

Lord Beaverbrook High School

2024/2025 School Council Chair Annual Report

1. Message from LBHS School Council

Ensuring student success is at the core of School Council. At LBHS, everyone in the community from students and parents, teachers and administration, to external community members work to improve student success.

But we are a bit different...LBHS School Council is NOT a fundraising entity. Instead, our role is to ensure the greater community is aware of the fundraising initiatives of school groups like music, sports, leadership, so they can be successful.

That creates an opportunity to connect with school administration for a deeper understanding of school events, decisions, and to make suggestions for future planning. School Council is the place to learn about all things LBHS including challenges from student conduct to the broader impacts of CBE and provincial level decisions.

At LBHS School Council, we are focussed on providing support to parents through guest speaker presentations on topics relevant and important to our community. We also collaborate with our feeder schools to further connect our extended community.

When you join the School Council, you are among the first to directly learn about changes and impacts on programming. It is a great place to ask questions and bring up concerns. You can participate in a way that suits you. We have some vacant roles or just come to share your views!

2. Executive et al

Trustee – Nancy Close

Principal – David Sparrow

Vice-Principals – Michele Konschuh, Michelle Finley, Jovan Vujinovic, James Loach

Chair – Brenda P.

Vice-Chair – David J.

Treasurer – not applicable

Secretary – Kathleen R.

Key Communicator - Brenda P. / Leanne B.

LB Music Parent Association Rep – Jennifer B.

Grade 10, 11 & 12 Reps – (Matthew I., Brenda M., Leanne B.)

Members at Large – Jenn S., Laura B., Jaki S., Shawna A.

Community Rep – Corry P. (Careers Nex Gen), plus two vacation positions

Volunteer Coordinator - Vacant

3. Meeting Dates

September 17, 2024 (in-person & video conference)

October 15, 2024 (in-person & video conference)

November 19, 2024 (in-person & video conference)

January 21, 2025 (video conference)

February 18, 2025 (in-person) – Guest Speaker Connie Jakab - Bravely Connected Method (in lieu of formal meeting and funded by ASCA grant)

March 18, 2025 (postponed to April 15, 2025)

April 15, 2025 (video conference)

May 20, 2025 (in-person & video conference)

4. Minutes of Meetings

Circulated via email & posted on LBHS website <https://lordbeaverbrook.cbe.ab.ca/school-council>

5. Summary of School Council Activities – Focus Item “Engagement at LBHS”

a) *Guest Speaker series (invitations extended to LBHS & its feeder school communities)*

Objective: deliver meaningful programming for parents & guardians and collaborate with LBHS' junior high feeder schools for broader engagement and share resources

Conducted parent survey to canvas topics of interest and preferred method of communication

Hosted & invited by LBHS:

- Bravely Connected Method by Connie Jakab – February 18, 2025

Hosted & invited by Wilma Hansen:

- Supporting Student Wellness in Grief by Linita Mathew – January 22, 2025
- Social Media Presentation by Jo Phillips – May 1, 2025

Hosted & invited by David Thompson

- Bravely Connected Method by Connie Jakab – June 3, 2025

b) *Communication of CBE Webinars “Child & Youth Well-Being Family & Caregiver Series”*

Objective: promote awareness of CBE's free resources & commitment to wellness/mental health

- Can we Talk: Healthy Relationships – November 20, 2024
- Building Resiliency in Today's Youth – November 21, 2024
- Mental Health for Highly Sensitive Teens: Unique Struggles for those Emotional Feelers – November 28, 2024
- Pre-recorded sessions available online:
 - Adolescent Brain Development and Navigating Parent-Teen Relationships
 - Screen Time: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly
 - Understanding Autism & ADHD to Promote Long-Term Success
 - Focused and Engaged: Finding Balance through Self-Regulation
 - Sleeping Your Way to Better Mental Health
 - Behavioural Challenges of School Aged Children

Other – Conference & Resource Fair hosted by Learning Disabilities & ADHD Network – October 26, 2024

Other – ASCA Webinar – November 23, 2024

c) *School Council Information Booth at School Conferences*

Objective: to promote LBHS School Council's role and broaden participation & engagement

- School Conference – October 24, 2024
- School Conference – March 20, 2025 (in-person cancelled due to CUPE labour action)

d) *Communication of Job & Trade Fairs*

Objective: promote awareness of job opportunities for students in collaboration with Careers Nex Gen who “connects students to employers for paid internships” as well as student opportunity to “earn credits towards high school as well as a post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree” (program has outgrown LBHS' available space)

- Trade fair @ James Fowler – October 30, 2024
- Trade fair @ All Saints – November 20, 2024
- Trade fair @ Central Memorial – February 19, 2025
- Trade fair @ Notre Dame – March 19, 2025
- City of Calgary Youth Employment Fair – March 27, 2025

e) *Communication of School Fundraisers / Donations*

Objective: to inform parents, guardians & the community of all available school fundraisers to improve the success of fundraisers for all school groups and support all fundraising endeavours

- Invitation to LBHS teachers to share upcoming fundraisers to promote within the entire school community
- Inclusion of upcoming events on the school website & LBHS School Council email list

f) *Lord Beaverbrook Music Parent Association Reports*

Objective: runs the casino (AGLC one casino per school); works closely with school administration to ensure funding support is available for priorities determined by administration & teachers

- Band performances (Canmore Festival, Remembrance Day, Christmas, Alberta International Band Festival, Alberta International Competition Concert Band, Jazz Workshop at MRU Conservatory, Spring

Concert with Willow Park School at Bella Concert Hall, Con Brio Music Festival (Whistler, BC) & Spring Concert at Know United Church. Feeder School Invitational (cancelled due to CUPE labour action)

- Fundraisers: Casino Q4 of 2024, Chickens & Eggs, Purdys, Spolumbos, Growing Smiles, Little Caesars

g) *COSC Meetings*

Objective: “to allow for effective interaction between the CBE and its school councils. Through COSC, the CBE can focus on effective, two-way dialogue with our school councils about school and student learning issues.

- Attended October 23, 2024 and April 23, 2025 COSC meetings
- Participated in the ASCA Engagement Grant Survey
- Budget & Capital Planning Updates
- Board advocacy points & how individuals can make a difference connecting with MLAs
- Breakout sessions by school level provided more focussed & targeted discussions
- Opportunity to connect with School Trustees
- Invitation from Trustees to those interested in running for a School Trustee position

h) *Principal / Administration Reports*

Objective: a Q&A opportunity for the school community to connect directly with the principal & school administration to learn about school events, future planning, challenges & accolades, student wellness, impacts of CBE and provincial level decisions and share ideas/concerns & stay informed

- Student enrollment for 2024/2025 school year projected at approximately 2,000 students
- Staffing levels, complimentary courses & extracurricular activities
- Student school trips (Bamfield Research, Sailing Gulf Islands)
- Student success (mental, physical, academic), Principal Advisory Council & Student Advisory Council, Wellness Committee, Brave Dogs (Indigenous students) amongst many other initiatives
- Student surveys, parent accountability surveys
- Personal Mobile Devices / Social Media policies finalized with positive feedback
- Professional development, mental health literacy for teachers
- Guidance department collaboration & presentations to feeder schools
- Transportation & proactive communication with City of Calgary re: upcoming requirements
- Diploma exams/rewrites schedule, Success in Learning days
- Graduation – May 28, 2025
- Chinook Learning moving to new location in September 2025 creating available space, parking
- Summer school registration (in-person & online options)
- New school website design & dedicated teacher to post updates / LBHS content
- SDP & Fee Survey

6. Proposed 2025-2026 Meeting Dates

Continue historical practice of hosting School Council meetings the third Tuesday of every month (excluding December & June) via in-person & online to promote increased attendance and participation

September 16, 2025 – first meeting of the 2025-2026 School Year & Election of Vacant Executive Positions

October 21, 2025

November 18, 2025

January 20, 2026

February 17, 2026

March 17, 2026

April 21, 2026

May 19, 2026

7. Financial Statement

LBHS School Council is not a fundraising body and does not have finances to report

Respectfully submitted,
LBHS School Council
Brenda Pask, Chair