

Panorama Hills School Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM.

Agenda – New Business

- A possible change to the date for Parent-Teacher Interviews was noted, which may require other agenda items to shift accordingly.

Land Acknowledgement

- Mr. Tang read the Land Acknowledgement.

Administration Report

- Presented by Mr. Jeffrey, Ms. Law, Ms. Bedard, Mr. Tang, and Ms. Mitchell.

Staffing Updates

Two new staff members joined the school:

- Ms. Issac, Grade 2, replacing Ms. Van Thiel
- Ms. Doucet, Grade 4, replacing another Grade 4 teacher

New Boundaries and Designations

- The Country Hills community will now attend Panorama Hills School.
- Families who wish to remain with PHS may do so; an email was sent to inform them.
- Any questions regarding siblings attending when one child has already begun at PHS, or general questions, should be directed to Mr. Scott.

Traffic and Entry

- Colder weather has resulted in improved punctuality.
- Foot traffic has increased, with more families walking students to school.
- Double parking remains an ongoing concern.
- Mr. Tang has been supervising the hug-and-go zone on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and traffic flow has improved those days.
- The school will continue to review entry procedures, particularly due to the addition of buses and students from expanded boundaries.
- Entry procedures will be re-evaluated next year in anticipation of additional students from Country Hills.
- Bus operations appear to be under control.

Report Cards

- Report cards will be available online on February 24, 2026.
- Families are encouraged to print report cards, as access is shut off at the end of July each year by CBE.
- Flying Squirrel will offer a pass to students who bring in a report card.
- The YMCA offers a free pass for Grade 6 students with a printed report card.

Registration

- Registration is open.
- There has been an increase in parents exploring specialized programs.

Student-Led Conferences

- The scheduled date falls on Eid.
- A possible switch with Parent Council Night was discussed to accommodate families.
 - o More information to come.

Blue Dot Days

- Blue Dot Days are going well.

- Teachers are opening doors for students, and blue dots on classroom doors help identify Blue Dot Days.

Provincial Assessments

- Kindergarten and Grades 1–3 students will begin provincial assessments in numeracy and literacy.
- Data will be compared with September results to determine which students may require additional supports.

Surveys

- A CBE survey will be administered in February for Grade 5 students.
- The Spring Alberta Assurance Survey will also take place. Last year it was completed by Grade 4 students.
- The school hopes to increase parent participation and will communicate early to invite families to provide feedback.

Classroom Highlights

Kindergarten (update by Ms. Bedard) is working on:

- Letter C, vowel and consonant work, science, ABC patterns, and gymnastics.

Grade 1:

- Adding and subtracting to and from 10, skip counting, sharing circles, Indigenous learning, animals in winter and hibernation, community building with Mr. Tang, and 3D models.

Grade 2:

- Reading and writing using The Wild Robot, problem-solving, measurement using non-standard units, light and sound, earth systems, landforms, regions and resources, wellness, money, and Indigenous learning.

Grade 3

- Addition and division with subtraction, writing strong paragraphs, reading and summarizing, Indigenous communities in Alberta, energy and simple machines, and sharing circles focused on listening and community.

Grade 4:

- The ski trip was a great success with excellent weather and provided a wonderful opportunity for students.

Grade 5:

- Divisibility rules, energy unit focusing on forces and flight, Ancient Egypt, and the Festival of Crafts. The festival raised \$1,500 to help reduce costs, with significant support from Grade 4 students.

EES:

- Enjoying flexible groups focused on life and math

Music and Physical Education

- Music activities included The Nutcracker, opera appreciation for older and younger students, EES, and flexible groupings for literacy and math.
- Gymnastics focused on confidence, control, and safety, with stations emphasizing safe landings, balance, movement, and control.
 - o Thanks were extended to Before and After Care for assisting with moving equipment.

Discovery Learning Centre (DLC)

- The Writing on the Wall initiative focuses on failing forward, resiliency, and empathy. Each grade has contributed, supporting wellness and the school development plan (CASTLE: self-awareness, persistence, productive struggle). Feedback has been very positive from parents, teachers, and students.

Three Left Feet:

- A lot of positive feedback regarding Three Left Feet from parents, teachers and students
- Built confidence and encouraged movement

Trickster Theatre

- Trickster Theatre will take place in April as a one-week residency involving all classes.
- There will be two evening performances on a Thursday.
- Performances are theme-based and aligned with curriculum.
- Although a grant application was unsuccessful, Trickster waived half the fee.
- Volunteers will be required; more information will follow.

Community Activity Day (CAD)

- Session 3 begins tomorrow.
- Volunteers are needed. CAD shirts are used for field trips.
- No decision has been made regarding spirit wear, and CAD shirts will need to be ordered soon.

Staff Appreciation

- Thanks were extended to all who contributed to the November potluck.
- A potluck is planned for March conferences, with the date to be adjusted if necessary.
- A Sweet Treat Day is planned for May or June.

School Spirit Events

School Dance

- The school dance will take place on January 29.
- Volunteers are needed for ticket sales and the event night. Tickets are \$3.00 cash only and are required for all attendees, including adults.
- Children must attend with an adult.
- A DJ has been booked, and concessions will be available.

Read-A-Thon

- The Read-A-Thon will run from February 1–28, with an assembly on January 23. Students will set reading goals, and all participants will be entered into draws for prizes.
- Christine has PDF letter for prize collection for businesses
- We will have pizza parties, Kiran will ask Healthy Hunger vendors
- This is the 10th year of the event.
- Volunteers are needed to assemble Read-A-Thon packages, and funds were requested for improved audio/visual equipment.

Grade 5 Grad Celebration

- Kiran will coordinate the Grade 5 graduation celebration.
- Cups will be used again this year.

Sports Day

- Sports Day is tentatively scheduled for June 19, 2026 (no alternate date).
- Parent volunteers will be needed, and freezies will be provided for all students.

Upcoming Events

- Movie Night (K–Grade 2): February 26
- Potluck: March 19
- Movie Night (Grades 3–5): April 23
- AGM: May 21 (new Treasurer needed)

Alberta Education Grant Funds

- Alberta Education Grand Funds - We still have money left over from last year, and a new card for this year. Need to explore ways to spend these funds. Will potentially discuss new signs and cards.

Kindergarten Orientation

- Kindergarten Orientation will take place on June 4 from 6:00–7:00 PM.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM (Hybrid). The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.