

# Edmonton Classical Academy Eastgate School Council

## Agenda - Minutes

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Date: Sept 18/2025 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Role	Name	Attendance
Chair	Kelsa Unruh	present
Vice Chair	Michelle Lindberg	present
Secretary	Sally Berg	present
Treasurer	Shayne Stoik	present
Director at Large	Sami Trabelsi	present
Principal	Mr. Robert Piotrkowski	present
Faculty Representative	Mrs. Tabitha Weibe	present

### Committee Chairs

Festivals	Maria Laura Giordani, Anya Yahnishchak	Anya - present
Playground	Sami Trabelsi	present
Communications	Anya Yahnishchak	present
Playpod Committee	Kelsa Unruh	present
Library Committee	Rhamona Barber	present
Events Committee	Meagan Jakubec	present
Teacher and School Support	Faith Bodnarek/Colyssa Stoik	regrets
School Concerts Committee	Oksana Shyshyna	present

### General Attendance

Kerstin F.  
 Ade O-A.  
 Dani O.  
 Fola O.  
 Ronke O.  
 Jennifer G.  
 Maribel P.  
 Coach Westin

### Current Meeting Agenda, Minutes/Notes and Action Items

Today's Agenda	Minutes (Notes)	Action Items
<b>Introduction (Chair)</b> a. Welcome b. Adoption of agenda (call for additions) c. Approval of previous minutes: <span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">W 2025-06-19 School C...</span>	a. meeting call to order at <u>6:05</u> b. Approval of agenda i. moved by: Oksana ii. seconded by: Ade c. Approval of previous minutes i. moved by: Michelle ii. seconded by: Anya	
<b>Chair's Report</b>	Introduction of Executive/Committee Chairs	

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	<p>Welcome New Principal</p> <p>Hosted Welcome Back Reception for Staff</p> <p>Skip the Depot set up to collect school recyclables every 3 weeks.</p>	
<b>Principal's Corner</b>	<p>The inheritance</p> <p>The transition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion re new policies including volunteers and entry into the school in the morning</li> </ul> <p>The path forward</p>	
<b>Playground Committee Report</b>	<p>General background on project discussed</p>	
<b>Library Committee Report</b>	<p>An update from Mrs. Schauer</p> <p>I'm really focusing on cataloguing and processing so we can do a grand opening sooner than later.</p> <p>Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents that want to get involved please reach out</li> <li>- Future planning to occur after library is ready to open</li> </ul>	
<b>Playpod Committee</b>	<p>The PlayPod had to be relocated, and we're very grateful to volunteers Rhamona, Meagan, and Pam for their tremendous help in emptying it, moving everything back in, and assisting with organizing and cleaning.</p> <p>We're still looking to add more items for the students — such as electronics, balls, rackets, foam bats, and baseball gloves.</p> <p>Staff Feedback: Do staff have any suggestions or requests for additional items that would be most useful for students?</p>	<p>Advertise for playpod items on Telegram chat</p>
<b>Events Committee</b>	<p>Potluck:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-46 families (188 people) have RSVP'ed</li> <li>-Students running a bake sale and bottle drive for Terry Fox Foundation</li> </ul>	

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	<p>-Uniform sale</p> <p>-Have a few volunteers to help day of, could use a few more hands</p> <p>-Have a small list of supplies to be purchased-table clothes, more paper plates, knives, coffee creamer and ice</p> <p> Mother/Son Kickball</p> <p>-Happening Oct 4th from 1-3pm</p> <p>Messaging has been sent out, flyers to be sent out on the 22nd</p> <p>-Discussed providing some refreshments for participants</p> <p>-\$5/ticket</p>	
<b>Teacher and School Support Committee Report</b>	<p>Apologies for being absent!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- committee has conducted a short staff survey of teacher "preferences", which will be shared with parents prior to world teacher day on October 5th</li> <li>- Committee is planning small gesture of thanks for staff leading up to world teacher day</li> </ul>	
<b>Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Updating the website to serve as a central hub for events and key information. In the meantime, we'd like to include a link to a Council Updates document in the Principal's Newsletter.</li> <li>- Increasing School Council presence at school events to engage more parents and encourage involvement with initiatives such as the gala, fundraising, and other activities</li> <li>- Telegram - how can we encourage parents to use their real/full names?</li> </ul>	Take telegram link off the website

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<b>Festivals Committee Report</b>	<p><b>Theme &amp; Purpose:</b> <i>Pinocchio</i> night focused on virtues—honesty, courage, responsibility—delivered through play &amp; story. Aim: family engagement + light fundraising (book sale pending stock; bake sale with allergy-aware labels).</p> <p><b>When &amp; Where:</b> Tentative <b>Fri, Jan 31</b> in the <b>gym</b> with a few other defined rooms/zones.</p> <p><b>Anchor Entertainment (TBD):</b> Options include <b>Joe Show / Puppet Show / Magician or bouncy castles</b> (possibly 2 by age).</p> <p><b>Stations &amp; Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Crafts (virtues-themed):</b> badges, bookmarks, puppet masks. Supplies listed; lead/helpers TBD.</li> <li>• <b>Escape/Scavenger Hunt:</b> moral-choice clues with locks/boxes/maps/prizes. Lead TBD.</li> <li>• <b>Reading Corner:</b> classic <i>Pinocchio</i>; rugs/cushions/displays. Lead TBD.</li> <li>• <b>Games Zone:</b> fish game, ping-pong, foosball, play-area games.</li> <li>• <b>Book Sale:</b> Anya to confirm inventory/approvals with Mrs. Schauer (stock uncertain as of Sept 17).</li> <li>• <b>Bake Sale:</b> led by <b>SIWAR</b>; table/display/price tags + allergy labels.</li> </ul>	Confirm date & space plan; pick/book anchor entertainment or castles; confirm book inventory; assign leads/helpers; finalize supplies, signage, and clean-up.
<b>Concert Committee Report</b>	<p>2 concerts per year for each class</p> <p>This year, planning to have the concerts in the gym and split into two groups.</p> <p>Need volunteers for concerts</p>	Oksana will arrange a meeting with Mr. P regarding this committee and ideas moving forward

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prepare flyers</li> <li>- Check people in at the door</li> </ul> <p>Ideas to expand to performance/debate type experiences</p>	
<b>Faculty Corner</b>	<p>Thank you for the reception at the beginning of the year - very appreciated</p> <p>Classes are off to an excellent start</p>	
<b>New Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AGM - October 16/2025 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nomination process for School Council for 2025-2026/2026-2027 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Nominations open Sept 18 and close Oct 9 (one week before AGM).</li> <li>-Nomination Committee will review submissions prior to the AGM.</li> <li>-Elections for Executive positions will be held at the AGM on Oct 16.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Appointing Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Meagan, Rhamona, and Oksana have volunteered.</li> <li>ii. Michelle made a motion that Meagan, Rhamona, and Oksana be appointed. Sami seconded. Motion carries unanimously.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Movie Night - we have parents willing to coordinate. Need an ok from the school. Approved by Mr. Piotrkowski. General discussion regarding some issues from 2 years ago including behavioral challenges, mess from juice/popcorn, kids not being picked up on time.</li> </ol>	<p>Kelsa will contact the parents interested in running the movie night.</p> <p>Committee will consider how to balance the event with some of the concerns raised.</p>

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	3. Vending Machine - general discussion. Not felt to be required or in line with philosophy of school.	
	AGM Thursday Oct 16/2025 @ 6 pm	
<b>Meeting Adjournment</b>	Meeting Adjourned at <u>7:05</u>	