

ACADIA PARENT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday March 11, 2026

Location: Acadia School/Virtual

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Present: Cole, Loretta, Jill M, Lesley-Anne, Elyse, Brittany

Land Acknowledgment by:

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Meeting called to order by: Loretta 6:35pm

Approval of the March 2026 agenda:

Motioned: Cole

Seconded: Jill M

Approval of the February 2026 minutes:

Motioned: Cole

Seconded: Jill M

Teachers Report: Grade 5 (Lisa Lunnin, Mikaela Vanderhoeden)

Class Economy - students were asked to apply for 'classroom jobs', they get paid, have to pay tax, make the deposits and withdrawals, savings. Some don't have jobs, which leads to talk about equity, equalization, etc.

Literacy Routines - Morphology Monday - break down word parts, generate related words, discuss meanings and apply them in sentences to strengthen vocabulary and decoding of complex words. TGIF - students write an account of what they did during the week in their own unedited words. Building sentences from scratch, working on punctuation and capitalization(along with run on sentences). Word of the day - academic or content specific word introduced, defined and discussed in context and used in speaking and writing throughout the day to reinforce retention. Word games, prefixes and suffixes. Writing short stories, read aloud and book club.

Math Routines -Non-Negotiables - Math Fluency and Basic Fact Fluency - Students work toward becoming flexible, accurate, and efficient with numbers, with continued emphasis on efficient strategies and multiplication facts to 12, which students are expected to know by Grade 5

Math Routines and Warm Ups - Daily activities that build number sense, encourage discussion, and help students explain their thinking.

Current Learning

Patterns and Equations - Extending number patterns, identifying rules, using T charts, and finding the nth term while working with variables and simple equations (BEDMAS - 'E')

Measurement - Perimeter and area, and converting between metric units

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Decimals and Fractions – Introduced separately from whole numbers for spaced practice before connecting concepts

When possible, learning is connected to real world examples and supported with hands on materials using the Concrete Representational Abstract (CRA) model.

What's new - Patrollers - 78 applied, 60 were accepted. They will celebrate at Heritage Park for year end.

New social studies curriculum - Time and Place(geography), Time and Place(history), System economics and politics. Ancient civilizations project with research, primary and secondary sources, proper citations to avoid plagiarism, presenting to grade 4's, artifacts, join the army pamphlet

Field trip to fish creek park - free trip through Learning Naturally. Bus paid for by Parent Council. Sun catching, weather walk data, catching clouds.

Administrators Reports:

- Mrs King and Mrs Traveson are back from their leaves.
- Parent teachers conferences bookings are open and available for parents to book, evening of Thurs Mar 19 and morning of Fri Mar 10.
- Youth Singers residency is coming April 6-10
- Vanessa has cheques in the office for Purdy's and 2 Healthy Hunger cheques.

Steps from last meeting:

- Vice-President role for this year and next will take place of the acting president for the school year 2027-28
- Jill will post on facebook to encourage more involvement

New Business: None

Next meeting Date: Wednesday, April 8th , 2026 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned: Loretta 7:02pm

ACADIA PARENT ADVISORY SOCIETY AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Location: Acadia School/Virtual

Time: 07:30

Present: Loretta, Cole, Jill M, Lesley-Anne, Elyse, Brittany

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1Meeting called to order by: Loretta 7:03pm

1. **Approval of the March 2026 agenda:**

Motioned: Jill M

Seconded: Cole

1. **Approval of February 2026 minutes:**

Motioned: Jill M

Seconded: Cole

1.Action steps from last meeting: (as per email from Principal Bartel)

- Climate-Resilient Learning Garden for Acadia Elementary: Principal Bartel has met with Jared, the facilities supervisor.

Key points: facilities are not responsible for the installation; school council would need volunteers to water gardens throughout the summer. Council can det access to hose bibs during the summer, however we would need to supply the hoses, which would then need to be stored OR pay for a water truck to come throughout the summer which is costly. If the project goes ahead, it will need to be in the front of the school as the back field would be too hot. Generally, these types of installations are discouraged as once the school council volunteers who are highly supportive of these projects, leave the school, the gardens are often neglected and ultimately removed as they are an eyesore. They also attract pests, like mice and rabbits which can get into the school.

-Consideration could be made for an outdoor amphitheatre with rocks and an outdoor learning space (can be found at Le Roi Daniels and Auburn Bay schools. Cost is approximately \$20-\$30K and would be installed by contractors, not volunteers.

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-Installing anything in the back field may require applying to the City for approval but they are generally supportive of these projects.

Jill M - can we remediate lake Acadia, as it is causing issues inside the school as well?

Discussion on the garden came to the conclusion it's not ideal due to pests and maintenance, more focus to be put on the amphitheatre and add trees to combat the heat. Add stumps and large rocks or items similar to Haysboro community association natural playground. We can consult with the Parks department for advice and recommendations. We want to make sure the space will be used and not abused. Could be a multi year commitment, needs leader and potential sub-committee.

There is interest from the teachers on outdoor learning area

1. New Business:

Lisa: Spirit wear for teaching staff or kids or both. Also could launch a website for parents to buy for their kids. Lots of colour options. The cost is approx \$7000 for 450 t-shirts for all kids. Could this come out of casino account?

Were the t-shirts order popular previous years? approx 100.

-President: Jen Peters was asked about putting a mirror in the alley just off 5th, since the fence is so high. There has been too many close calls. Jill will look into it.

-Secretary: None.

-Treasurer: Not in attendance

-Fundraising Coordinator: Next casino fundraiser is set for Deerfoot Inn & Casino for first quarter of 2027

-Casino Coordinator: Not in attendance

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 @7:30pm

1. Adjourned: Loretta 7:29pm