

John G. Diefenbaker School Council Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026

Meeting called to order at: 5:58 pm

Welcome & Introductions

Attendance:

Executive: Maike Horn, Kara Payne, Jennifer Razzo

Administration/Faculty: Jason Arrell

Members: Hope Lewis, Diane Rak, Shelagh McConnell, Michelle Wood

Students: Winnie, Safiya, Kylan

Guests: Constable Tyler Cress

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Motion to approve agenda - Jennifer Razzo

Approved - Kara Payne

Minutes approved over email December 7, 2025 - Motion By Jennifer, Second by Amber

Student Council Report (STUCCO)

Winnie, Safiya, Kylan

- Past Events:
 - Winter Pep Rally
 - Santa delivered presents
 - Fun games and activities; great student involvement
- Upcoming Events:
 - Open House- Jan 29
 - Explore school or take a guided tour
 - Clubs and extra-curricular on display
 - Ride of the Chiefs (ROTC) date confirmed: April 17, 2026
 - Parent volunteers needed to help with supervisions and clean-up; will have more info at next meeting
- Funding requests (to be discussed in Parent Association Meeting)
 - More apparel- \$3000-\$6000
 - Designed and chosen by the students
 - Profits from sales will go back to leadership group
 - Hot Dog grill- \$1600
 - More options for food events indoors and lunch concession

Special Guest - School Resource Officer (SRO)

Constable Tyler Cress

- Diefenbaker designated for full time SRO; shared with SJAM

- Extra training each year to be SRO
- Relationship building with students; proactive and consistent
- Working on issues at McDonalds
- Goal: avoid youth from being charged criminally

Chair Report

Maike Horn

- Thanks to Jennifer and all the volunteers for helping out at the casino
- Renee Duan - scholarship Info Night appreciative for being invited back and
- Upcoming meetings:
 - Annual General Meeting (AGM) March 31
 - New position to be voted in for next year : Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary (graduating parents)
 - April 14 School trustee - Laura Hack
 - Please submit any questions before hand
 - Jan 21 Council of School Council (COSC) Meeting downtown 7:00-8:30

Casino Fundraiser

Jennifer Razzo

- Approved for the next Casino Q4 (Oct-Dec) 2027
 - Request Ace Casino again

Treasurer's Balance

Maike Horn (for Brooklyn Shill)

- Current Casino Balance = \$54,501.77 (December 31, 2025)
- General Fund Balance = \$2984.35 (December 31, 2025)
- Funding requests will be reviewed in the Parent Association meeting

Administration Report (Jason Arrell)

Jason Arrell (Principal)

- Diploma Results

Measures	Current year (JGD)	3 Year Average	Current year (Alberta)	3 Year Average (Alberta)
3 Year Completion Rate	87.6%	84.3%	81.4%	84.4%
Diploma Acceptable	87.3% (+5.3%)	87% (6.1%)	82%	80.9%
Diploma Excellence	36.6% (+13.6%)	35.4% (+14.5%)	23%	21.9%

- Graduation: **June 5, 2026**

- Ceremony: Centre Street Event Centre 9 am-12 pm
- 2 tickets guaranteed; may have overflow seats and will also be live streamed
- Walk the stage criteria
 - 100 credits (all required courses); by end of summer
 - In good standing (behaviour)
 - Grad list has been posted
- Reception: Winsport 2:30-5pm
 - DJ, dance floor, photobooth, more seating than previous year
 - Unlimited guest
 - Approved cost \$50-\$60
- Parent Information Night April 15 (online)
- Student Grad meeting held today
- New Hires starting in semester 2
 - School budget now out of debt
 - 5 positions
 - Will be splitting some of the larger classes

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Upcoming Meetings

March 31 - AGM

April 14

June 16