

# Falun School Parent Council 2025-2026



## **Vision**

We envision a school in which members:

- Create a system of timely interventions and extensions based on evidence to ensure academic success
- Maintain effective communication within our educational community
- Collaboratively and intentionally establish school-wide relationships, the pillar of our learning community
- Demonstrate a personal commitment to the growth of productive global citizens

## **Mission**

To collaboratively ensure the growth of our educational community. We nurture a safe and caring learning environment in order to achieve success.

## **Motto**

Reach Higher .... Go Farther!

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### **Falun School Parent Council Meeting September 16, 2025**

Annual General Meeting

1. **Call to Order @** 6:01 pm by Celeste Magill.

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene, Nakota Sioux and Anishinabe. We acknowledge all the many Indigenous Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for time immemorial. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

3. **Welcome, Introductions, Recap**

Celeste welcomes parents in attendance, Trustee Dorchester and new principal, Angela Handbury.

Members in attendance: Celeste Magill, Carley Fitzgerald, Samantha Rule, Christina Komives, Tara Glessing, Deanna Robins, Nicole Braun, Megan Tabler, Taylor Waldner, Leanne Johnson, Jana von Freier and Brittany van der Kamp.

#### 4. **Consideration of Agenda/ Additions to the Agenda**

Agenda adopted by Samantha Rule.

#### 5. **Role of the Parent Council**

- Established school councils:
  - focus on what is best for all students in the school
  - consider the interests of all school stakeholders
  - develop, maintain and reflect the culture of the school
  - represent the parent voice in the school community

#### 6. **Board Update** - Kyle Dorchester

Please see attached update

#### **Renewal Meeting**

- [School Councils in Alberta](#)

#### 7. **Membership Roles/Elections**

- **School Council Chair:** Celeste Magill, nominated by Taylor Waldner. Celeste Magill elected by acclamation.
- **School Council Vice-Chair:** There is no one currently in this role. Hoping someone with younger children will want to step in and eventually take over from Celeste when her children move to the high school in 2 years.
- **Secretary:** Christina Komives, nominated by Taylor Waldner. Christina Komives elected by acclamation.
- **Treasurer:** Taylor Waldner, nominated by Megan Tabler. Taylor Waldner elected by acclamation.
- **Social Media:** Taylor Waldner, nominated by Megan Tabler. Taylor Waldner elected by acclamation.

#### 8. **School Council Chair/COSC Representative for 2025-2026**

- Taylor Waldner has offered to attend COSC on Falun Parent Councils behalf. Should she not be able to attend there were other members who offered to attend in her place.

#### 9. **Operating Procedures**

- Operational Style/Decision Making Model - Do we wish to use the Town Hall Model? Everyone agreed to Town Hall Model. Waiting to hear from Mrs. Handbury on the quorum needed in the Town Hall Model.

*In a town hall model, decisions are made at regular, open meetings of the entire school community, and the executive members of the school council act only to carry out the wishes of*

*the assembly. All parents who attend meetings are welcome to participate and vote. Individuals are elected or appointed (executive and others) to manage meetings and coordinate school council business. (School Council Resource Guide page 9). Decisions at school council meetings will be made by consensus as much as possible. The decision made by consensus must be stated clearly and recorded as such in the minutes of the meeting. b. If a decision is made by a vote, the motion must be moved, and seconded and passed by the majority of school council members.*

- Parent Council Classroom Reps
  - Kindergarten: Brittany van der Kamp
  - Grade 1/2: Jana von Freier
  - Grade 2/3: Carley Fitzgerald
  - Grade 4/5: Leanne Johnston
  - Grade 6: Deanna Robins

#### **10. School Generated Funds Report**

Held till next meeting.

#### **11. Treasurer's Report - Motion to Accept Last Year's Financial Statement**

Held till next meeting. Technical errors, ie printing of statement.

#### **12. School Update - Principal's Report**

- Start up for the year - *We've had a great start to the year; smiling faces, positive attitudes, and eagerness to learn!*
- Positive Behaviour Supports - Hands-off @ school - *We have the expectation of not using hands-on or rough play in order to have everyone feel safe and comfortable at school*
- Monthly Assemblies and cross-graded activities - *We will continue to have monthly celebration assemblies and cross-graded activities.*
- Away for the Day policy - *Electronics are to be stored away for the day at school.*
- Itinerant Staff - Mr. Woodward (*PE day 2*), Mrs. Cameron (*Music day 1 and 3*), Ms. Gibson (*MHCB Mondays/Tuesdays*), Ms. Contessa (*FSLW Thursdays*), Mr. Washburn (*ISW day 2*)
- School Handbook - *will be available on the school website; quick overview*
- Communication plan: School newsletter (monthly) and Falun Focus (weekly)
- Breakfast cart - *overall success so far*
- Literacy and Numeracy Screening - *K-3 Ab Ed. assessments for literacy and numeracy; STAR Reading and Math Screener for grades 4-6*
- 8:25 - Parent drop off and bus drop off
- Christmas concert - December 11th - afternoon and evening performance
- Lord's Prayer - permission online - *Ang will discuss start date with Ian next week*
- Bus safety presentations (September 9th) - *students took part in activities and had a refresher on bus safety*
- Old chairs/new chairs - AP 517 - Property Disposal - *new chairs/carts came in; old chairs are going to be transferred to Alder Flats School*

Upcoming Events:

- Cross Country Running Club - happening at lunch recess in preparation for the Rod Drebert Meet next week
- Rod Drebert Meet - September 24th - tent? - Taylar Waldner has a shade tent that we can borrow for the meet - thank you!
- Terry Fox Run and Open House - September 25th - info was emailed out earlier this week
- Orange Shirt Day and Assembly - September 29 (AM) - time TBD based on presenter availability
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - no school on September 30
- Kraay Family Farm field trip for K-6 - October 2 - will solidify parent volunteers this week

13. Additions to the Agenda

14. Fundraising Society - purpose, separate meeting, minutes, Principal attendance

15. Next Parent Council Meeting: Thursday, October 16 @ 7 pm.

16. Adjournment @ 6:52 pm