

Eugene Coste School Council

Meeting Minutes September 17, 2026



Date:	Sept 17, 2026 6:15-7:15pm
Location:	Virtual
Attendance:	See appendix A

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For more information on the School Council or Enrichment Society please refer to our Parent Welcome Handbook on the Eugene Coste website.

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Record of Meeting

Agenda Item	Presenter	Discussion Notes
1. Call to order	Stefan	Time: 6:16pm Attendance reviewed and quorum established
Land Acknowledgement	Yasmina	
2. Review and approval of Agenda	Stefan	Posted on school website in advance of meeting. Any additions? No Motioned: Stefan Bell Seconded: Flavia de Martino Approved by unanimous consensus
3. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes	Stefan	Posted on school website in advance of meeting. Any corrections? No Motioned: Stefan Seconded: Ana Approved by unanimous consensus
4. Business arising from previous meeting	Stefan	None
5. School Administration and Principal's report	Carmen	Eugene Coste School Staffing Video introducing the school staff Communication: newsletter, bi-weekly, PowerSchool, Conferences. Carmen shared the ways the school communicates with the school community – website is the first stop for general information, weekly newsletter from administration, bi-weekly communication from teachers, school messenger based on need, PowerSchool Platform for Indicators (1-4), Open House – Sept 24 (4:30 and 6pm), Conferences and IPP and teachers are invited to share at these Council Meetings.

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		Learning Leader Presentations Srta Micah and Sra Perera Perez shared presentation on classroom environment, including information on creating welcoming, safe and inclusive environment. It also included information and photos on how different teachers are working to help with routines and independence, as well as well-being and regulation, in school and in each class. Three Year Education Plan Principal Sra. Fandino shared the school development plan and professional learning plan, which feeds the Three Year Education Plan. This included continued focus on bilingual literacy, continued focus on mathematics, continued focus on student well-being and a commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. 413 students currently enrolled at Eugene Coste. 3 EAs, Ms Patience, Ms Monica, Ms Solange and an intervention role, Ms P (Olga Primak) and she comes into and out of classes to work. More info on individual classes will be shared in Open House. Budget will be finalized by Sept 29. Key dates on website include special events, activities, residencies Residency Calendar – on the website with other key school based dates Literacy and Numeracy Assessments Volunteer Orientation (Sept 11, 2026) The best way to get involved is to volunteer! Process to apply are all online; every adult working in the building needs a vulnerable sector check Open House (Sept 24, 2026) There are 2 times, 4:30 and 6pm, pick 1 time and attend presentation at that time. Registration is not required, but teachers will be presenting about their classroom at those times. Then the rest of the time is open. The presentation will be sent home after for those unable to attend. Book fair and sensory room will be open during this time. You can meet the music and intervention teachers in their rooms as well.
6. School Council Chair/Co-chair report	Stefan	Welcome to the new school year/inaugural meeting of the new council This was hosted in the first 2 days of school, it was a nice social time to meet new parents as well as Sra. Carmen Fandino

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		Thank you for taking part in the Coffee and Chat The council chairs have applied for membership in the Alberta School Councils' Association. This is a resource for Council's and parents that hosts speakers and there is a grant opportunity for the school that the Eugene Coste Council will look into in the coming months. Passed on staff swag request to Enrichment Society Presently planning our Welcome Back event for Sep 24. This will coordinate with the open house, some food trucks, a concession and some music. School Council Communication Consent and Membership Form This will be circulated on the whatsapp chats and link will be available: This is a form to fill out to provide some information about council, is consent for communication and student council membership. This will also help to collect a name list for volunteers, to help us communicate with people throughout the year.
7. Committee Reports		Healthy Hunger – Enrichment society, as it is fundraising, so update to come. Co-chairs: Toni Finch and Erin Proud Memory Book – Co-chair: Amy More, Leslie Hogan No report to date, as it is the beginning of the year. Thank you so much for stepping up to lead these 2 initiatives, these are 2 new teams this year and we really appreciate them.
8. School Community Updates	Stefan	Nothing to share at this time
9. New Business	Stefan	Questions: From a parent – there were changes to pick ups from Child's Play. Parents are not to come through the school anymore at pickup, stay at the outside Child's Play doors. So how do parents check the lost and found? School Administration – this change was made because Child's Play entrance is also the kindergarten entrance, which is very busy at dismissal and pick up time. So parents were

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		asked to stay away so that kindergarteners can exit safely and calmly, then parents can come through, just after dismissal to help with supervision at that busy time. Parent follow up – after school hours, like 5 pm, doors are closed, how can they check the lost and found? School Administration – Sra Carmen will clarify that with Child’s Play, there is no reason why you can’t walk through the school to check lost and found at that time. Grade 4 parent had submitted a question to Council, asking about Mercado. They preferred the Mercado vs the Carnival. Sra. Carmen will take the feedback and reach out to the gr 4 teachers, to find out what format they will be using. They usually incorporate student feedback as well.
10. Adjourned		Motioned: Stefan Bell Seconded: Flavia de Martino Time: 6:56pm