

Minutes of Queen Elizabeth High School Council Meeting
Monday, March 30, 2026
QEHS Learning Commons at 7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

1. Land Acknowledgment – *presented by Ellen Parker*

2. Introduction of Parent Council and Booster Association

Everyone attending the meeting, whether in person or online, introduced themselves.

3. Principal's update – *presented by Jennifer Edmondson-Neily*

Knights are Leaders

- Robotics Team- Top 25 High Schools in Alberta at Provincial Tournament
- Debate Team- 2 students competing in Provincials in Edmonton on April 10 and 11
- All junior high volleyball teams made the championships- Monday March 16 and Tuesday March 17
- Senior High Student Wellness Action Team (SWAT) led teacher professional learning on February 27. Reviewed student data on well-being, belonging and culturally responsive mental health supports. Teachers then worked in discipline teams to enhance student voice into task design and assessment
- Principal Advisory Council has met twice to explore ideas on increasing student voice in our decision making. Many students are advocating for a more structured homeroom to increase connection, create student mentorship opportunities and increase school belonging. This would allow us to better personalize IPPs.

Knights are Learners

- Course Registration 2026-2027 is complete with all grade 9s, 10s, 11s reviewing graduation requirements and exploring post-secondary requirements. Junior High students have picked their options.
- Writer in Residence started at the end of February. Serena Bhandar is a Masters student in English at the University of Calgary.
- June Assessment Schedule has been posted on our website.
- PCL donated \$2000 to our construction program. We plan to use the donation to cover most of the cost of the skill saws (previously approved by School Council). High School construction students will partner with PCL for a site visit at the Memorial Drive flood mitigation project with the Superintendent and Project Manager.

Knights are Citizens

- Annual Bike-a-Thon for Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation is happening on May 7. The funds raised will go to the Summit Centre. Last year raised \$12k.

- Grade 9 Leadership students are requesting \$600 to support their volunteering with the Bethany Care Centre and Hillhurst Community Association preschool/afterschool for Kindergarteners program. Kathie will look into AGLC eligibility to pay for this.
- Junior High SWAT team creates a weekly school news video (activities etc.) that they share with students every Monday morning. They go on “walkabouts” to ask students questions on fun topics.

The Principal presented the 2026 School Development Plan. The purpose of the plan is to guide ongoing assessment and review of goals and actions. The plan is the driver for closing learning gaps and informs:

- Instructional strategies
- Professional learning
- School structures and processes for learning
- Resources to improve student learning
- Data-informed decision making

For click [here](#) more information about the School Planning Engagement process.

4. Booster club update – presented by Kathie Robert

Funds in the amount of \$89,637.25 from the Thanksgiving 2025 casino have been deposited. These funds must be spent by February 2029.

5. Band updates – presented by Tara Brown

The process of sourcing uniforms is under way. A vendor has been found.

Alberta International Band Festival:

- Grade 9 band won gold.
- Senior high bands did very well.

Band trips:

- The senior high band trip to band was March 16 to 18 in Banff.
- The Grade 9 trip is coming up.

6. Gate update – presented by Chris Peng

The next GATE Parent Association parent education session is on May 14th. There will be a presentation from Dr. Makel from the University of Calgary. It will be announced in Knights Notes.

The GATE Parents Association has a survey open to GATE parents regarding opportunities to meet other GATE parents across the four GATE schools in Calgary.

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Meeting Adjourned: 8.10pm; Next meeting – May 19, 2026

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