

Terrace Road Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Minutes

Thursday, 8 May 2025 – Hybrid Meeting

1. Call to Order

The TRS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm by Jacek Krzywicki (Chairperson).

2. Welcome parents and special guests

Approximately 16 parents and guests were physically present or online, including:

- Maria Ali Parent
- April Brown Teacher
- Dan Buchanan Principal
- Patricia Bolger CBE Trustee
- Basetoh Davies Parent
- Tammie Dewan Key Communicator
- Adina Johnson Parent
- Melissa Kelly Parent
- Leah Kirkpatrick Parent
- Jacek Krzywicki Chairperson
- Eric Kryski Parent
- Kathryn Le-Williams Volunteer Coordinator
- Sean McCoy Secretary
- Mary Neal Parent
- Jason Sokolosky Vice Chairperson
- Heather Sorensen Parent
- Jenny Somerville-Welsh Parent

3. Approval of the agenda

Jason moves to approve the agenda; seconded by Heather.

No objections. Motion passes.

4. School update

- a. Special Guest: Ms. April Brown, Grade 5-6 Teacher

April gave a short review of some of the activities ongoing in the classroom: In math, making 3D Minecraft characters for which they needed to calculate area, volume, and perimeter; in social studies, they participated in a mock election; and preparing for camp by writing reflections. April also provided an overview of preparations for the Grade 5/6 camp.

- b. Special Guest – Patricia Bolger, CBE Trustee, Ward 6 and 7

Patricia comes from Edmonton and is the mother of 3 children. She holds multiple degrees in education. Patricia explains that she is one of seven Trustees for the 14 wards in the CBE, and that the Trustees hire one staff member, which is the Chief Superintendent to run the CBE. Her main job, and that of the other Trustees, is to monitor performance of the chief superintendent and performance of the school system. She discussed some of the main issues with which the Trustees are dealing, including the CBE's relationship with Provincial government and their efforts to get new schools for Calgary.

Parents present and online pose questions and engage in discussion with Patricia.

c. **School business: Dan Buchanan, Principal**

Dan begins with a discussion of the changing bell times for the next school year. He explains that TRS was assigned new times and did not have a choice in the matter. Patricia Bolger explained that CBE had to change the bell times to accommodate new bussing requirements from Alberta Education.

With the growth in the school population (i.e., doubling over the last five years), TRS will be taking back the Summit afterschool program room for use as a classroom. There will be three classes for Grades 1-2 and 3-4, and two or three Grade 5-6 classes, depending on whether an additional teacher can be accommodated in the school budget.

There is some question about whether the school breakfast program will continue next year as a result of changes to funding. Discussion followed about the value of the breakfast program.

5. Approval of previous minutes

Jacek moves to approve April 3 meeting minutes; seconded by Jason.

No objections. Motion passes.

6. Upcoming meetings

The next meeting will be held in a **hybrid format on Thursday, 12 June 2025 at 6 pm.**

Meetings for the 2025-26 school year will be announced in the near future.

7. Adjournment

Jacek moves adjournment; seconded by Sean.

No objections. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sean McCoy, Secretary