

# Copperhaven School Council Meeting Minutes

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DATE: Jan 21 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Copperhaven School Library

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## Executive Members in Attendance

Sheila Monteith, Chair

Amy Campbell, Vice Chair

Kim Ross, Secretary

Pam Clendinning, Liaison to TBRA

## Guests in Attendance

Allison Acorn

Katelyn Narain

Paula Kubica-Grant

Chantelle Robertson

## Members in Attendance

Ms Visscher, Principal

Anne Montgomery, Trustee

Nesreen MacDonald

Carrie Savage

Ms Evans

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## Meeting Details

Time	Item	Owner
6:31	Welcome and Introductions	Sheila
6:32	Review of Agenda and Approval of previous minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Motion by Pam to approve November meeting minutes</li></ul>	Sheila
6:35	Trustee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ See submitted report</li><li>○ Highlights from December meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Importance of supports for student mental well being</li><li>● School calendar released</li><li>● Board change in bylaws re: criminal record check for trustee positions on school board – requires 3 readings to pass<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Motion to amend bylaw – defeated at first reading</li><li>▪ No vulnerable sector included in required check</li></ul></li><li>● New high school and Horizon Stage – Government anticipates two years to build in new location</li><li>● Transportation- Gail Lewis is new director</li><li>● Changed KM rating for bussing for K-6 kids – 1.6 km for guaranteed bussing – will be implemented for 2026-2027 school year (buffer year to implement)</li><li>● Election year –nominations are open for trustee positions (3 positions for Spruce Grove)</li></ul></li></ul>	Anne
6:41	Principals Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Jan 31 is the release date for report cards – PowerSchool is currently inaccessible as teachers update report card comments</li><li>○ Parent Teacher interviews coming up in March – plan to continue with both virtual and in-person options for families</li></ul>	Michelle

- Administrative procedure 202 (on school website) – instruction, assessment, evaluation and reporting
    - Teachers to report on instructional level – this is important in cases of modified programming
    - Communicate to parents where child is achieving in terms of goals
      - Differentiated at the right level for each student – indicators to speak to instructional level vs grade of enrollment (ie. working on Grade 5 outcomes but being evaluated at Grade 9 level)
  - Winter concerts – feedback
    - Positive feedback from council members/parents
    - Suggestions to consider including songs for other holidays to be more diverse and culturally representative
  - Dress code – cross body bags and backpacks
    - Need to stay in lockers for safety reasons (ie. not safe running around in gym)
    - Parents expressing safety concerns about phones being in lockers
  - Sports
    - Basketball - Senior and junior girls have combined (not enough students to play on each team)
    - Ski club - first trip to Rabbit Hill was successful
      - Positive feedback from parents that it was very well run and well organized
  - Gym access at lunch – rotating schedule for Grades 6-9 to access the gym
  - Arts
    - Spring concert in May (date to be announced)
  - Grade 10 coordinators were in to speak with grade 9 students in November
    - This was earlier this year in comparison to previous years with hopes of helping to motivate and excite students for high school
    - Compliments to grade 9 students for asking really thoughtful and engaging questions
  - Fish in Schools – everything in place and ready for next steps
  - Daily school announcements - plan to put on website in the future so parents can view the daily school announcements also
  - Satisfaction survey from AB Education will be coming in mail
    - Addresses overall satisfaction of education in the province
  - Mathematical fluency
    - This is a focus within the school in approaching math problems in different ways
    - Provides students with exposure to different strategies to solve problems
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#### 7:10 Communications

- Tech series – over 3-4 weeks last year
  - Concerns re electronics and media
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#### 7:11 TBRA Fundraising Update

- Spring Fling Dance scheduled for March 27th
- Pizza 73 day – date to be confirmed
- FinS – Kal Tire generously donated to cover the cost of this

Pam

- Holiday gift shop was successful again this year – reminder that this event is mostly fun for students and not a big “money maker” event
  - Made approx \$1400 this year
  - Cost of items in general has increased
  - There were lots of volunteers to help facilitate the event
  - Feedback that some of the items were quite “picked over” towards the end limiting what students had to choose from
  - Suggestion for next year to schedule the junior high students in specific timeslots
- Staff appreciation – keep tab available for donations
- Casino – no updates
- Spell-a-thon vs read-a-thon vs learn-a-thon
  - To be addressed at future meetings – no other updates currently

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7:21 Playground Update

Sheila

- Phase 1 was “Zoom Twist” and “Gaga Pit” as well as planting trees
- Phase 2
  - 3 priority areas:
    1. Soccer goals posts
      - Portable, folding, or permanent
    2. More trees
      - 5 more trees
      - Shade a priority in the field
      - Tree grant – Can we apply and pursue this year?
    3. Playground (Goal of summer of 2027 if grant funding can be secured)
      - Multiple structures
      - Accessibility hut – designed for adaptive equipment
      - \$260 000 quote – wood fibre and borders is a large portion of that cost
  - Barriers to this moving forward:
    - Funding - Discussion to appeal to the school community for someone to apply for grants
    - Need school division approval to proceed
    - Facilities and upkeep to be considered
    - City plans for the field in the future as the city owns a portion of this land

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7:35 Staff Appreciation and Special Events

Katelyn/Paula

- Staff Appreciation:
  - Positive feedback for cookie boxes in December
  - Next date is Jan 22 for EAs
  - Feb – TBD
  - March – PT interviews day
- Special Events:
  - Grade 9 farewell - this is generally what has been done in years past. Some parents wanting more to Grade 9 farewell
    - Breakfast at school
    - Final field trip – ie. Galaxyland or WEM Waterpark

- Send off at the end of the day
- Kindergarten graduation – parents have been asking for this also in previous years
- Kindergarten Open House
  - Feb 12<sup>th</sup>: Kinder open house (6-7pm)
  - Scavenger hunt as a means to explore the school
  - Council priorities – increasing council and TBRA presence at events
    - Council to be included in this – included as a “stop” in the scavenger hunt

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7:44 COSC – no update – deferred to next meeting Sheila

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7:45 RAZ Kids - funds needed for subscription

- Alternative to at home reading program
- Discussed today – waiting for final numbers from Michelle
- Motion by Amy that Council makes a request to TBRA for funding for RAZ kids once numbers are final
  - Council voted in favour of same

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7:49 Council Priorities – Deferred Sheila

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7:52 Meeting Adjourned Sheila

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**Next Meeting: February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in Copperhaven School Library**