



# SASC MEETING

## Scenic Acres School Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Held in person at the school

6:32pm-8:51pm

TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
6:32pm	<p><b>CALL MEETING TO ORDER</b></p> <p><b>Acknowledgment of the Lands</b></p> <p><b>Introductions</b></p> <p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p>Staff: Mr. B. Garner, Mr. D. Clovis and Ms. K. Rawlings</p> <p>Special Guest: CBE Trustee, Jenny Regal</p> <p>Elected council members: E. Eliopoulos, J. Steffen, J. Crawford, K. Sutherland, J. McDonald, K. Gray Lemke, T. Emery, F. Stephenson and A. Philip</p> <p>Absent: L. Zhao, A. Lui and L. Crant</p> <p>Parent: S. Chowdhury, S. Metcalf Stone</p>	<p>E. Eliopoulos</p> <p>E. Eliopoulos</p>
	<p><b>Approval of the March 2026 Agenda</b>  <b>Motion to Approve: K. Sutherland/F. Stephenson - Carried</b></p> <p><b>Approval of the January 2026 Meeting Minutes</b>  <b>Motion to Approve: T. Emery/K. Gray Lemke- Carried</b></p> <p><b>REPORTS</b>  <b>Teachers Report</b>  <b>Ms. K. Rawlings – Grade 3 and 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exciting year so far in grade 3 and 4!</li> <li>- Science: Rube Goldberg project. Focus on force, motion and simple machines.</li> </ul>	<p>E. Eliopoulos</p> <p>E. Eliopoulos</p> <p>K. Rawlings</p>

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7:12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Literacy: Book study “The Good Robot”. Writing goodbye letters to Roz. Focus on planning, editing and refining processes. February was poetry month. Focus on Acrostic and Haiku poems.</li> <li>- Math: Completion of multiplication unit. Starting division and fractions.</li> <li>- Social studies: Indigenous medicine wheel. Understanding how quadrants balance and take care of ourselves.</li> <li>- Buddies with Ms. Baileys' grade 1 and 2 class. The buddy system is great, as the students have an opportunity to socialize with other SAS students and the grade 3 and 4's take a leadership role.</li> <li>- Novel study: Recently completed The Good Robot. Starting The Tale of Desperaux.</li> <li>- Field trip! April 15, Aggie Days.</li> <li>- Students are loving inline skating and have finished gaga ball and 9 square.</li> <li>- Offering math extensions for grade 4 students who are ready to be challenged in math.</li> <li>- Congratulations to Ms. Rawlings who has been nominated for the Edwin Par New Teacher Award!</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. D. Clovis – Grade 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Literacy: completing poetry unit. Focused on Shape poetry.</li> <li>- Math: focused on basic math foundations prior to Christmas. Completing order of operations and beginning algebra.</li> <li>- Science: completing living systems unit.</li> <li>- Students will visit Twelve Mile Coulee School on April 15 during school hours for an open house for students entering grade 6 in the 2026-27 school year. Twelve Mile Coulee School Council is providing funding for transportation.</li> <li>- Date and time for Twelve Mile Coulee open house for families TBD.</li> <li>- Outdoor School at Kamp Kiwanis June 8 and 9. The first of 2 fundraising events to raise funds will be held on March 18 (popcorn sale). Pleased that the January bottle drive raised approx. \$890. Parent information meeting May 7.</li> <li>- Grade 5 Graduation Assembly June 24.</li> <li>- Goodbye assembly for Mr. Garner March 19.</li> </ul> <p>K. Rawlings and D. Clovis then left the meeting</p> <p><b>Special Guest – Trustee J. Regal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Began teaching career in 1989. Taught with the Rockyview School Board, then Beiseker, followed by the Calgary Board of Education. Taught mostly grades 4-6 and some middle school.</li> <li>- Was a school rep in the 1990s with the Alberta Teacher Association. Held several elected positions, including President and Vice President. Was also the Vice President of the Teachers Federation.</li> <li>- Elected as Public School Trustee in October 2025 for a 4 year term.</li> <li>- Responding to questions from emails:</li> </ul> <p><b>Q: There was a recent provincial announcement about additional funding to address increasing classroom complexity. How will that funding be allocated across schools, and what can families expect to see in terms of additional staffing or support?</b></p>	<p>D. Clovis</p> <p>J. Regal</p>

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7:50pm	<p>A: The Alberta Provincial Government recently announced that additional funding for education in the amount of \$143 million has been approved. Classroom complexity grants have also been approved. 47% of schools province wide will be receiving teams specifically focused on addressing classroom complexity. List of schools receiving these specialty teams are public on government website. CBE will receive 118 teams.</p> <p><b>Q: What are the CBE’s top priorities this year, and how will those priorities be reflected at the school year.</b></p> <p>A: CBE Trustees requesting 38 changes to the proposed list provided by the province. There are significant concerns about the capacity to hire the 118 new teachers proposed by the province, on top of regular hiring cycles. The CBE is also competing with other local school boards to retain quality educators, and this is very challenging. Do recent grads have the skills to work with students with complexity? Discussions about possible redeployment of experienced teachers to fill gaps, which will undoubtedly cause classroom disruptions. Any funds not spent this school year will roll over to next school year. The additional funding approved by the province is intended to support students in grades K-6. Funding for middle schools and high schools is still to be announced and advocacy for students in these grades is a top priority. The 3 year capitalization plan will be announced shortly.</p> <p><b>Q: What steps are the board taking to ensure schools are supported in meeting the needs of increasing complex and diverse learners?</b></p> <p>A: Will continue to attempt to meet all needs with every dollar available, knowing there are not enough dollars “Educational Triage”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Q: SAS was previously flagged by the CBE for low enrolment and was placed on a possible closure list. The retention of grade 5 students meant that the school doors will remain open. There is still an underlying concern that the CBE will make further decisions without consulting community that could impact the future of the school. What is the position of the Board of Trustees on this matter?</b></li> </ul> <p>A. It is not the intention of the Board of Trustees to approve the closure of any CBE schools. Since 2021, close to 20,000 new students have entered CBE schools. Should there not be enough resident Scenic Acres students to attend the school, it would be a realistic possibility that SAS would be designated as a receiver school for neighbouring communities whose designated school(s) are over capacity.</p> <p><b>Administrators’ Report</b>  <b>Mr. B. Garner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upcoming retirement effective March 19. Mr. Garner has accepted a new opportunity with Chinook Learning and CBE Learns. Being the principal of SAS for the past 5 years has been the highlight of a 33 year long career. An interim principal to complete the remainder of this school year will be hired. More information on this to be announced shortly. A new permanent principal will be hired to start September 2026.</li> <li>- School Development Plan: RAM Report. Currently in year 1 of the 3 year plan. Writing and wellness are the primary focus. Still addressing math and numeracy even though its not listed in the plan.</li> </ul>	B. Garner

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8:20pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enrollment projections for next year are a little higher than this year. Ideally enrolment will stay in the 190-194 student range. Capacity is 200 total students. Kindie enrolment for next year is currently 24 students.</li> <li>- There has been much discussion amongst Mr. Garner and school staff on the best approach for future classroom allocations. Currently there are a large number of grade 4's, that will be too large of a classroom next year when they are in grade 5. Looking at ways to balance classroom number by possibly implementing a grade 4/5 split. Mr. Garner will leave recommendations for the new principal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Treasurer</b> See attached financial statement as of February 28, 2026</p> <p><b>MOTION to approve the financial statement for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025</b> K. Sutherland/J. McDonald - all in favour – motion is carried.</p> <p><b>MOTION to approve of the following expenditure from the General account: \$200 – Grade 5 fundraising (pop corn sale)</b> F.Stephenson/T. Emery – all in favour – motion is carried.</p> <p><b>MOTION to make a recommendation to SASES for the consideration of the following expenditure from the Casino account: \$6,625 – Aline In-line Skating</b> J. McDonald/K. Gray Lemke – all in favour – motion is carried.</p> <p><b>Casino Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next casino slotted for Q4 of 2026. Expect to receive confirmation of slotted dates from the AGLC in May or June, with a call for volunteers being sent out to parents prior the end of this school year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fundraising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- West Coast Seeds recently wrapped up. Anticipated profit \$665.98.</li> <li>- Growing Smiles confirmed for spring. Delivery May 25.</li> <li>- Bottle Drive Thursday April 9. \$457 currently in bottle drive account.</li> <li>- Glamorgan Bakery confirmed for spring. Pick up June 2. Order deadline May 26.</li> <li>- Looking at possibly offering Mom's pantry as an upcoming fundraising opportunity. There is a minimum order of \$2500.</li> </ul> <p><b>Special Events Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School Dance – April 23. DJ booked. Theme “Sock and Slide”, as it is also PJ day at the school that day. Will be offering 2 time slots to parents, with the K-2 students invited to the first time slot and the grade 3-5 students invited to the second time slot. Families will need to RSVP through Eventbrite. More information to follow.</li> <li>- Bike rodeo on May 12</li> </ul> <p><b>Healthy Hunger</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- January Subway \$240.39 profit.</li> </ul>	<p>J. Crawford for L. Zhao</p> <p>E. Eliopoulos &amp; J. Steffen</p> <p>J. Steffen</p> <p>K. Gray Lemke</p> <p>F. Stephenson /A. Philip</p> <p>E. Eliopolous</p>

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8:40pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- February Banzai Sushi \$143.42 profit. Very positive feedback and despite having less total number of orders will most likely use again next year.</li> <li>- Order deadline for March Fun Lunch (Domino's) is this Saturday.</li> </ul> <p><b>Volunteer Coordinator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently still needing volunteers for in-line staking.</li> <li>- Will be distributing sign ups for the March Teacher Conference pot luck and for the spring dance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thank you for February and March newsletter submissions.</li> <li>- April newsletter – call for submissions will go out March 25, with a March 29 or 30 deadline. Will distribute to parents in April prior to Easter.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Communicator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First COSC meeting since the October 2025 elections was January 21. Info was general, nothing pertinent to bring forward. Minutes on the COSC website. April 8 meeting has been rescheduled to April 22.</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscaping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing to report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pedestrian &amp; Traffic Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Official parent complaint. Too many people speeding along the boulevard. Will call 311.</li> <li>- Currently no parking because of the portables being delivered to the catholic school.</li> </ul>	<p>J. Steffen</p> <p>J. McDonald</p> <p>J. Crawford</p> <p>T. Emery</p> <p>K. Sutherland</p>
8:47pm	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thank you and good-bye to Mr. Garner.</li> <li>- Succession planning for 2026-27 school year. J. Crawford and K. Sutherland will be ending their terms in their elected roles, as their youngest children are moving to TMC next school year. Currently recruiting for Secretary, Traffic Safety and Key Communicator and Vice-President of SASES.</li> <li>- Operation coffee drop – need volunteers for last remaining drops of this school year.</li> </ul>	<p>E. Eliopolous / J. Steffen</p>
8:51pm	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT @ 8:51pm</b>  <b>Motion to Adjourn: K. Gray Lemke / J. McDonald- all in favour - motion is carried.</b></p>	<p>E. Eliopoulos</p>

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