


BPPC Minutes

Location: Virtual
Date: Nov. 20, 2025
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Facilitator: Charissa Hovdebo
BPPC President

Agenda Items

- 6:30 - 6:35 p.m. Call to Order - 6:32 pm
- Welcome
 - Approve the Agenda - Approved
 - Approve Meeting Minutes from May 29, 2025 - Approved
- 6:35 - 7:00 p.m. School Business
- Rishma Hajee, Principal - *Tara Berringer will do the school presentation on Rishma's behalf.*
- School Population Update - *The presentation will be linked to these minutes. Highlights will be noted here.*
 - *Enrollment for 2025-26 year: 629 students and 30 staff.*
 - *Wellness Goal for the school over 2 - 3 years: 60% of students have said they have an adult in the building that they connect with on a social level. The hope is that number goes up to 100% to encourage and improve the sense of belonging and feeling cared for.*
 - *Staff is trying to alleviate the need to "catch up" after the extended absence to reduce anxiety.*
 - *Staff gave thanks to all the parents for the support on the return to school day and ongoing support.*
 - Staff Professional Learning -
 - *School wide implementation of social development has been positive.*


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- *Fridays are double homeroom days, and if a student has an IPP, their homeroom teacher is their person to help with any additional support regarding their learning needs.*
 - *Homeroom is where they talk about any social events (truth and reconciliation etc.) and emotional wellbeing and how to understand, regulate and communicate their emotional needs.*
 - **Activities**
 - *Basketball is winding down*
 - *Volleyball is on deck*
 - *Gr. 8 Quebec trip is a go (waitlist)*
 - *Gr. 9 SEAS trip - final numbers next week*
 - *Band concert next month*

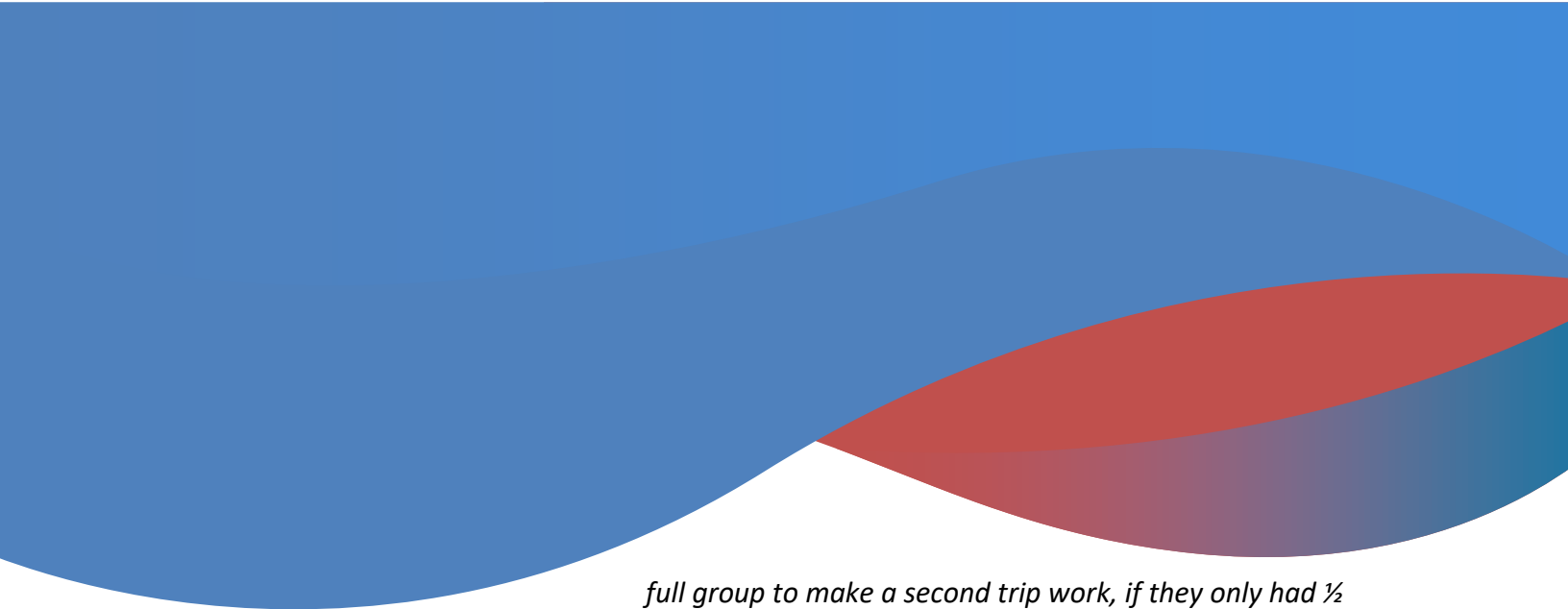
7:00 - 7:20 p.m.

School Council

Charissa Hovdebo, President

- **Introduction of BPPC Members**
 - *Charissa Hovdebo is President*
 - *This will be Charissa's last year as president as her child will be moving to high school next year. She will do the call out now so that a new parent can step up to be the president for next year (by May 2026) and moving forward.*
 - *Please contact Rishma or Charissa if anyone is interested in this position for next year.*
 - *Heather Moulton is the secretary*
 - *Pratycja Drainville is the vice president*

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- *Key communicator role is open and has been for a year.*
 - *Community of School Councils (COSC) Meeting Dates - Charissa provides the information for dates and information from these meetings at these BPPC meetings.*
 - *This year's meeting dates will be:*
 - *Jan. 21, 2026*
 - *Apr. 8, 2026*
 - *June 10, 2026*
 - *Someone from BPPC will attend these and pass on information to parents.*
 - *Key Communicator Position*
 - *Community of School Councils Meetings - CBE*
 - *Social Media*
 - *Please contact Rishma or Charissa if anyone is interested in this position*
 - *[How to Contact the BPPC—Link to Form](#)*
 - *This form is available through the school website.*
 - *BPPC will respond to parents within 24-48 hours of filling out the form to reach us.*
 - *Parent Questions*
 - *Question about the Quebec trip and the waitlist. 15-20 kids waitlisted seemed like a lot, and the parent would like to know if there's an option to help include these waitlisted kids? Rishma's response is that it really comes down to the amount of work and time that the staff have available to take the trip. They don't have enough staff to do two trips. It is completely voluntary. It is a very demanding trip for the staff members who attend. They would need another*



full group to make a second trip work, if they only had ½ the group (20 students) the cost would go up enormously. The max is set to 49 to make the trip cost effective and also because of the size of the bus during the trip.

- *Anything parents can do to support teachers?*
 - *Our heart is with the students. We love the six hours we're with them everyday. Morale is tough and a bit low right now. We love what we do.*
 - *Suggestion coming from a parent: parents contact your MLAs and the minister of education and describe your feelings and thoughts on the state of public education.*
- *What do the class sizes look like this year with 16 more students and no extra teachers?*
 - *Depending on the class, there can be groups of over 30 students. Bishop Pinkham also had an increase from 6% up to 22% of EAL students (English as an additional language) which makes teaching more complex.*

7:20 p.m.

Adjournment - 7:13 pm

Additional Information

Discussion was had about moving BPPC meetings to daytime, and/or hybrid (in-person and online) to try to achieve more parent involvement.

Rishma said there were other schools who moved their parent council meeting to during the day, which increased engagement significantly. Parent attendance for BPPC/BPPA is low. We will look into a hybrid option or a time change to see if it helps with parent engagement.