

John G. Diefenbaker School Council Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Welcome & Introductions

Attendance:

Executive: Maike Horn, Amber Abbott, Brooklyn Shill, Kara Payne, Jennifer Razzo

Administration/Faculty: Jason Arrell

Members: Hope Lewis, Shelagh McConnell, Michelle Wood, Anna Mazur

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Amber, Second by Hope

Minutes approved over email April 20, 2026 (Motion by Jennifer, Second by Michelle)

Student Council Report (STUCCO)

Winnie, Safiya, Kylan

- Kaylee and Simer new STUCO Presidents for next year
- Past Events:
 - Ride of the Chiefs
 - Good turn out and everyone had a good time
 - Raised \$13, 334
- Thanks to all the parents and their support through School Council this year

Administration Report (Jason Arrell)

Jason Arrell (Principal)

- Retirements: Ms Roberts, Ms Turner
- New Assistant Principal Lisa McGuey
- Projections for 1450 students next school year
- Able to secure permanent contracts for teachers who had temp contracts
- Grad Parents Feedback:
 - Nice venue
 - Liked breaking the students into groups instead of doing it all at once
 - Timing- earlier in the spring
 - Option for QR code instead of printed program? (large cost to print programs)
 - Concerns people will be looking on their phones
 - Will look at other options to have program shown and could maybe decrease the number of programs printed
- New School moved to "Planning" stage

- Bids now open for interested companies
- Next, the bid selection with blue print approval. Once that is finalized building will start approx one year after.
- Capacity of new school will be approx 1905 students
- Previously approved funding requests no longer needed
 - Smartboard (\$3000)- shuffling of other Smartboards
 - Butterfield Acres (\$450)- did not get booked (with SJAM)

Chair Report

Maiké Horn

- Open Positions (not filled from last meeting)
- Interests expressed for the following positions:
 - Chair-Hope Lewis
 - Motion by Brooklyn, Second by Amber, all in favour
 - Secretary- Shelagh McConnell
 - Motion by Amber, Second by Hope, all in favour
- 2026-2027 School year first meeting: September 22, 2026 6:30pm

Treasurer's Balance

Brooklyn Shill

- General Account Balance-May 31, 2026:\$2,984.35
- Casino Account Balance- May 31, 2026:\$125,617.17

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

Next Meeting

September 22, 2026 @6:30pm