

**Penbrooke Meadows School Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 23, 2026**  
**5:30 PM Online**

- **Welcome and introductions**

Attendees: Felicia, Molly, Kim, Sue, Zohra, Verity, Kayla, Sally

- **Elections for Executive Positions**

No additional people were elected to formal roles at this time

- **Presentation from Grade 5/6 Teachers**

Verity and Sally presented on Improving Math Fact Fluency at Home, focusing on multiplication, division, subtraction, and addition.

The presentation emphasized the importance of developing automaticity in math facts so students can focus more on problem-solving rather than basic calculations.

Parents were encouraged to support learning at home through simple, everyday activities such as:

- Adding numbers from license plates while in the car or walking
- Practicing reading and identifying numbers in the community
- Playing card games (addition/multiplication war, memory, crib)
- Using dice games (race to 100, Yatzee-style addition)
- Practicing rounding and estimating costs while grocery shopping

The overall message was to make math fun, engaging, and part of daily routines.

- **Principal's Report**

Enrollment is currently 224 students.

The school has welcomed a new complexity teacher, Ms. Holme, who started after spring break. Teachers are working in grade teams to support smaller class sizes or core subjects. The school is in the process of hiring additional education assistants to provide more small group and individual support.

Registrations for next year are ongoing. Families are encouraged to inform the school if their child will be attending a different school next year to support smooth transitions. The Welcome to Kindergarten event will take place on Friday, May 1, 2026 at 1:30pm.

Parents were thanked for supporting recent field trips. Additional volunteers are still needed, and police clearances are required but haven't been taking long to process. (They are valid for 5 years and transferable within CBE schools).

- **Children Who Turn 5 in September - December**

A reminder was shared that children who turns 5 between September and December may either start kindergarten or wait a year, depending on parent choice.

- **Blended Classrooms**

Discussion also included classroom structure:

- The school uses blended classrooms due to being a smaller school
- Some grades (e.g., Grade  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$ ) share similar curriculum areas
- Students are still taught and assessed based on their specific grade level
- Grade 5 and 6 have different curriculums (may be blended)

- **New Business**

The council discussed an email from Cambrian Heights School Council requesting support to add the Penbrooke Meadows School Council signature to a motion regarding mandated class sizes.

A decision was not reached in time.

- **Next Meetings**

Next dates are: May 21 and June 18

Meetings will be held online at 5:30 pm