

**Samuel W. Shaw School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 20, 2025, SWS Boardroom**

**Attendance (9)**

Sky Mercier - Chairperson	Shannon Wolframe - Assistant Principal
Denis Bekkering - Secretary	Bobbi Kivi - Principal
Shayla Heath	
Juli Kriel	
Kathleen Lewis	
Nicole Klein	
Kerry Green - Assistant Principal	

**1.0 Meeting called to order by Sky Mercier at 6:31 pm. Quorum achieved.**

**2.0 Sky Mercier motioned for approval of the meeting minutes for the September 18, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Kathleen Lewis.**

**3.0 Sky Mercier motioned for approval of the agenda for the September 18, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Shayla Heath.**

**4.0 Standing Business - Principal’s Report/School Update**

Assistant Principal Shannon Wolframe reported that Parent-Teacher interviews were to be held the following Thursday and Friday. Meetings for Grades 5, 6, and 9 could be held in-person on Thursday, or virtually Friday. In-person meetings were prioritized for Grade 7 on Thursday only, while Grade 8 meetings were to be held online only on the Friday.

Principal Bobbi Kivi discussed school complexity data, which the school is obligated to provide to the provincial government. It was noted that the school had a high number of students with English as an additional language, and she also mentioned the prevalence of “uncoded complex” students, which may include those with heavy absences, mental health challenges, and the like. She relayed that such factors do impact the school’s Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) results. She also noted that only 11 parents had responded to the Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) survey, which is used to gather information on “what is working well and where there is room for improvement” (as per the Calgary Board of Education website). Overall, regarding school statistics, Bobbi reported that the school is moving in a positive direction.

Bobbi then discussed two main goals of the School Development Plan, which is in the first year of a three-year cycle: student achievement will improve, and student well-being will improve. She did note that many students have attendance issues, with a number missing more than

50% of classroom time, and that addressing this will continue to be a priority. She added, however, that a teacher from Centennial High School informed her that there was an increase in the learning capacity of students arriving from Samuel W. Shaw, which is positive. She also noted that a student feedback survey, based on the Medicine Wheel, also evidenced enhanced student well-being.

Assistant Principal Kerry Green took council members on a tour of the school, showing pictures related to the “Why You Matter” project, in which all students and staff were photographed holding signs continuing the phrase, “I matter because...” She stated that this had been great for student and staff self-esteem. Kerry also took members on a tour of the new “Engagement Space,” located in a corner of the Learning Commons. This space is for students who require a “different look at their learning,” and where they may work directly with Educational Assistants. She reported that the space had been very successful so far. She also highlighted the importance of learning on the land, and raised the possibility of a future outdoor learning space. As Bobbi noted, such a space would be particularly useful for students drawn to the outdoors, and that such plans would require thoughtful planning and research.

#### **5.0 New Business**

There was general discussion of potential school “asks” from the council, which are addressed in the Fundraising Society minutes.

#### **6.0 Next Meeting**

Will be held at the SWS boardroom, at 6:30 pm, Thursday, January 22nd, 2026.

#### **7.0 Adjournment**

Sky Mercier motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:54 pm. This was seconded by Denis Bekkering