



Eugene Coste  
INTERNATIONAL SPANISH ACADEMY

## MINUTES | Escuela Eugene Coste School Council

Date | Thursday, April 16, 2026

Time | 6:15pm

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

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Meeting ID: 260 504 007 623 1 Passcode: Pz9j7KL6

Agenda Item	Discussion Topic	Presenter	Time
1. Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement	Baylea - 6:20 pm call to order	Baylea	6:15pm
2. Motion and Approval of Agenda	Motioned by Baylea Willan, Seconded by Larissa	Baylea	
3. Motion and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Motioned by Baylea, Seconded by Larissa	Baylea	
4. Welcome		Baylea	6:20pm
5. Membership Forms & Volunteering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2025-2026 ECS Membership Form</a></li> </ul>	Baylea	6:25pm
6. Principal Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher Share               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sra Reyes presenting on grade 3</li> <li>- La Casa: and NLA Loop Project – Oral vocabulary, assessment, writing and presenting</li> <li>- Cross Curricular Connects – Science, Social Studies, ELAL, Interconnection across subjects</li> <li>- Que Pasa</li> <li>- Readers &amp; Leaders, connection to community</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jeff Stockton, Residency Sharing Night (April 23)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalizing residency, performances next Thursday in the gym 5:30 &amp; 7:00, split into two groups, Kinders earlier. Students to arrive 10 minutes prior to performance time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• RAM (April 23)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Budget &amp; planning for 206-27 school year. Present scenarios, teachers provide input, bring back to Council for parent input.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Maatoomsii'Pookaiks PL Day (April 24)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children First Learning Day, indigenous learning, all CBE schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Swimming (April 27-30/May 25-28)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upcoming, volunteers needed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• AB Education Early Year Re-assessments</li> </ul>	Carmen & Yasmina	6:30pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rolling out, next year may be 4/5 grades as well</li> <li>- Enables speed and accuracy in supporting children's learning needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Carnaval Gr 4/5 (May 4)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- In Spanish, students only, parents may attend in volunteer capacity only</li> <li>- Practice financial literacy in Spanish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Camp Chief Hector (May 11-14)</li> <li>● Que Pasa Gr 3 (May 12)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- April 20, additional tickets being released <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Volunteer Tea (May 22)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 12:00-1:25 pm</li> </ul>		
7. Elections May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School Council Role Descriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chair and co-chair positions up for election in May, role descriptions will be shared through school channels</li> <li>- Baylea and Melinda have served 2 full terms</li> <li>- Positions represent Province, school administration and families</li> <li>- Secretary role up for election, may support Council and Society</li> <li>- May serve two consecutive terms in single role, per bylaws</li> <li>- Will share to what's app chats</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Baylea	7:00pm
8. School Council Operating Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revision in progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revision in progress, virtual meeting update, updating not restructuring</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Approval process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Members can vote on proposed changes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Melinda	7:05pm
9. Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Memory Book <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ongoing, deadline May 4<sup>th</sup> to purchase, \$25. Minimum number must be sold.</li> <li>- Need Memory book chair, co-chair for next year</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Grade 5 Farewell (Kristi) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kristi Rawles update: generating ideas for event. Food, drinks, cupcakes, decorations, photo backdrop. Will use school decorations but would also like to purchase new, refreshed, align with vision.</li> <li>- Memento to send with grade 5 students – group and individual photo card.</li> <li>- A parent's company is willing to donate \$1000 for a legacy gift to leave with the school. Kristi will discuss with Carmen.</li> <li>- Fundraising idea: bottle drive</li> <li>- Need to understand what school ceremony portion looks like, Carmen to connect Kristi with Srta. Micah.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Events - June 18 End of Year Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote among community, communicate plan to school admin. Food trucks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Melinda	7:10pm

	<p>confirmed burritos, shawarma, waffles &amp; chix, ice cream truck, mini donuts, burgers &amp; fries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Additional members joined events committee</li> </ul>		
10. Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Goal:</b> to enhance collaboration between parents and schools on education priorities</li> <li>● <a href="https://www.alberta.ca/school-councils">https://www.alberta.ca/school-councils</a></li> <li>- \$500 and needs to be spent by June 26, 2026</li> <li>- Looking at resources for parents/families around mental health &amp; wellness, subscription services (GoZen)</li> <li>- Will approach enrichment to backfill funding</li> </ul>	Melinda	
11. Open Discussion	<p>Questions, Ideas, Feedback, Comments</p> <p><a href="mailto:Ecscouncil@gmail.com">Ecscouncil@gmail.com</a></p>	Melinda	
12. Meeting Adjourned	<p>At 7:27 by Melinda, seconded by Dave McCurdy.</p>	Melinda	7:15pm

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

<b>UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS</b>
End of Year Celebration – June 18

## REMINDERS

General Inquires and comments: [ecsschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ecsschoolcouncil@gmail.com) Secretary: [eugenecoste.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:eugenecoste.secretary@gmail.com)

Have an agenda item for the next meeting? Please email [ecsschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto: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>

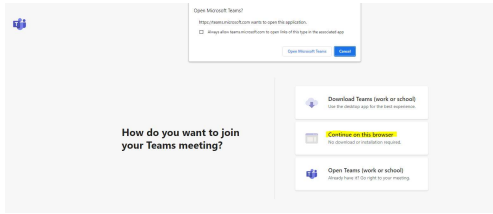
### WhatsApp Chat Groups

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

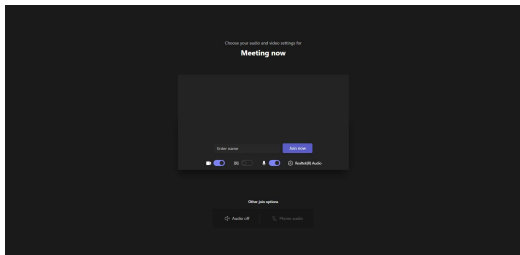
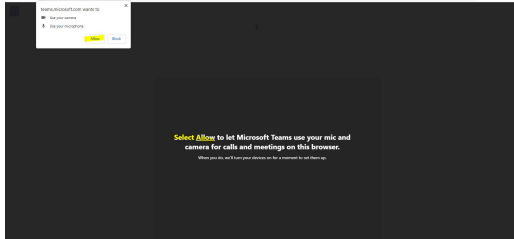
These chats have proven very useful to send families reminders and information. They also help to create a connection between families. If you are interested in joining, please send us an email [ecsschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ecsschoolcouncil@gmail.com) and we will add you to the correct group.

**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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