

Chris Akkerman School Council 2025/2026

May 28 2026

Call to Order: 6:08 PM

In Attendance: Anjul Virk, Maninder Gill, Celia Long, Melissa LaBine, Leanne Bettsworth, Bruce Murray, Harcharan Kaur, Ariam Berhe, Selam Debesay, Shivani Sharma

School Council Meeting Dates for 2026–2027:-

- Leanne presented proposed School Council meeting dates for the upcoming school year.
- October 15 will be reserved for Nutrition Presentation by Dr. Dhaliwal. This event will held after the council meeting in person.
- Leanne will update and circulate the revised annual calendar.

Grade 5 Year-End Gift

- The school had previously considered bookmarks for Grade 5 students. However, student feedback indicated a preference for reusable tumblers rather than bookmarks.
- The school will provide Grade 5 students with Chris the Cub branded tumblers instead.
- Tumblers are expected to cost less than the originally proposed bookmarks.

School Grounds Updates

- **Speed Bumps**
 - o Installation preparations are underway.
 - o Pavement markings have been completed, and temporary parking restrictions have been posted.
 - o Construction is expected to begin shortly.
- **Vandalism Incident**
 - o Approximately a dozen bottles of baby oil were dumped on the portable access ramp, landing, and stairs.
 - o The incident created a significant safety hazard.
 - o The affected entrance has been temporarily closed.
 - o The Calgary Board of Education has been notified and is addressing the issue.
- **Non-Uniform Week**
 - o Students will be permitted to wear casual clothing during the final week of school.
 - o Administration is also exploring a used uniform sale.

Gaga Ball Pit Proposal

- Leanne provided an update on the proposed Gaga Ball Pit project.
- **Key Information**
 - o CBE has approved the concept and proposed location.
 - o The site has sufficient space and is suitable for installation.
- **Estimated costs:**
 - o Foundation and site preparation: approximately \$10,000

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- Gaga Ball Pit structure: approximately \$9,000 plus tax
- CBE recommended pouring a larger foundation capable of accommodating two Gaga Ball pits in the future, reducing long-term costs.
- If approved promptly, groundwork may begin in Fall 2026, depending on contractor availability.

School Spirit Wear Fundraising Opportunity

- School presented sample pricing and options for Chris Akkerman School branded apparel.
- **Discussion Highlights**
 - Strong demand exists among students and families for school-branded T-shirts.
 - **Proposed fundraising model:**
 - School Council purchases inventory in advance.
 - Items sold at school events with a modest markup.
 - Suggested selling price of approximately \$20 per T-shirt.
- **Outcome**
 - Council expressed interest and will continue exploring the opportunity.

Nutrition Presentation by Dr. Dhaliwal Presentation

- Dr. Dhaliwal has confirmed availability for **October 15**.
- Chair will submit the required invoice and paperwork before the end-of-May deadline.

Community Report(by Celia)

- **Upcoming Events**
 - **Neighbour Day:** June 27, 2026 (local community celebration date)
 - **Community Cleanup:** June 28, 2026
- Concerns were noted that some residents may be away due to the Canada Day long weekend.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40 PM