

Beaverlodge Home and School Association (BHSA)

Minutes: January 13, 2026

In attendance: S. Locke, E. Irvine, L. Wiebe, S. Peever, R. Greenspan, M. Turner, R. Gerchev

Call to order: 6:02

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Review and approval of agenda - Motioned by L. Wiebe, seconded by M. Turner.. All in favour, motion carried.
3. Review and approval of minutes - Motioned by E. Irvine, seconded by S. Locke. All in favour, motion carried.
4. Principal's Report - See attached BHSA Principal's Report (Admin Message Jan 13, 2026)
5. Treasurer's Report - See attached BHSA Treasurer's Report (Jan 13, 2026)
6. Fundraising goals - Shannon and Ryan to share suggestions from teachers
 - a. STEM equipment to increase inventory for use by entire classes, currently only have 6 coding robots in inventory.Coding robotics can be used by all grades and offer shared experiences and collaboration between grades. **Action: R. Greenspan to provide links with costs for consideration (i.e. B-bots, Dash Robot).**
 - b. S. Peever shared interests collected from staff to include;
 - i. Outdoor recess equipment (i.e. snow shovels, microscope, mittens/scarves).
 - ii. Contributions towards guests/events planned for the school year for whole school participation.
 - iii. Contributions towards rental of event equipment (i.e. inflatables for outdoor fun days)
 - iv. Playground enhancements such as swings, outdoor seating, outdoor shade covers and trees.
 - c. **Action: Executive Committee will review costs of items suggested and consider budget to shortlist options for vote to committee members at large via BHSA Parents Chat between January and February ahead of the next scheduled meeting. It is noted that purchases for the school must be ordered by March 31, 2026 for year-end financial reporting.**

7. Concert Debrief
 - a. Feedback was collected on the Winter concert format and donations
 - b. **Action: BHSA and school will discuss donation collection prior to the next concert or community event.**

8. Upcoming events and required actions
 - a. Yearbook
 - i. 2-years remain on contract.
 - ii. E. Irvine will continue to work with P. Janciw (former BHSA member, current Beaverlodge Elementary staff) as Yearbook Committee on creation and publishing.
 - iii. **Action: R. Greenspan and S. Peever will encourage staff to upload classroom photos for the remainder of year to file storage for selection by the Yearbook Committee.**
 - iv. **Action: S. Peever to select options for Yearbook Theme to present to R. Greenspan for Grade 5 student vote.**

 - b. Grade 5 Farewell
 - i. R. Greenspan suggested the continued offering of a Lasertopia event for Grade 5 students.
 - ii. Numbers are for 45 students at this date.
 - iii. **Action: S. Locke to confirm pricing package with Lasertopia (i.e. 3 laser games, arcade and treat) and intention will be to proceed with funding if pricing is within range of expected expense.**

 - c. Teacher Appreciation (February)
 - i. In the previous year a gift card was presented to all staff members on behalf of the BHSA. S. Peever acknowledged any form of appreciation is impactful and appreciated by staff, and suggested that a contribution towards a full-staff team-building activity may be a new idea to consider. An example of such was a reservation to Activate following the planned staff professional development lunch on February 13, 2026.
 - ii. **Action: S. Peever to provide cost for reservation and this will be considered by BHSA Executive for budget prior to decision.**

9. Upcoming events and action items
 - a. Early movie night (movie selection, poster, promo, school communications, snacks, volunteers)
 - i. Due to late timing for logistics and communication it was decided to revert back to the original movie offering of 6pm with snacks and water to purchase rather than an early movie night with pizza dinner for order.
 - ii. **Action: S. Locke to provide details in Friday bulletin.**
 - iii. **Action: S. Locke to create a poll for movie selection for the next 3 movie nights. The top 3 choices will be selected going forward.**

- iv. **Action: S. Locke to request volunteers on BHSA Parents Chat.**
 - v. **Action: E. Irvine has snacks and water in inventory.**
- b. Feb movie night (movie selection, poster, promo, school communications, snacks, volunteers)
- i. As there is no meeting in February, we will proceed with movie night following the status quo of a 6:00pm start with snacks and water for purchase.
 - ii. **Action: S. Locke to create a poll for movie selection for the next 3 movie nights. The top 3 choices will be selected going forward.**
 - iii. **Action: S. Locke to request volunteers on BHSA Parents Chat.**
 - iv. **Action: E. Irvine will replenish snacks and water in inventory.**
 - v. **Action: R. Greenspan to have the Media Club create posters.**
- c. March and April events (movie night & carnival)
- i. Revisit the idea of Early Movie Night with Pizza Dinner at the next meeting to determine logistics and volunteers needed. If determined to be too intensive or limited by volunteers the movie night will follow the status quo of 6pm with snacks and water for purchase only.
 - ii. April 24 - Family Carnival Idea:
 1. Concerns raised that the logistics and price may be prohibitive for the Committee at this time. Use of school gym equipment within the small gym was deemed inappropriate for safety concerns, therefore mini games would have to be rented.
 2. Another suggestion was to revert back to a Dance Party again with the use of the small gym for crafting or maker space (materials could be purchased, but school does have supplies as well).
 3. **Action: L. Wiebe to inquiry with Winnipeg Recreation Services regarding equipment rentals for consideration.**
 4. **Action: As many more members were in attendance at initial conception of idea, Committee decided to look into costs and put out a vote online to the rest of the members at large in the BHSA Parents Chat for final decision.**

10. Looking ahead:

- a. BHSA election: May 2026 meeting, new positions
 - i. **Action: Next meeting to poll the members at large on interests to return as members and/or elected positions. Suggestion to nominate a new position(s) in support of Event Coordinator and Fundraising.**
- b. Kindergarten graduation
 - i. A parent inquired about a Kindergarten farewell event. **Action: S. Peever to consult with the Kindergarten Teacher.**

11. Other Business

- a. Confirmation that charitable number for BHSA was approved under the Pembina Trails School Division.
 - i. **Action: S. Peever to follow-up with the School Division for final paperwork and process to use and disperse the charitable number and will provide it to the BHSA Executive Committee.**
 - ii. **Action: M. Turner will proceed with sending a Thank You letter to donors.**
- b. **Action: S. Peever to inquire about status and timing of playground repair with the School Division Maintenance.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:21pm