



Eugene Coste
INTERNATIONAL SPANISH ACADEMY

MINUTES | Escuela Eugene Coste School Council

Date | Thursday, September 18, 2025

Time | 6:15pm

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

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Agenda Item	Discussion Topic	Presenter	Time
1. Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement	Call to order at 6:22pm	Baylea	6:15pm
2. Motion and Approval of Agenda	Motion by Baylea Willan. Seconded by Jennifer Grant	Baylea	
3. Motion and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Postponed to next month	Baylea	
4. Welcome		Baylea	6:20pm
5. Membership Forms & Volunteering	ECS ES and SC Membership Forms 2025-26	Baylea	6:25pm
6. Principal Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction – Carmen and Yasmina intro – Carmen has been with the CBE for 15 years. Yasmina (Srta Rivas) in CBE 10 years. Has always been in Spanish program. Passion for STEM. Grew up in Montreal (speaks French too). What to expect this year – Recap of the planning from May of last year. Projected students was 411, currently at 413 Students in each grade - K = 61, Gr 1 = 88, Gr 2 = 65, Gr 3= 76, Gr 4 = 63, Gr 5 = 60 Year Two of 3-year Student Development Plan Continued focus on Bilingual literacy Continued focus on Mathematics Continued focus on student well-being Education Plan – Learning Excellence, Well-being, Truth & Reconciliation, Diversity and Inclusion 	Carmen & Yasmina	6:30pm

	<p>Commitment to Truth and Reconciliation – Heart; to Belong & Mind; to Know 25th Anniversary of the Spanish Bilingual Program this year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events – Key dates: Terry Fox Run – happened today Orange Shirt Day – Sept. 24th Open House & meet the teacher – Sept 25 Open House highlights –Students welcome. Teacher will present, then chat and mingle – food trucks, sensory room tours, scholastic book sales. Picture Days – Oct 1&2 Tennis Residency – Oct 6-23 • Neurolinguistic approach (NLA) – Immersing Students in the target language through communicative activities. Use of language in daily routines Use of visuals Stories, Songs, Games & gestures Repetition The literacy loop • School Priorities for Council and Enrichment Society. Administration wants to work with you, address concerns, build community together How additional funds make ECS even better? Direct impact on instruction, Improve Conditions for teachers, supplement procurement of items in support of learning. • Volunteering - use the website as a central point for information. • Parent Q: Discussion on Gr 4/5 mixed age classes. How are the teachers being supported? - Buddy classes, extra time for planning, Social studies new curriculum. Admin keeps themselves in the know in order to support the teachers with the new curriculum. • Parent Q: Planning suggested there 		
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	would be 3 EAs in the school. Currently there are three. Hoping to increase their hours though.		
7. Council Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions of School Council • Baylea Willan (Co-chair), Melinda Foran (Co-chair) & Alicia Baker (Secretary) 	Baylea	6:55pm
8. Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory Book - Fran (Maria Francisca Venegas) - New co-chair with Tanya. Email if you are interested in helping out – ecsmemorybook@gmail.com • Events – Looking for new members as many parents involved are aging out with Grade 5 students Upcoming events: Welcome Back/Open House – September 25th – Food Trucks and mingle. Friendship Dance in February End of Year Celebration June • Safety – community and school safety. Ongoing reminders required. Q about student crosswalk patrol again. Waiting for confirmation • Social Club – looking to get this up and going again if there is anyone interested. <p>ecsschoolcouncil@gmail.com for any interest in committees</p>	Melinda	7:00pm
9. WhatsApp Chats	<p>Parent-led, Council Supported for each grade – Connecting families with a school focus. The chat is not a replacement for direct communication with the school but intended to further support communication that the school already sends out.</p>	Melinda	
10. Open Discussion	<p>Questions, Ideas, Feedback, Comments Ecsschoolcouncil@gmail.com</p>	Baylea	
11. Meeting Adjourned	<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:20. Baylea called to adjourn. Second by Maria.</p>	Baylea	7:20pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Thursday, September 18
- Thursday, October 23
- Thursday, November 20
- NO Meeting in December
- Thursday, January 15
- Thursday, February 19
- Thursday, March 12
- Thursday, April 16
- Thursday, May 21 – Elections (Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary)
- No Meeting in December

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

[Remember to sign up!!](#)

**2025-2026 Eugene Coste School
Council & Enrichment Society
Membership**



Meet other wonderful parents and families! Stay informed on **volunteer opportunities, committees, events, monthly information sessions** and exciting ways to **be involved** in our incredible community.

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

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WhatsApp Chat Groups

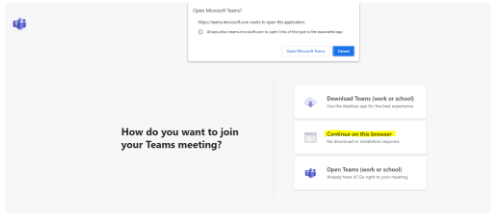
Did you know that we have **Parent-Led**, Council-Supported WhatsApp chat groups for each grade? Yes, it is true!

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, including your name, phone number, and classroom/grade your child is in, and we will add you to the correct group.

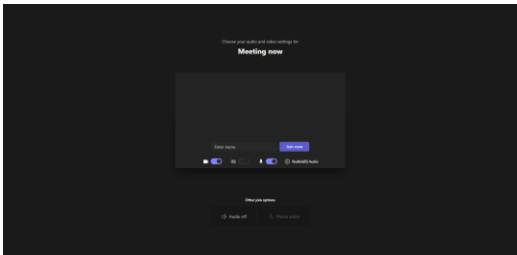
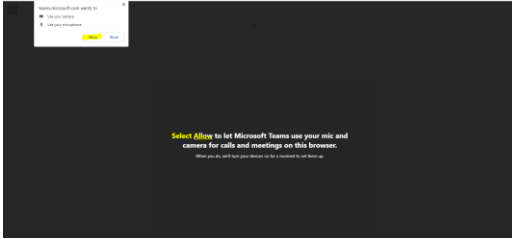
Subject Line – WhatsApp Chat; **Email** – your name and phone number, your student’s first name and grade.

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