set for January 8, 2026 in the morning.
- Typically, the building can be cleared in 15 approx. 15 min

Remembrance Day Assembly

- Will be hosted by Grade 4

Three Left Feet Residency

- Set to begin November 17, 2025

Parent Teacher Conferences

- Despite missing time due to job action, it is still important to hold Parent Teacher Conferences
- These will be Teacher led on November 27/28, 2025 and meetings will be about 15 minutes long

Spirit Wear

- Mr. Jeffrey has a contact at a Spirit Wear company called Beast.
- Typically, Tshirts, hoodies and zippered hoodies are the best sellers.
- There were concerns with the Spirit Wear Vendor from last year.
- If we would like to switch vendors, and choose to go with Beast, they would like to bring their items into the school for people to see
- Need to order about 20 of each item to keep the prices reasonable
- Cost of hoodies is approx. 28.00 to 45.00
- If parent council would like to sell Spirit Wear with Beast as the vendor, they can speak to Mr. Jeffrey

Admin Team Update

CAD #2 Session

- Going to continue second session after November 14, 2025

Milk Program

- To begin in third week of November

School Improvement Results Report

- Will be available on the website shortly
- Report showed that:
 - PHS students know what to do next to improve their writing - Improvement from 79% to 89%
 - PHS students were more confident -Improvement from 69% to 86%
 - PHS Students felt their Culture reflected in school - Improvement from 61% to 89%
 - There was an improvement in PHS students who care about each other

Year Two of School Development Plan

- Last year focused on syntax
- This year focused on critical thinking strand
- Teachers will give explicit instructions on all stages of writing process
- ATA approved funding for visible thinking routine books to guide teachers and help students
- Teaching students how to build positive relationships, self management, self awareness and good decision making
- Plans for incorporation of Indigenous circle practices as a regular routine in classrooms.
- Working to teach the concept of stopping to think and going back and then applying that strategy to other learnings

Special Entry Days/Procedures

Blue Dot Days

- If the temperature is -20 or more, including the wind chill, the students will remain indoors for recess and lunch.
- Morning entry
 - On a “Blue Dot Day” there will be no line ups outside, and students can enter at 7:55 from any doors

- There will be a blue circle posted on each door when there are “Blue Dot Days”

Air Quality

- If the Air Quality Index is greater than 7, students will be allowed to enter at 7:55 in the morning and through any door.
- As with “Blue Dot Days” Air Quality Index is greater than 7, students will remain indoors for both recess and lunch.

On all CBE school websites there is the weather information at the bottom. This information comes from Environment Canada and that is the source that will be used to determine weather conditions.

If it is -20 or greater with the windchill, there will not be patrollers outside but rather they will help in the hallways and doors to help remind kids to take off shoes and head to their classrooms.

To ensure that kids are not left outside and have made their way to the doors, teachers will go out periodically to make sure that the kids have come in.

If there is ever extreme rain, the kids will also be brought in right away as well.

Kindergarten Update from: Cheryl Grunsell - *Learning leader for Music, Residencies, Special Event and Kindergarten*

- Learning a letter a week
- Repeating rhyming words
- Listening for initial sounds in words
- Painted poppies for creative expression

Grade One and Two Update from: Marie Mitchell - *Learning Leader Grade Two*

Grade One

- Adopted a tree and are going to visit the tree
 - Observe changes in trees through seasons
 - Learning for scientific sketching

Grade Two

- Finishing unit about materials
- Learning patterns in math
- Learning about light and sound in science
- Starting unit on landforms for social studies

Grade Three Update from: Tanya Bedard - *Learning Leader Grade Three*

- Learning estimation skills in math
- Working on descriptive writing
- In reading, working on making connections
- Learning about Alberta Landforms
- Unit on matter for science

Grade Four, Grade Five, EES, Music and DLC Update from: Brandy O'Brien - *Learning Leader Grade Four and Five*

Grade Four

- Have been busy with preparation for Remembrance Day assembly
- Explored poetry
- Have created Remembrance Day art
- Working on more complex addition
- Learning French
- Unit on waste and environmental impacts
- Exploring on Province and wellness

Grade Five

- Focus on reading comprehension
- Working on organizing writing into paragraphs
- Discovering states of matter
- Learning about Civilizations and ancient Egypt
- Preparing for Festival of Crafts
- Looking forward to going to Camp River Edge - June 9-11
- Looking for a loan for 250 from council to get supplies for craft festival to put the money towards the busses for Camp River Edge

EES

- Learning math in amounts 9-10
- The students are loving flexible group times

Music

- Learning a new song for Remembrance Day
- Reviewing concepts that were introduced before job action
- Working on a repertoire of songs for assemblies

DLC

- Focus on lessons that begin with literacy connection
 - Includes a design component and reflection piece
- First Unit - Only One You by Linda Kranz
 - Students painted river rocks, which are on display
- New unit upcoming on “The Most Magnificent Thing”

Parent Council Updates

Staff Appreciation

- Council will arrange a potluck dinner for staff on conference evening/days - will plan to bring food for November 27th in the afternoon.
- This year we will ask for additional meals to help fill teachers freezers
- A reminder to we need take out containers as we had lots of items last year

Council assistance to PHS families and teachers

- As in the past council will provide gift cards for students and families in the school community that are struggling.
- We can also do this for our teacher community.
- If any teachers or students need assistance, please let council know
- We can link to the council facebook page and explore other ways to get the word out to support the teachers and families

School Spirit Events

School Dance

- New date January 29, 2026

Read-A-Thon

- Will confirm dates and announcement assembly
- This year, the funds will be going towards a new sound system and potentially a new monitor spending on the funds raised.
- Will be in the month of February
- Will announce at the assembly in January

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

- Will be going with vendor Indeygo
- Campaign to run November 17-28, 2025

- Scoop and Bake Cookie Dough and Pre-portioned Cookie Dough are suggested but Sonya can decide what is best when setting up the portal

School Spirit Wear

- Should we order Spirit Wear?
 - Table to next meeting

Buddy Bench Update

- PHS will look into the Buddy Bench and will share an update at the next meeting

New items/Business:

- To ensure smooth meetings, going forward, new items will be added to the agenda by way of motion'
- Casino
 - We are very short volunteers
 - Volunteers can do multiple shifts, but has to be the same position
- Motion to loan \$250.00 to Grade 5 students for supplies for Festival Of Crafts
 - Motion to add to society agenda passed

Motions

1. Add loaning 250.00 to Society Agenda

First: Aaron , **Second:** Chantel, **All:** In favour - **Motion Passes**

Meeting adjourns at: 7:40 pm

Next meeting January 15th, 2026 6pm hybrid Meeting

Parissa Mohamed, Co-Chair

Christine Hansplant, Co-Chair

Chrissy Parkinson, Administrator

Scott Jeffrey, Principal