

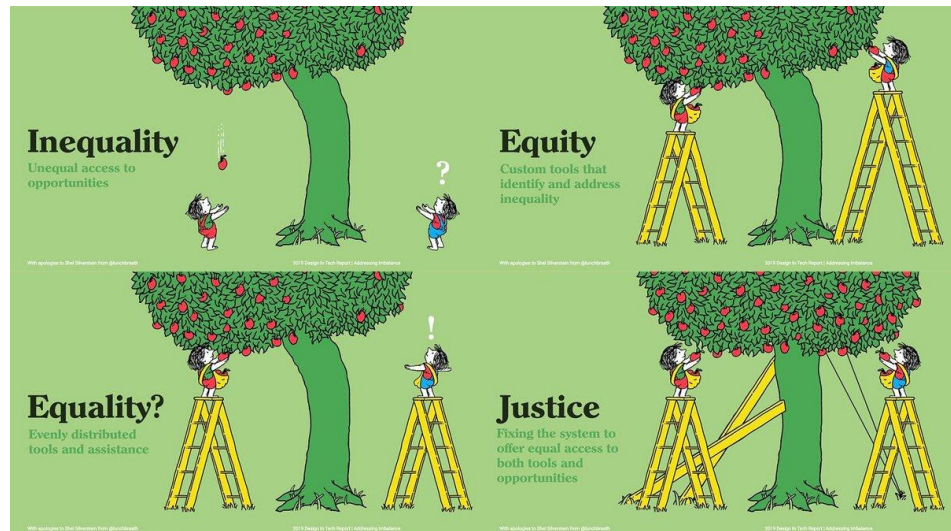


b. School business: Dan Buchanan, Principal

- CBE is making a preliminary projection of 228 students at TRS in 2026-27. School swag has arrived.
- Dan reminds parents to put their child’s name on their clothes, as the lost and found is growing rapidly.
- Dan formally presents the school development plan (the school is in the second year of a two-year plan), which he has previously brought to a council meeting.
- The school received \$1.8 million in 2025-26 from Alberta Education (via the CBE), of which \$731,000 was a “per school” amount, and \$1.14 million was based on the school population.
- Dan notes that the Parent Fundraising Association has supported shortfalls in funding in the past for families who could not afford to pay them; however, due to new rules from CBE, parent councils may no longer be allowed to pay students’ fees unless the council pays all students’ fees equally. This means that the school will need to change its approach to planning, as it runs a substantial deficit as a result of unpaid fees.
- Dan presents fee plans for coming year, highlighting that there are activities that the school can no longer afford, and follows with a series of questions to parents about the school development plan and fee structure..

c. Q&A: Dan Buchanan, Principal

- Parents discuss the new CBE funding rules. A parent online shares the figure below<sup>1</sup> and suggests the new CBE fees policy confuses equality and equity. Since the council provides no money to the school (the fundraising association does), he suggests we ought to find a workaround.



<sup>1</sup> [https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/tony-ruths-equity-series-2019-247618162/247618162?utm\\_source=clipboard\\_share\\_button&utm\\_campaign=slideshare\\_make\\_sharing\\_viral\\_v2&utm\\_variation=control&utm\\_medium=share](https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/tony-ruths-equity-series-2019-247618162/247618162?utm_source=clipboard_share_button&utm_campaign=slideshare_make_sharing_viral_v2&utm_variation=control&utm_medium=share)

- A parent asks whether fun lunches are considered fees. Dan explains that these are not fees, but that there are also issues that fun lunch causes (because there are students who don't get lunches). He suggests that this is a conversation for future meetings.
- A parent asks if the school has had difficulty with getting substitute teachers recently? Dan says that yes, there is actually a shortage of substitute teachers (as a result of provincial funding for new teachers).
- A parent asks about mentions of the cost of copying limiting enrichment activities in an email. He is unsure to what the parent is referring and will follow-up.

## 5. Approval of previous minutes

*Heather moves to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2026 meeting; seconded by Sean.*

*No objections. Motion passes*

## 6. Reports from board members:

- a. Chair – Jacek Krzywicki
  - Reminds parents of the drumming circle on March 12.
- b. Vice Chair – Erica Shield
  - Not present.
- c. Secretary – Sean McCoy
  - Not present.
- d. Key Communicator – Tammie Dewan
  - Not present.
- e. Volunteer Coordinator – Katheryn (Kat) Le-Williams
  - Not present.
- f. Outdoor Classroom & Community Garden Coordinator: Melissa Valgardson
  - Not present.
- g. Fun Lunch Coordinator – Katie Messel
  - Not present.

## 7. Upcoming meetings

The next meeting will be held in a **hybrid format on Thursday, 23 April 2026 at 6 pm.**

Future meetings are scheduled:

- Thursday, May 28, 2026
- Thursday, June 11, 2026

**8. Adjournment**

*Jacek moves adjournment; seconded by Kat.*

*No objections. Motion passes.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sean McCoy, Secretary