

University School Council

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2026 @ 6:30pm

Virtual Meeting (Microsoft Teams)

Attendance: Salim, Lori Bonanno, Jennifer McTighe, Kurt, Marian, Jaclyn, Nazim, Azah, Vivek, Arigbede

School Council Meeting

1. Call to Order

- Meeting started at 6:35PM

2. Approval of last meeting's minutes

- Motion to approve: Salim Ahmed. Seconded by: Jaclyn Schmitz

3. Approval of the agenda

- Motion to approve: Jaclyn Schmitz. Seconded by: Salim Ahmed

4. Updates from School Council

a. Feedback: Capacity/interest in another movie night?

- Positive feedback from the students and families regarding the movie.
- June is busy for families and students with other events, so may not be suitable for another event in June.
- The movie licensing is good for a year – till Nov 2026.
- As Council is in good shape financially, it was decided to wait until the Fall to host another movie night.

b. Planning for 2026/2027

- School Council always welcomes feedback from families about the kinds of events and activities they would like to participate in.
- As in previous years, 2026/2027 will likely include:
 - A Fall Ball – an evening dance with a DJ. Kids can dress up in costumes. There are usually some quiet activities in the library. Pizza can be ordered in advance.
 - Movie nights – 1 or 2 movie nights where kids can buy candy and popcorn from a concession stand in the gym.
- Another opportunity has been brought forward for consideration. A team has pitched providing presentations that support community building while also helping parents learn about what's happening and supporting parents in building their own capacity to support

their kids. The group could provide 2-3 workshops on topics such as screen time, grit, and emotional resiliency. We will discuss this opportunity and others at Council meetings in Fall 2026.

- School council depends on volunteers from our community. Please reach out if you are interested in helping out.

5. Update from UES Principal and Assistant Principal

Principal McTighe and Vice-Principal Bonano shared the following updates:

a. Highlights of what's happening at the school:

- Knowledge keeper Skip Wolfleg's storytelling, drumming with students.
- Indigenous day of learning where teachers had PD learning of understanding the grassland region and the ecosystem and how they are linked to indigenous way of knowing.
- Gr 5 and 6 at Camp Chief Hector with lots of activities and opportunity for kids to have land-based learning and exploring different environments.
- Upcoming field trip: Kg and Gr.1 are going to the zoo next week, Gr. 2 going to Granary Road.
- Pond school currently happening.
- Gr.6 students will be attending the open house of feeder school.
- Patrol students picnic coming up at Heritage Park.

b. Possible activities for next year

- Writer's residency that will help kids for creative writing.
- Other possible residencies:
 - Bhangra dance – rhythmic, high-energy dance
 - Rhythm rhythm rhythm – hand drumming lessons good for hand-eye coordination of kids
 - Classroom crew – focused on floor hockey and flag football, run by the Calgary Flames Foundation.

c. Student number for next year

- Projecting to have 302 students: Kg – 24 students (only AM Kg), Gr. 1 – 45 students, Gr. 2 – 55 students, Gr. 3 – 38 students, Gr. 4 – 43 students, Gr. 5 – 55 students, Gr. 6 – 33 students.
- EES class – 9 students across Gr. 1 – Gr. 6.
- 1 less teacher and 1 extra CCT (Classroom Complexity Teacher).

6. Adjourn. Meeting closed at 7:04 PM.

