

BES Parent Council Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2026

Attendees: Christine Carlson, Amber Skogstad, Karli Zeldenrust, Angie Bachand, Judy Lefebvre, Stacey Mack, Lacey Bartholow, Nicole Braun

Amber called meeting to order at 5:32pm

Introductions done

Minutes read from January 21, 2026 meeting. Christine adopts her minutes as being read. Amber seconds

Principal's Report

Enrollments

- 4 more students are expected after spring break

Upcoming Events

- Spring Break March 30-April 3
- Easter Monday April 6
- Kindergarten Open House April 24th 12:30pm to 5:30. Hoping to catch more parents by having it later on in the day.
- May 13 and 14 Camp Warwa for Grade 6 Students

Digital Report Cards

- Digital report cards – good report with parents.
- Would go online by a certain time that day for parents to see on their PowerSchool Account

School Supplies

- Bulk purchase by the school. Fee would then be charged to parents
- Thinking \$60/65 parent portion

Survey Results

- Results of Student/Staff survey shared with Parent Council

Trustee Report

Transportation

- Updated transportation fees
- Fees for in town bussing will be \$280 for the 2026/27 school year
- Provincial Government has changed the eligibility for funding from 1km to 1.6km, so this results in less transportation funding

Budget for 2026/2027

- 2026/2027 budget framework was reviewed.
- Nothing is actual until Pembina Hills receives an established figure from the province

- Appears that operations will continue as previous year

Classroom Complexity Grant

- Pembina Hills received 1 teacher and 2 EA's
- Grant will be used at Westlock Elementary and will focus on Kindergarten to Grade 1 Outdoor learning

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Classroom

- A CASA Classroom in Pembina Hills has been approved
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- No decisions have been made as to which school this classroom will be situated
- 12 students are nominated or suggested by school. The CASA team will pick which kids are in that class.
- Classroom will support students with mental health challenges
- Students will attend this classroom for 5 months and then a new group of students will be selected.
- There will be support for student and family's after the program

Capital Plan

- 3 year Capital Plan has BES on top of priority list for partial modernization
- 2nd Westlock Elementary
- 3rd Swan Hills School

ASCA Conference

- Pembina Hills will support school council chairs or alternates to attend the ASCA Spring Conference and AGM on April 25 & 26.

CPF

- Carnivale happened at the school this year instead of Camp Nakamun. Went well
- Looking at doing French Kindergarten for a day
- Trying to get French Monitor position back for 2026/2027 school year
- Next meeting is May 6 @ 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 6:38pm

Next Meeting May 20, 2026 @ 5:30pm in the BES Staff Room