



Eugene Coste
INTERNATIONAL SPANISH ACADEMY

MINUTES | Escuela Eugene Coste School Council

Date | Thursday, March 12, 2026

Time | 6:15pm

Location | Virtually hosted via Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

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Meeting ID: 255 804 473 046 4 Passcode: Bt76yz9K

Agenda Item	Discussion Topic	Presenter	Time
1. Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement	Began at 6:18	Melinda	6:15pm
2. Motion and Approval of Agenda		Melinda	
3. Motion and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Motioned by Melinda, Seconded by Larissa (6:52pm)	Melinda	
4. Welcome		Melinda	6:20pm
5. Membership Forms & Volunteering		Melinda	6:25pm
6. Principal Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Celebrations – been in the news a couple of times – CTV celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Spanish Bilingual program with CBE. Global News profiled the students that were at Jub School.• Teacher Presentation: Ms. Jeanne Neumier Gr 3 – Indigenous culture through beading Creating a Food Chain using indigenous art to show it. And will use beading to create their animals• Jeff Stockton – Going very well. Students appear to be loving it. Storytelling with his harp. Students journaling and reflecting on it. Sharing night with be April 23rd 5:30-7:30. More information coming out after spring break• Swimming – beginning soon. \$19 Grade 3,4,5 April 27-May1 Grade 1,2 May 21-28		6:30pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Led Conferences – booking system opened today No 1:1 with teachers but a group 45 minute session but you do still need to book a slot (for accountability reasons; registering attendance). • • School Engagement SDP and Budget Part 2 of the SDP & Budget presentation. At least 75 per cent of budget goes to staffing. School Fee guide and full field trip, activities and in-school fees report available in the presentation that will be posted on the EC website. Feedback form was shared and attendees encouraged to complete it during the meeting 		
7. Council Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from Trustee Meeting -School Council meeting hosted by School Trustees to bring together councils from across the CBE. Meetings usually happen twice a year. Overall notes from Baylea’s attendance at the meeting - we are doing quite well but could work on increasing participation in our council and engagement meetings. Some schools host the first and last meetings of the school year in person. Others offer the option to either attend in person or virtually simultaneously. What about the timing, length of meeting? Could we do them at different times? 	Melinda	7:00pm
8. Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory Book – Update 133 books sold. Looking for a chair and a co-chair for next year • Events - Friendship Dance February 26 Recap Sold out and enjoyed by all. Incredible work by the volunteers. Great feedback from the students. Approximately 20 no shows, but it was sold out and there were people that missed out. We did miss coordinating tickets for the families that we have helped with costs in the past and that needs 	Melinda	7:10pm

	<p>to be sure to be caught and done for next years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 5 Farewell – Have a few people already signed up to lead the organizing. If anyone else still interested, please email council. Question about previous years the Gr 5s were able to collect bottles for return around the school and use those funds to put towards their farewell. Carmen unsure about doing that because of equity year over year but will have a conversation about it. 		
9. WhatsApp Chats	Parent-led, Council Supported for each grade	Melinda	
10. Open Discussion	Questions, Ideas, Feedback, Comments Ecscouncil@gmail.com	Melinda	
11. Meeting Adjourned	Melinda adjourned at 7:15. Seconded by Maria.	Melinda	7:15pm

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Thursday, April 16
- Thursday, May 21 – Elections (Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary)

UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS	UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS
Welcome Back Gathering – September 25	
Giving Tree – December (TBD)	
Feed the Teachers Appreciation Night – December 19	
Friendship Dance – February 26	
End of Year Celebration – June 18	

REMINDERS

General Inquires and comments: ecsschoolcouncil@gmail.com Secretary: eugenecoste.secretary@gmail.com

Have an agenda item for the next meeting? Please email ecsschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

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

Membership Forms & Volunteering

We have gone digital – but we have original forms available too:

Interested in volunteer opportunities?? Join now to stay in the loop.

Follow us on Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1716461455341688>

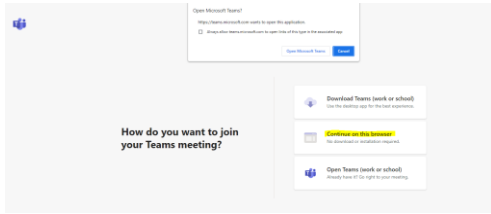
WhatsApp Chat Groups

Did you know that we have **Parent-Led**, Council-Supported WhatsApp chat groups for each grade? Yes, it is true!

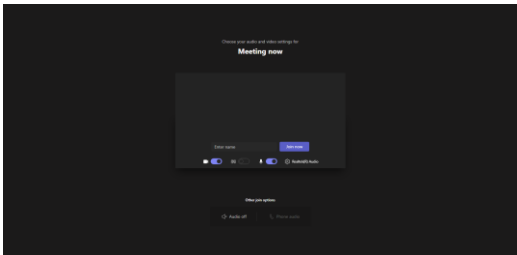
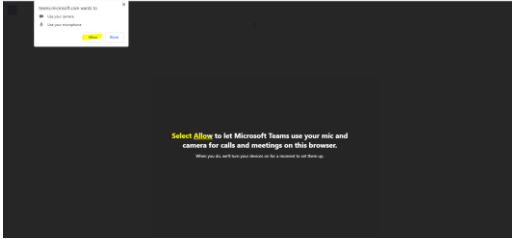
These chats have proven very useful to send families reminders and information. They also help to create a connection between families. If you are interested in joining, please send us an email ecsschoolcouncil@gmail.com and we will add you to the correct group.

Subject Line – WhatsApp Chat; **Email** – your name and phone number, your student’s first name and grade.

How to Join our Meetings via MS Teams



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