

## Future COSC meetings

There have been some changes and updates to the 2014-15 schedule of Council of School Councils (COSC) meetings as noted below.

### Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, Jan. 29  
 Time: 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.  
 Place: Education Centre, 1221 - 8 Street S.W.  
 Parking: free underground parking provided  
 Topic: Board's focus on Character, Citizenship and Personal Development in addition to Academic Success

The CBE is committed to providing students with a learning experience that allows them to be successful beyond high school. For students to be successful, they need to have a well-rounded set of skills and competencies. That is why the Board of Trustees has set a clear direction for student success that identifies expectations for student learning in the areas of character, citizenship and personal development in addition to academic success.

You can learn more about this approach and share your ideas at this meeting. The meeting will include a presentation on the topic, followed by table discussion and then sharing back amongst the full group. There will also be some time provided at the beginning of the meeting to do a brief follow-up on items from the last meeting.

### February Area Meetings

Instead of holding one meeting in February at the Education Centre as previously noted, the Board of Trustees has decided, in response to feedback from COSC members, to hold a series of meetings within each of the five CBE areas in February. The meetings will all be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the locations noted below.

Area I: Feb. 11, Bowness High School  
 Area II: Feb. 19, Crescent Heights High School  
 Area III: Feb. 18, Lester B. Pearson High School  
 Area IV: Feb. 26, Central Memorial High School  
 Area V: Feb. 24, Centennial High School

At these meetings, trustees will ask parents to help define what success looks like for our students, schools and system. Trustees need the wisdom and insight of parents to better understand what the community wants. At these area meetings trustees will invite parents to provide their thoughts about the following questions:

- What does success in public education look like in 2015?
- How can we know that community expectations for public education are being met?

Trustees hope this discussion will help confirm what expectations parents have for the CBE, and explore what evidence would indicate that those expectations are being met. Trustees will use this information to guide and inform their direction of the CBE.

### April Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 23  
 Time: 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.  
 Place: Education Centre, 1221 - 8 Street S.W.  
 Parking: free underground parking provided  
 Topic: CBE's 2015-16 Operating Budget

These changes are in response to input received by school council members (online and at Oct. 29 COSC meeting) regarding COSC's role.

## Nov. 27 COSC meeting follow up

At the November meeting, the Board of Trustees updated school councils on what they heard from school councils and parents about the role of the Council of School Councils. The Board also shared information about the survey on whether or not to hold a byelection and the next steps in arriving at a decision.

The feature presentation was about the CBE's High School Success initiative. A video of the same presentation given at the Nov. 25 public board meeting is posted on the [CBE School Councils Meetings page](#). We encourage you to share this video and discuss it with your parents. We'd also like to ask parents to answer this question: How would you like to be kept informed about High School Success?

Responses to this question can be entered online here:  
<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/CBEhighschoolsucces/>

## Board of Trustees vote to hold byelection

At the Dec. 2 public board meeting the CBE Board of Trustees voted 5-1 to hold a byelection to fill the vacant trustee seat for Wards 11 and 13.

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One of the most significant ways parents and community members can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students is through school councils. By connecting students, schools and communities, school councils help nurture and inspire our students to achieve their full potential.

### CBE Quick Links

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### Other Resources

[CAPSC](#)  
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[Alberta Education](#)  
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The Board intends to hold an information session for prospective candidates in the new year. More details will be provided as they become available.

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## New CBE website launched

Our website has been redesigned to offer you quick and easy access to key information about the CBE. We hope you enjoy exploring [the new site](#).

We are always trying to make our website better. If you have comments or suggestions, please send them to [webmaster@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:webmaster@cbe.ab.ca).

If you have bookmarked certain pages from our old site, those addresses will no longer be valid.

## Share your ideas about school websites

The CBE is launching a project to upgrade school websites. We're asking for your input, through a short survey, to help us identify possible changes that will improve our online communication with parents, students and communities. The survey is open until Jan. 15.

[Read more and complete survey](#)

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## Kindergarten registration begins in January

Registration for 2015-16 kindergarten programs starts Jan. 12.

[Read more](#)

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## Attend Jan. 21 CAPSC Trade Show Fair

Learn about resources for school councils at this 'one stop shop' for your school council needs: the best fundraisers, presenters, experts on effective initiatives, community groups, and more.

[Read more on CAPSC website](#)

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## Free library cards coming soon to all CBE students

The CBE and the Calgary Public Library have teamed up to get free library cards into the hands of all CBE students. Enough cards for every student will be shipped to all CBE schools in the new year. All cards are expected to be delivered to each student by February 2015. Cards can be activated online, by mobile devices or at your local community library.

[Read more](#)

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## ASCA Awards of Recognition nominations open

Consider nominating a deserving recipient in your school community for the School Council Award of Merit, Parent of Distinction and Excellence in Learning Partnerships awards.

Submission deadline is Feb. 28.

[More information on ASCA website](#)

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