

# ACADIA PARENT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**Date:** Wednesday April 8, 2026

**Location:** Acadia School/Virtual

**Time:** 6:30-7:30pm

## **Present:**

### **Land Acknowledgment by:**

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**Meeting called to order by: Loretta @ 6:32pm**

### **Approval of the April 2026 agenda:**

**Motioned: Jill M.**

**Seconded: Loretta**

### **Approval of the March 2026 minutes:**

**Motioned: Jen P**

**Seconded: Jill M**

### **Teachers Report:**

Grade 4 - Kendra Ayrey & Megan Ndegwa. A new teacher is starting soon as Mackenzie Bachmeier is on maternity leave.

Literacy and math routines

1. Build predictability and reduce anxiety
2. Strengthen Core Skills through repetition
3. Increase independence
4. Support all learners
5. Improve engagement and participation
6. Maximize instructional time

Literacy - Use of word ladders which builds spelling skills, strengthens phonics, expands vocabulary, improves problem solving, encourages careful thinking about word patterns and boosts confidence with words. Use of the Hochman method and it's 6 principles. Also sentence scrambling which builds content knowledge, critical thinking, punctuation and grammar practice and word order skills.

-Math - build fluency, focusing on multiplication through Same but different column or fill in the factor puzzle(crosswalk). Routine is key and strengthens skills in comparative thinking, connecting and communicate mathematical ideas and critical thinking. Slow reveal graphs - give them an empty graph and ask what it could be or what its measuring and new pieces are revealed after short discussions after each reveal.

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Social Studies - New curriculum this year. Learning about colonialism, burning the white house down, explorers, settlers. Visual short stories, dioramas.

## **Administrators Reports:**

- Friday concert - tickets have been sent home, dress rehearsal is at 11am and no tickets are required for that. Two concert times at 6pm(K, 1,2, King & Traveson) & 7pm(Moore, 4, 5, 6).
- Div 2 will be sending home the opt in forms for human sexuality units. Results are entered into each students powerschool accounts by the office staff.
- April 16th online enrolment intention forms will come out to parents. Are the kids coming back to Acadia.
- Spring Ram, which is the budget for next year has been delayed by 2 weeks.
- Acadia School has a complexity teacher and is spending time in classrooms providing support to teachers in various ways. Ethan Higgs has joined the team to pull out small groups of children or may lead the classroom and the teacher will take the small groups. No additional EA's for this year but they were able to increase the hours of the contract EA's to 30 hours for the remainder of the school year.
- Environmental education weeks residency April 27 - May 1 - thanks to inside education for this free residency.
- Three left feet french culture residency April 27 - May 4.
- Volunteer appreciation will be on May 29th at 11:00am. Mark your calendars.
- On the second week of May, Ceecee, Danielle will be making bannock for our students at Acadia School.
- Kindergarten Orientation on May 21.

## **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 - Request for volunteers has been added to the facebook group. Still waiting for interest in the position. Lesley-Anne will add a note to the sign out front.
- looking into having a convex mirror installed at the alley south of the school and 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Contact 311 to get urgency added. Lisa has sent an email from Jill M's contact and has yet to hear back.

## **New Business:**

Shaye - Going to start a Kernels fundraiser in June.

**Next meeting Date:** Wednesday, May 13 , 2026 6:30pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** Loretta 7:24pm

## ACADIA PARENT ADVISORY SOCIETY AGENDA

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**Location:** Acadia School/Virtual

**Time: 07:30**

**Present: Jill M, Jen P, Shaye, Lisa, Lesley**

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1. **Action steps from last meeting:**

**Acadia wishlist** - planning for next years PD, we would like to continue our work with layers for literacy ladies to support our school development plan. This work would be shared with Woodlands school and it should cost approximately \$4000. Loretta made motion to pay for this from casino account, no opposition.

**Residencies for next school year:** Sound Kreations/Pulse Dance Company - both hip hop programs.

**Sport residencies:** Cricket, lacrosse, soccer, etc.

**Music Wishlist:** boomwhackers(265+gst), egg shakers(15 @ 15+gst) and possible other percussion instruments for our K-2 kiddos; two more risers(Flip Forms 2@\$2100+gst). Jen P motions to get risers for music room from casino account. No opposition.

**Software:** Mathletics renewal: \$4600 (\$11.50 per student). Loretta motions to renew, Jen P seconds.

**Technology update:** 120 new Chromebooks have replaced 38 seven and eight year old MacBooks but we are short on storage for them as the existing carts

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won't work for the new Chromebooks. Tech support recommends we get 2 new JAR systems Elevate carts. Jill M motions for \$6600 from casino account to pay for the carts. Jen P seconds.

### **1. New Business:**

#### **-President:**

-Sound Kreations, would parent council/advisory society support funding for this?

#### **-Secretary: NA**

**-Treasurer:** Numbers are as follows: Current account \$14,563.14, expected availability of \$9,582.02(less what was committed today).

Casino account current balance is \$147,398.11, expected availability of \$125,901.30(less what was committed today).

Jill M suggests setting up a GIC for funds not being used.

Can we do the laser line marking on the tarmac out back? Funds have been set aside for it already.

#### **-Fundraising Coordinator: NA**

#### **-Casino Coordinator: NA**

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026 @7:30pm

1. **Adjourned:** Loretta @ 7:46pm