

October School Council/Association Meeting –Principal Report



1. Labour Action Update

As you may know, teachers across the province voted against the tentative agreement reached between the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) and the Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA). As a result, teachers are very likely to begin strike action on Monday, October 6.

At this time, parents should anticipate that Calgary Board of Education schools will be closed to students during the strike. We strongly encourage families to begin making childcare arrangements for the duration of the labour disruption, as schools will not be open during strike action.

We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

2. Staffing Update

We are very pleased to welcome Ms. Gloria Tse to our Grade 8 and 9 Humanities teaching team. Ms. Tse brings a strong background in middle school education and has already made positive connections with our students.

3. School Enrolment

As of October, our enrolment has settled at 334 students, down slightly from 347 in September. This small shift reflects typical movement at the beginning of the school year.

4. School Development Plan (SDP)

The School Development Plan is currently on pause due to the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) strike action. Once the labour disruption concludes, we will continue our focused work on improving Literacy, Numeracy, and Student Well-Being.

This work will be supported through our Learning Lab intervention time, where teachers target specific student needs based on diagnostic assessments completed in September, including:

- Words Their Way (WTW)
- MAZE Reading Comprehension
- Curriculum-Based Measures – Written Expression (CBM-WE)

From these assessments, we will restructure Learning Lab groups to explicitly teach the skills students require. These areas of need are often connected to learning disruptions during COVID-19, student absences, or gaps in the new curriculum.

5. Wish List

In support of Learning Lab and school-wide programming, the following items are on our wish list:

- 500 mini whiteboards
 - 500 whiteboard markers (for daily Literacy/Numeracy practice during Learning Lab)
 - Sports performance equipment (to support athletics and physical well-being)
 - New locks for lockers
- Moveable desks for Fraser and Loach (\$200)-so we can work and be visible in the hallways

