



Glenbow School Council Meeting

MINUTES

6:30 pm, May 14, 2025 – Location: Glenbow Learning Commons

Attendees:

Melinda Pollard, Jessica Sartison, Michaela Dyck, Elva Fisher, Emma Giesbrecht, Fiona Gilbert, Amber Leroux, Annette Lemke, Jaydon Ferguson

1. Call to order – 6:32 pm
2. Welcome and Introductions – Done by all
3. Approval of Agenda – Approved by Amelia; seconded by Melinda
4. Minutes from Previous Meeting – April 9th, 2025
 - a) Review - No concerns
 - b) Approval – Jessica approved; Jaydon seconded
5. Rocky View School Division updates – Fiona Gilbert
6. Glenbow Updates from Administration
 - Budget from the province will be released May 22
 - Anticipating 2% increase overall for funding; however, this is more of a status quo funding and will not support additional programs
 - School and transportation fees being discussed
 - Transportation increased by 40% (\$395 per child),
 - The cost is to fill the gap from provincial cuts, allows parents to do a 'pay by use' structure vs. socializing it to everyone
 - Kindergarten has a half rate
 - Early bird rates are to encourage parents to enroll early so they can get accurate numbers by August 30
 - They don't have to provide bussing to French Immersion students, but they do, so the bussing is considered a 'bonus'
 - Discussions around lunch times and 20-minute recesses
 - 4-Year Education Plan – in year 3: literacy, numeracy, wellness remain priorities – numeracy taking #1 importance, allowing more supports in that area
 - Updating practices around how government governs education
 - Bills impacting education:

- Bill 51 – trustees can now be terminated, school property can be leased back
- Bill 21 – changes to teacher discipline processes
- Curriculum updates, sex ed opt-outs (expected Sept)

ATA Strike Updates

- If the ATA chooses to strike after the 14 day quiet period which ends May 20th, they have up to 120 days to strike or the government can choose to lockout

7. Current Business Items to be discussed
 - a. ASCE Grant - used for parent presentation
 - b. AGM in June
 - c. Colour Run on last day of school
 - d. BBQ/Open House - August 29
8. Confirm Immediate Action Plan items
9. Round table – Any additional items that need to be addressed? – All
10. Motion to Adjourn – 7:52

Next Meeting: *School Council Meeting – AGM - Wednesday June 11, 6:30 pm @ Glenbow Learning Commons*

School Council Administration Update May 14th, 2025

School Updates

Field Trip Season

We are heading into this fun time of year! A reminder to please go on to School Cash to fill out permission forms and pay. If you would like to volunteer, you can indicate this on the permission form and please reach out to your child(ren)'s teachers too to let them know you would like to join them.

Kindergarten Open House on May 21st at 6:30pm

We have changed the format this year and are welcoming parents and their registered Kindergarten children. Ms. Baxter brought this idea forward and we are excited to meet our future families next week!

Mitford Transitions

May 23rd – Mitford Admin and Leadership Students visit Grade 4s and Glenbow to share welcome packages and talk about Mitford life.

May 26th - Mitford Open House for Glenbow Grade 4 students and families at 6:00-7:00pm. There is a presentation in the gym followed by a fun student activity and then a school tour.

June 2nd - Glenbow Grade 4s will visit Mitford during the morning for a presentation and a fun scavenger hunt around the school. We are also planning to have a Grade 4 and 5 picnic lunch again at Mitford Ponds following the visit.

Gardening

Our staff will be spending time increasing our knowledge around the gardens on our May PL Day this week. We are also having our annual Community Garden Clean-Up on May 21st at 3:30pm – thank you to FOG for your support with the BBQ that evening.

Upcoming Events

Construction Begins in the Area

With construction beginning in the area on Tuesday, May 20th, we have been in touch with both the Town of Cochrane and Standard General, the contractor for the project. They are coming to introduce themselves and chat about the project, including safety, with our students on May 15th. They also have a little activity booklet for each student at the school. We look forward to keeping in touch with them about the project and more ways to engage our students in the fall. We appreciate that the Town of Cochrane and Standard General are working hard to minimize construction impact on the school.

Brett Binder Walk and Run

This annual event begins June 9th with an assembly. Students and staff walk/run daily at 8:00am until Friday, June 20th. Our annual Fun Run is on June 25th, the last day of school. We hope to coordinate again this year with School Council.