

Lord Beaverbrook High School - School Council
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 6:30pm
Meeting held In Person and Online via Microsoft Teams

1. Call To Order at 6:30pm

2. Welcome and Introductions

- All parents/guardians of LBHS students are voting members of the Lord Beaverbrook School Council. This is a forum for discussion and decisions pertaining to the school.
- In person: David S (principal), Krishani S (AP), Andrea S (chair), Jen S (secretary), Kim B (volunteer/fundraising), David J (vice chair), Krista K, Samantha K, Jean-Calvin M, Jack L, Kathleen K, Cassidy S, Amanda F-D, Laura B
- Online: Samira, Rita M, Oyeyemi A, Thien T, Viviane E, Rodelyn, Marilou P, Sam, Rania, Carolyn P, Nadera N, Jill M, B E, Sadaf, Tamara M, Helene L, Paola, Kapusi S, Yuri, Rachel D, Paola, Ashley, Kelly W, Jill, Beng R, Jamie, Nicole M, Nidhika U, Kerri, Karen C, Todi S, Winnielyn, Anzhelika, Aguer, Michelle L, 鸿明 孙

3. Review of Agenda

- Motion to accept the agenda made by Shawna A, seconded by Kim B, carried

4. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- Discussion regarding election of vice chair at this meeting; also discussed in May
- Motion to accept the minutes made by Shawna A, seconded by Amanda F-D, carried

5. Principal's Report (David Sparrow)

- Introduction of Krishani Starnes, new assistant principal. Formerly a math teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal at Central Memorial and a system AP (ELL)
- Current school population – 2,203 students, 97 teachers, 28 support staff
- Back to school went well – assemblies on the first day for all grades – expectations, clubs, extracurriculars
- Fall sports are underway – cross-country, football, soccer, volleyball
- Trips – Research station in the Yukon in September, Bamfield, winter outdoor education, Spain, sailing coming up; possibility of Nova Scotia next year
- More support for incoming grade 10s, support for grade 12s around graduation planning, post-secondary, etc.
- Indigenous Student Success Coach – Nan Blackwell in the Indigenous Learning Lodge, students are already connecting with her
- Teachers and learning leaders to attend council meetings to share what's going on in the school and needs of various departments

6. Other Reports

- Chair (Andrea Shaw)
 - School Council plan for the year

- Increase parent engagement, build stronger parent networks, collaborate with feeder schools, NEW Instagram account @LBHS.parentcouncil
 - Support student well-being through CBE presentations, October speaker Carolyn Buzanko on Understanding Teen Mental Health
 - Increase awareness in school fundraising
- 2026-2027 Council Meeting Dates:
 - October 20, 2026; November 17, 2026; January 19, 2027; February 16, 2027; March 16, 2027; April 20, 2027; May 18, 2027 AGM
- Key Communicator (vacant)
 - COSC update from June 10, 2026 (<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/cosc-meetings>)
 - There are 143,437 students in the CBE; hiring 500 more teachers, 200 more support staff; noted 74 cents of each dollar goes to schools and each school's budget primarily spent on staffing
 - 95% utilization systemwide (target is 85%); 25 projects underway – mostly modular; 252 schools in system once Evanston Heights opens
 - Transportation fees have risen
- Volunteer Coordinator (Kim Barr)
 - May donation drive update-bottle drive more successful
 - Vertical Raise has generated \$21,000 for football; sales of school merchandise about \$600
 - Fundraising plans for the 2026-2027 school year
 - Little Caesars (schoolwide) - \$6/frozen pizza sold; online ordering, student leadership involved to organize orders
 - Christmas bottle drive – early November, tickets to win gift baskets
 - Santa Mystery Stockings with small prizes/treats/etc. – small fee for a stocking
 - Fill Your Freezer – February/March – 20% of sales come back to school
 - Question about Hutterite chickens (band fundraiser); GoFundMe mentioned as a fundraising option; cheque writing fundraising drive also mentioned
- Music Parents Rep (Vacant)
 - The Lord Beaverbrook Music Parents Association is a registered Canadian charity whose mandate is to support the music program at Lord Beaverbrook High School. We are governed by the CRA, AGLC, Alberta and Canadian laws, and our own bylaws. Funds we raise go toward program essentials like instruments, sheet music, specialized instruction, busing and event registration fees.

We are currently running a fundraising campaign selling Hutterite chickens. We will also be selling poinsettias and Purdy's chocolates in late November for December delivery. Additional fundraising sales occur throughout the year. Please see the school website for more information.

The music ensembles (Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Junior and Senior Jazz

Bands, and Choir) are preparing for their first performances at the Vic Lewis Music Festival in early November, followed by the Remembrance Day school assembly. There will be a Jazz & Dessert event on the evening of November 17 - a collaboration with the school's Culinary department. The program's Christmas concert is scheduled at the school on December 3. Everyone is welcome to attend any public performance.

- Grade 12 Parent Rep (Shawna Anderson)
 - Comment that can be hard to find an available washroom as many are locked for safety; increased supervision and managing traffic flow has made the washrooms safer
- Grade 11 Parent Rep (Brenda McKenney)
- Secretary (Jen Smart)
 - Please send your email to LBHSSCsecretary@gmail.com if you want to be added to our mailing list

7. Old Business

- None

8. New Business

- Grade 10 parent evening to be held on September 24 at 6:30pm; trifold in foyer with QR code and school council representatives
- Discussion about approving fundraising on a case-by-case or overall basis
 - Motion to approve fundraising plan as laid out by Kim in September meeting, with changes to be discussed as they arise, made by Amanda F-D, seconded by Sam K, carried.

9. Elections

- Nominations for the remainder board positions not elected at May AGM were put forward. No community rep came forward but the following were elected via acclamation:
 - Vice-Chair (David Jones)
 - Key Communicator (Sam Kugelmass)
 - Treasurer (Kass Storm)
 - Grade 10 Parent Representative (Krista Kotic)
- Suggestion to consider moving fall elections to October to allow for more discussion and better opportunities for new parents to stand for nomination.

10. Next Meeting of LBHS School Council

- Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons
 - Dr. Caroline Buzanko: Help parents and guardians recognize the signs of mental health and how to access the supports and strategies to help our teens thrive.

11. Adjourn – motion to adjourn made at 7:42pm