

John G. Diefenbaker School Council Meeting Minutes September 22, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Welcome & Introductions

Attendance:

Executive: Hope Lewis - chair, Michelle Wood - vice-chair, Brooklyn Shill - treasurer, Shelagh McConnell - secretary

Administration/Faculty: Jason Arrell

Members: Jennifer Razzo - casino chair/key communicator, Bridget Hartney, Wayne Diesel

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Jennifer, Second by Brooklyn

June 2026 minutes approved (Motion by Jennifer, Second by Shelagh)

Student Council Report (STUCCO)

Kaylee and Simer new STUCO Presidents for this year
Unavailable to attend September meeting

Administration Report (Jason Arrell)

Jason Arrell (Principal)

Enrollment - Currently 1449 students enrolled, expected final number ~1420, built on 1381 - possible hiring of more teachers in the second semester

- Staffing Updates
 - New Assistant Principal - Lisa McGuey
 - Full-time SRO - Kris Rozon
 - SRO for both Diefenbaker and SJAM
 - Working closely with SRO at Fowler
 - School psychologist
 - Social worker
- Alex Bus, mobile health unit (once per week)
- Athletics
 - Football - no junior team this year
 - Cross country
 - Volleyball
 - Girls' soccer - with Fowler
- No news on the the new building
- Graduation tentative date: June 11/27

- Meet the Teacher - September 24
 - 5:30pm - 7:00pm
 - 5:30pm - 6:00pm - new parent session
- Interviews
 - Thursday, October 15 - evening, in person
 - October 19 - during the day, online
- Possible Parent Night regarding exploitation of young people
 - Teachers to attend professional development regarding exploitation of young people

Chair Report

Hope Lewis

- Land acknowledgement to be added to the spring AGM
- Renee Duan from UniConsulting - "A parents' guide to postsecondary admissions" - Hope to reach out to assess availability for a presentation at Diefenbaker during this school year

Key Communicator

Jennifer Razzo

- Community of School Councils with school trustee - Meetings scheduled for October 22, January 20, April 22, and June 10

Treasurer's Balance

Brooklyn Shill

- General Account Balance - August 31, 2026: \$2270.00
- Casino Account Balance - August 31, 2026: \$102 324.11
- Funding requests will be reviewed in the Parent Association meeting

Upcoming Meetings

October 13, 2026

November 10, 2026

January 12, 2027

March 9, 2027

May 11, 2027 - AGM

June 2027 - exact date TBD

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Next Meeting

October 13, 2026 @ 6:00pm