

**Thorne Bay School**  
**ADVISORY SCHOOL COUNCIL Minutes**

Date: May 19 2025

- I. Call to order: 5:48 pm
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. Individuals present: Tony Lovell, Sarah Garrison, Amanda Blankenship, Anne & Phillip Lusted, Amy Killian, Melissa Dougherty, Brandy Aurora Schmidt Prefontaine, Shaine & Christi Nixon, Sonya Cook.
  - C. Approval of agenda:
    1. Motion to approve: for today's meeting. Sarah G made a motion to approve the agenda.
    2. Seconded: Melissa D.
    3. Any Discussion? There were 2 last minute requests to be added to the agenda. One for a classroom request and one for a student request. They will be added to the agenda as items C. and D.
    4. All in Favor? Yes
    5. Any Opposed? no
    6. Motion Passed? (yes or no) YES
- II. Approval of minutes from prior meeting:
  - A. Motion to approve: Sarah G. made a motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting.
  - B. Seconded: Amanda B.
  - C. Any Discussion? Melissa Dougherty noted that her name was misspelled in the list of attendees. Amanda noted and fixed that on the digital copy.
  - D. All in Favor? Yes
  - E. Any Opposed? no
  - F. Motion Passed? (yes or no) YES
- III. People to be Heard/Public Comment
  - A. Mr. Morrison would like to extend his sincere gratitude to the ASC leadership for their service over the past year—and in many cases, beyond. Thank you for your commitment, your willingness to learn along the way, and for doing a great job supporting your school community. Your efforts have truly made a difference.
- IV. Administrative Reports:
  - A. Principal Report
    1. Wow—what a busy week! We had a fantastic Black & Gold Awards Night, followed closely by the Hollis graduation. Then on Friday, we celebrated another successful graduation in Thorne Bay. This week offers a brief reprieve before we jump back into a full schedule next week. All programs are going well, and we're wrapping up the year on a strong note. We are considering some possible changes to the format of the Black & Gold Awards Night in the future, as it has become a very full evening. While it makes for a long night, it also highlights how much our students are involved in—and excelling at—so many things. That's something to be proud of. A special

thank you and kudos to the Open Gym Volleyball group for taking the initiative to clean up after graduation. Your efforts did not go unnoticed and are very much appreciated!

**B. Superintendent/Federal Programs**

1. It's been a busy and celebratory time across the district. We recently held two successful graduations and a memorable Black & Gold Awards Night. Naukati's graduation is coming up soon, and I'm personally hoping to find a little time to get out fishing this weekend. On the operations side, several grants are progressing. We're currently awaiting approval for three new housing units. The initial RFP came in too high, so we've resubmitted at a more competitive rate and are optimistic about the outcome. On the legislative front, we were disappointed to see the Governor veto Senate Bill 52, which would have increased education funding. We remain hopeful that there will be enough support to override the veto. Without that funding, our district could face extremely difficult decisions—including the potential reduction of up to five teaching positions and even the closure of some schools due to budget constraints. On a brighter note, the Whale Pass Martial Arts Magnet Program is showing promising momentum, with some student applications already received for the fall.

**C. Treasurer Report**

1. Period for which report covers: 4/1/25 to 4/30/25
  2. Cash balance at beginning of period: \$107,312.19
  3. Income received during the period: \$3,365.42
  4. Expenses paid during the period: \$951.04
  5. Cash balance at end of period: **\$109,726.57**
    - a) CD Certificates:
      - 1yr Cert (4.00%): \$12,213.09 (matures 6/4/25)
    - b) Rate Watchers Cert (4.250%): \$21,469.64 (matures 7/21/25)
- Note the SISD / Thorne Bay school webpage has been updated to include a place for online donations to individual teams.  
<https://www.sisd.org/o/thornebay/page/advisory-school-council>
  - Can we have a printed letter template for donations as tax deductible? Amanda will work on getting this.

**V. Old Business:**

**A.**

**I. New Business: ASC Elections**

**A. Elections for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer**

**1. Nominations**

- a) Chair - Melissa D nominated Brandy SP. Brandy accepts the nomination pending the other roles being filled as well.

- b) Vice Chair - Rod M nominated Amy K. Amy accepts the nomination with the understanding of being able to participate virtually.
  - c) Treasurer - Rod nominated Tristy M. Tristy accepts the nomination with the understanding of the accounts not being managed with individual accounts, but rather activity accounts.
  - d) Secretary - Christy N. nominated Melissa D. Melissa accepts the nomination
- 2. Motion to approve: Amanda B made a motion to approve Brandy Schmidts Prefontaine as Chair, Amy Killian as Vice Chair, Tristy Morrison as Treasurer, and Melissa Dougherty as Secretary of the Thorne Bay ASC.
- 3. Seconded: Sarah G.
- 4. Any Discussion? Current officers will finish out duties this month and work with their new counterparts to hand over the notes information so that they may begin with the new school year. The School board will be reviewing the updated 8000 board policy and once we have approved new policies they will be shared with all ASCs. There will also be an opportunity for ASC training.
- 5. All in Favor? Yes
- 6. Any Opposed? no
- 7. Motion Passed? (yes or no) YES
- B. Discussion Items
  - 1. **ASC/City Relationship**  
We could improve communication with the City. One idea is to have an ASC representative attend City meetings and workshops to strengthen collaboration. The City has a budget line for community support—could we suggest ways to use those funds to benefit students and families, such as contributing to the Community Christmas Dinner or supporting open gym time?
  - 2. **ASC Policy**  
The School Board is currently updating the 8000 series board policies. The first reading is scheduled for this week's meeting.
  - 3. **Summer Events**  
The City hasn't yet released plans for the Fishing Derby, Pig-nic, or Thorne Bay Days. Once they do, the ASC might consider ways to support or participate in those events.
  - 4. **Open Gym**  
Could ASC consider providing a stipend for someone to help keep the gym open more regularly? Hosting gym time and community events currently costs the district about \$20,000 per year. We want to ensure continued access and explore ways the City might help fund this. Ideally, we'd have someone available to open the gym daily for community use.

- C. Class Request -Aurora S.P., a student from Mrs. Cook's class, attended the meeting to request \$150 from the ASC to support their upcoming class field trip to the Boardwalk Lodge. The funds would be used to purchase food supplies, as the students will be cooking their own dinner during the trip.
1. Motion to approve: Amy K. made a motion to approve \$150 for the purchase of food for this field trip.
  2. Seconded: Sarah G.
  3. Any Discussion? They will use a PO for the TB market.
  4. All in Favor? Yes
  5. Any Opposed? no
  6. Motion Passed? (yes or no) YES
- D. Student Request: From Teagen Taylor: I recently got Student of the Year with an \$800 scholarship. I have found an iPad and a pencil along with the protection case for the iPad. I am wondering if I was able to use the scholarship for this because this is where I would keep all my notes and documents for the upcoming school year, where I will be taking college classes. The total is \$377.07, and taxes are added on during checkout. This would be very helpful to me so that I can stay organized and on track through my college classes.
1. Motion to approve: Sarah G. made a motion to approve the purchase of an iPad and accessories up to her total Scholarship amount of \$800.
  2. Seconded: Amy K.
  3. Any Discussion? Mr. Morrison suggested she work with Everett to see if they can use the school account for the purchase and maybe even engrave her name on it. Multiple people commented to be sure she is getting a device that will meet her needs for college classes and it was noted that she had already reached out to 3 staff members to get advice. Amanda will work with her to use the ASC Debit card to make the purchase.
  4. All in Favor? Yes
  5. Any Opposed? no
  6. Motion Passed? (yes or no) YES

VI. Schedule Next Meeting:

- A. The next meeting is the same week as the Back to School BBQ- there will be no meal. .
- B. Next ASC meeting is scheduled for the third Monday of August 18th at 6 pm. There will be a virtual Google Meet available.
- C. Adjournment: 7:20 pm.