



230 Coalbanks Blvd. West Lethbridge, Ab – T1J 4V4
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Coalbanks Elementary School Council

Minutes – September 24, 2025 In Commons Area

1) **Call to Order:** Ryan Westerson

2) **Land Acknowledgement:** Ryan Westerson

*Today we acknowledge our Treaty 7 friends,
Where the Blackfoot meet the Old Man ,
There are Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani peoples,
Who make up our home in these grassy lands,
Last, but not least, we acknowledge the Metis,
We are all treaty people here in the coulees*

3) **Review of Agenda:** Ryan Westerson

4) **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Ryan Westerson.

a. Motion to accept – Stephanie Landry

5) **School Admin Reports:** Joey Gentile

- i. New Cell Phone Procedure/Policy – Per the Lethbridge School Division, students are not permitted to have cell phones, smart watches, ear buds in the classroom. Teachers will not be keeping the devices in the classroom. If students bring electronic devices to school, it is not the school's responsibility if it goes missing. Devices need to be powered down and stored in the locker – again at parents risk.
- ii. Provincial Assessments for K-3 – will be completed and results shared with parents where applicable (i.e parent/teacher interviews)
- iii. Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 26th @ 9:00 am. Fundraising target is \$1500. Families are encouraged to join in for the Terry Fox Run. Since Coalbanks has opened, approximately \$12,000 has been donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.



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- iv. September 29th – Orange Shirt Day. Students do NOT need to purchase an orange shirt. However, they are encouraged to wear one if they have one.
- v. September 30th – Day in Lieu for Truth and Reconciliation
- vi. October 2nd – Indigenous Bingo hosted at Coalbanks. Schools host on a rotating basis. All Indigenous families are invited to attend.
- vii. October 13th – Thanksgiving weekend
- viii. October 21-24 – No kindergarten classes due to interviews and Professional Learning
- ix. October 21st – Kindergarten interviews from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Also, interviews for Kindergarten on October 22nd from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- x. October 22nd – No school for K-5 (Interviews from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm)
- xi. October 29th – Next School Council Meeting. All meeting dates are posted on the Coalbanks website for the year. Minutes from each meeting will be posted here as well.
- xii. October 30th – Pumpkin Carving Night. Motion by Kelly Vastenhout for School Council to donate up to \$500 to purchase supplies for pumpkin carving night. Request for 4 parent volunteers to help serve ice cream.
- xiii. October 31st – Halloween festivities in the morning from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. The school is considering a dance for students by there grade level throughout the morning. Classroom teachers will be notifying families of their classroom activities.

6) School Council Reports:

- i. Start up bank balance for 2025/2026 year – Alisha Garnett, Treasurer. \$10, 930 in account at present time.

7) Old Business

- i. AGM Date (Tabled until March Meeting)



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ii. District School Council Report

8) New Business

i. Hot Lunch-will be over 2 days, day 1 KB, KC, Grade 1 & Grade 2/3, day 2
KA & Grade 4/5

- October 28 & 29 (Subway), November 25 & 26 (Moxies), January
20 & 21 (Panago), March 24 & 25, April 28 & 29, May 26 & 27

9) Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, October 29th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

10) Adjournment 6:27pm



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Attendance:

Stephanie Landry, Mark Davids, Kelly Vastenhout

Coalbanks School Staff – Joey Gentile, Jim Kerr, Char Taylor, Mollie Wheeler, Natasha Tompkins

School Council Executive – Ryan Westerson, Kendra Yoshida, Melissa VanderHeide