

**MINUTES OF THE EARL GREY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, April 20th, 2026, AT 6:30 P.M. (MOUNTAIN TIME)
HELD VIRTUALLY**

Member Attendees: Kaylen Christiansen, Sandi Metz

Director Attendees:

- Secretary: Kelsey Gallagher
- Treasurer: Ken Little
- Casino Coordinator: Britt Obuck
- Fundraising Coordinator: Laura Hubbard
- Vice Chair: Lindsey Huston
- Volunteer Coordinator: Audra Zannis

Virtual Attendees:

- Sarah Heagy
- Fun Lunch Coordinator: Kale Badura

In person Guest Attendees:

- Shauna Baycroft

Apologies:

- Chair: Lynn Krasey
- Key Communications: Rihanna Vanin
- Playground Coordinator: Katie Plintz

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1. Call to order: 6:35pm by Lindsey Huston

2. Acknowledgement of the Land: Kaylen Christiansen

3. Review & Approve March Meeting Minutes:

- Approved March 2026 meeting minutes.

4. Principal Update: Kaylen Christiansen

- Science fair started today. The students have done a wonderful job.
- The school has got its tech carts and the Chrome books. Everything is working really well. Thank you to council from the principal and vice principal.
- Spring concert:
 - The theme of the concert is “Music makes school brighter”.
 - We need about 4 parents to help with set up. Ms. Cotton has a list of things that she needs. Kelsey will be the point person for this.

- Council will put QR codes for casino night on the back of the concert program.

5. Culture Day (April 30th):

- Will do a Science Fair format for this where kids can make a display of their culture and parents, teachers and students can come by and visit. Some teachers will do a display as well. This will take place about 1.5 hours before the assembly.
- The student leadership has had great ownership over the assembly. Many different cultures will be presented at the assembly.
- Cultural food will be given out within the classrooms to help manage food allergies.
- Anything required of parents? No

6. Meeting adjourned 6:51 pm

EARL GREY SCHOOL PARENT SOCIETY MEETING

7. Call to Order: Ken Beatty at 6:51 pm

8. Review Action Items:

- None

9. Casino Update:

- When: June 2nd & 3rd
- Why do we do it?
 - It provides school council with ~\$70-90k every 2 years. This is our main way of generating funds to be used for the school.
- We need many more people to volunteer for this. June 3rd is not well filled at night. The day shift is also needing to be filled.
- Ways to promote Casino:
 - Post flyers around the school.
 - Have a draw prize for volunteers. Lynn has started an excel spreadsheet to track which class is winning.
 - Advertise at Culture Day and Spring concert. Lindsey will be a speaker & will draft a speech. Britt & Ken will promote signing up at the concerts.
 - Principal will put it at the top of the newsletter.
 - Teachers will have students put it in their journal
- Car-pooling of volunteers &/or do we support reimbursing cab receipts for volunteers?
 - Security will escort volunteers to their car if they want.
 - Do we help by providing cabs?
 - Decision: Not yet made

10. Cushion/bags for outdoor learning:

- Council considering purchasing cushions/bags for students to put their notebooks in and use as seats for outdoor learning/field trips. If we added this to the 2026/27 wish list, we would need approximately 60 of them and they would cost ~\$3/cushion bag so roughly \$200.
- Prior to adding these items to the wish list we need to check to see if we have stools already and if so, how many.
- Plan: Look for stools and bring them to the next council meeting.

11. Staff appreciation:

- We will be handing out teacher swag in May, any volunteers to help with this?
- Teacher appreciation is May 7th, do we know if parents are allowed to volunteer to cover teachers lunch/recess supervision as a thank you? Answer: No because of privacy purposes.
- Earl Grey swag for the teachers to arrive before May 7th. Principal will let council know when they are in and then we can organize how to distribute to teachers. One possibility is that fun lunch volunteers help to distribute on May 14th.

12. May meeting is Annual General Meeting (AGM) where we vote in 2026-2027 Board:

- The wish list and budgets need to be prepared ahead of our AGM so that they can be shared at this meeting. Ken will update what we spent this year and talk about the budget for next year in May and then we should approve this in June. Lynn is leading the wish list and Ken is leading the spend to date. Lynn to get wish list to Ken at the beginning of May.
- Council should ask teachers what their wish list items are so that we can ask questions and review for June. Ex. Agendas etc.
- Residencies:
 - The Education Matters grant was applied for to fund a dance residency as per Sandi & Kaylen. ILLFX Education came back to them. If the school books 14-days versus 10-days then they will give us a discounted rate. This will cost just shy of \$5,000 and the school asked for \$5,000 from the grant. Sandi & Kaylen are not sure when they will hear back from the grant but think it will likely be similar timing to the Animation Residency. To get this residency it must be booked for 2026. The school is thinking of doing this October 13th-27th 2026. If we don't get the grant then the residency can be canceled if council cannot help to fund it.
 - Calgary Flames Foundation is booked for Sept 21st-24th for Flag Football.
- If anybody wants to change their council/society roles let Lynn know ahead of time. The Principal will send out an e-mail to recruit interested parents.

13. Grade 6 Grad: Shauna Baycroft

- 44 students and 88 parents.

- Everything will be onsite. There is no venue being rented.
- Will be held the 2nd last day of school June 25th
- Ceremony budget (decorations & snacks with kids= \$370) and after party budget (décor, pizza =\$665 ~\$15pp). Colours: black, gold & blue.
- We have inventory at the school that should be reviewed before purchasing items
Ex. Disco ball in costume area, and many props in the school's basement storage.
- This year's yearbooks and Grade 6 grad is estimated to cost ~\$1,000.
- The students will go to Activate again this year, but students are being charged like a field trip.
- Of note:
 - In the past individual families have stepped up to pay for the yearbooks. This has not been the case the past 2 years.
 - Last year's yearbooks cost \$850. The total budget was ~\$2,500. Things that helped to offset this cost were 2 donations and the Purdy's fundraiser.
- The cost of yearbooks is unknown, but it is likely \geq \$500. Shauna can look at possibly giving this as a donation to the Grade 6 students. Shauna will also ask other parents for donations.
- Action:
 - For the funding request send the spreadsheet to Ken. Council will grant a budget of \$1,000. If the cost is \$100-200 over that is ok.
 - Please send expenses in one e-mail to EGtreasurer@gmail.com and Ken will take care of it.
 - Expenses need to be completed by June 15th.

14. **Meeting Adjourned– 7:32pm**

Signed By: *LKrasey*
Lynn Krasey - Chair

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Kelsey Gallagher – Secretary