

MINUTES OF THE A.E. CROSS SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2025
Location:	A.E. Cross School Learning Commons
Time:	7:07pm
Present:	R. Lewis (Principal), A. Wiseman (Vice Principal),

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by K. Van Vliet at 7:07 pm.
2. **Welcome, Introductions and Acknowledgment of the Land:** M. Petrie, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and completed the Land Acknowledgement. Round table introductions were completed.
3. **Approval of Minutes & Agenda**
 - 3.1 **Approval of Minutes:** M. Petrie moved to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2024 meeting. M. Wolski seconded. Minutes approved.
 - 3.2 **Approval of Agenda:** M. Petrie moved to approve the proposed June 13, 2025 agenda. J. McLean seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

4. **School Update – R. Lewis and A. Wiseman**

It's been a busy year. Grade 9 farewell was a big success. Scheduling it on a Friday worked well. Spanish Bilingual farewell was on June 4 and also went well. Field trips are still ongoing. Thanks to school council for their financial support.

A.E. Cross has been taken off the CBE's modernization list due to more pressing priorities. However, there have been upgrades such as flooring and video surveillance technology. School admin is still making the Board aware of things that could be improved.

PATs are underway for Grade 9s. Grade 7s and 8s also doing assessments. Final report cards will be live June 25.

Staffing – a couple of positions open now, and lots of applicants.

Labour action – teachers voted 94.5% in favour of strike. They have 120 days before they have to vote again, and they would need to give 72 hours' notice. Possibility of a strike in September. CBE will send out communications to keep parents updated.

5. **Board Reports**

- 5.1 **Chair (K. Van Vliet)/Vice President (M. Voinorosky):** Thanks to school admin for their support of our kids, thanks to the other board members.

5.2 Secretary (H. Ganshorn) – will send approved minutes to Mr. Lewis for posting

5.3 Liaison reports

- Band – no report
- COSC – no report
- Spanish – no report

5.4 Committee Reports

- Fun lunch/Healthy Hunger (Lori DeWitt) – CBE has new guidelines limiting fun lunches to once a month and making them more nutritious. There are guidelines around how long food can sit at room temperature.
- Staff appreciation (Emily Meldrum) – lunch will be organized for June 26.
- Volunteer coordinator (vacant) – we need volunteers for Sports Day and Staff appreciation. Sports Day volunteers need police clearance. Freezies have been purchased and are in the school freezer.
- Grade 9 farewell – was a great evening. Setup was seamless. Whoever steps up next year, Michelle has a planning document to pass on. There is a parent who has offered to coordinate for next year. We went a little over budget, and will be increasing the budget for next year.

6. Old Business

7. New Business/Open Dialogue

7.1 Elections

After three calls the following positions were nominated:

- Chair: J. Leopatra
- Vice Chair: vacant
- Secretary: Heather Ganshorn

Karin Van Vliet motioned to approve the above nominated individuals; H. Ganshorn seconded and the Motion was passed.

7.2 Expression of Interest for Other Volunteer Roles

Via email, the following volunteers indicated they would be available to fill the following roles:

- Spanish liaison: Heather Bligh
- Band liaison: Jane Leopatra
- Fun Lunch Coordinator: Lori De Witt
- Staff appreciation: Emily Meldrum
- Volunteer coordinator: Emily Meldrum
- COSC key communicator: Heather Ganshorn
- Grade 9 Farewell Committee Coordinator: Rachel Robinson
- Shopper: Amelia Shoemaker

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7.3 2025-26 Meeting Schedule

The first meeting has been set for Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 7pm in the Learning Commons.
The remaining 2025-26 meeting schedule will be set in the September meeting.

8. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held in person on Thursday September 25, 2025 at 7pm.
9. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Prepared By:	H. Ganshorn (Secretary)	June 12, 2025 Approved: June 11, 2026 AGM
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