Calmar Elementary School Council Minutes
September 23rd, 2026, at 3:30pm
Calmar Elementary School

ATTENDEES: Donna Ritter, Melanie Harry, Carla Fisher, Jenny Balding, Katie Dogterom, Megan Grubbs, Madison Kublik, Trae Thurston, Bri Ritcher, Kara Kushinski and Devonna Klassen

AGENDA

1. **Call to order**
2. **Welcome & Introductions**
3. **Review of agenda and past meeting minutes**
4. **Administrative Report – Carla Fisher**
5. **Trustee Report**
6. **Old Business**
7. **New Business**
8. **Next Meeting Date**
9. **Meeting Adjourned**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:34pm by Kara Kushinski

2. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and introductions completed by Kara Kushinski

3. Review of Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes

Agenda and minutes adopted by Jenny Balding

4. Administrative Report – Carla Fisher

a. Parent teacher interviews are scheduled for November 4th and 5th, new this year are the provincial screeners in which more information will be given to parents at the interviews for grade 1 – 5.

b. Meet the teacher feedback was positive, overall it was considered a success and a good event to replicate. Feedback included positives of having the kids bring their supplies early (not having to pack anything on the bus), having parents meet the teachers, nice that it occurred before school starts, and everyone liked having town council and FCSS in attendance. Although class lists were on Powerschool before the event, a request was made to still have paper lists in the foyer for parents to double check.

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5. Trustee Report – Devonna Klassen

a. Classroom complexity funding was released, in the Black Gold School Division elementary school numbers were down and high school numbers were up. Overall, Black Gold is still in a growth stage of just less then 1% growth.

b. Policy 19 update: new draft being created by committee and initial draft will be complete December 1st, 2026

c. Calendar process has started. Goal is to meet the needs of families, staff and learning structures. Parent engagement will be forthcoming. Goal is to have main dates available for the next 3 years with flexibility on PD days.

6. Old Business

a. Toboggan Hill: in order to fit width and height requirements the hill would have to be where fitness equipment currently is. Discussion centered around insurance, moving or removing fitness equipment, and the impacts on the soccer field as well as supervisors. Discussion made to speak to CAP board to look at possibility of a toboggan hill in the new recreation area under the Town of Calmar and remove it from our agenda moving forward.

b. Swimming Lessons: Grade 4 used to go to lessons in Leduc and parents are asking for it to be resurrected. Suggestions were made to speak to the Town of Devon and use their outdoor pool. Filed as an action item for Carla to look into.

c. School Calendar: Devonna spoke to this in the Trustee Report

7. New Business

a. Programs: added cheer and yoga as new activities as well as instrumentals during lunch. There are enough teacher volunteers to cover all activites.

b. Budget Review: included in Administrative Report

c. Grant Ideas: Carla suggested a bingo event with prizes being food items. The follow up with a parent and child bingo night with games as prizes. Other options include pizza nights and literacy night. Tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting.

d. School Photos: included in Administrative Report, scheduled for October 21st and November 25th.

e. New Business added to the agenda: Crosswalk lights are being considered by Town Council. There have been data points for traffic information installed for more information to be gathered as the first step.

8. Next Meeting: scheduled for November 3rd, 2026 at 3:30pm and on 1st Tuesday of the month moving forward.

9. Meeting Adjourned: 4:45pm