

Watershed APC Meeting Minutes February 26, 2026

The Watershed APC Meeting was cancelled on February 19, 2026, due to heavy snowfall and was rescheduled for this date (Feb. 26, 2026).

Executive Session: Principal evaluation was a virtual meeting on February 19, 2026 and the decision was made to recommend renewing Jarrod Decker's contract for the coming year.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Sena Gilbert, APC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

APC Members: Jarrod Decker (Watershed Charter Principal, non-voting), Sena Gilbert (Chair), Abigail Paul (Secretary), Sean Walklin (Vice Chair), David Merrill, Rebecca Hansen, Chasity Perez, Melissa Clemente, and Erin Otness **were present (change as needed)**.

Absent: Jason Gillam

CONSENT AGENDA

Review of Minutes: [Draft Watershed APC Meeting Minutes January 15, 2026](#)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: (keep notes brief and do not include names):

-In-person comments: Considering snow days and looking at the existing school calendar is fairly late in May this year. Can Watershed figure out a way to manage snow days differently? Could they be incorporated into the curriculum?

-In-person questions: Why is the full-day conference day in February on Friday the 12th, the week of after-school conferences, but the full-day conference day in October is on a Friday before the rest of the conference days?

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Jarrod Decker: Jarrod Decker had a personal emergency, and so the review of the principal's report will be postponed until the next meeting.

Report and related documents attached: [February 2026 Principal Report](#)

- Budget update (FY25)
- Budget projection (FY26)
- Lottery update
- Highlights:
 - Middle-school future cities placed at regionals and won a cash prize
 - Math Counts won their district competition, with a sixth-grader winning first in the district
 - The Battle of the Books sixth-grade got first in the district and eighth at state

ACTION ITEM(s): Proposed 2025-2026 school calendar - postponed due to additional calendar changes proposed that will go to the stakeholders for comment, and then back to the APC as an action item at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM(s): Principal evaluation

It was moved by Melissa Clemente; seconded by Sean Walklin

PASSED: 8

FOR: 8

AGAINST: 0

ACTION ITEM(s): Spending requests: Model of Tanana Valley Watershed

It was moved by Abigail Paul ; seconded by Rebecca Hansen

PASSED: 8

FOR: 8

AGAINST:0

DISCUSSION ITEMS (add brief conclusions or resulting plans under each title if applicable)

2026-2027 calendar discussion

New proposed calendar: Instead of November 13th being a professional development day, February 15, 2026, would be a professional development day for teachers, and April 23rd would be a makeup day for weather.

Alternative snow day options

Can Watershed go to school on snow days as long as DOT has not issued a travel advisory (have our own decision tree)? Jarrod Decker does not want to make the call about whether we have school or not. There are liability concerns. Jarrod Decker will investigate the option of extending school days to make up for inclement weather. Staff will provide input on options.

[Bylaws review and revision](#): Article V was reviewed and edited.

Next meeting is on March 19th at 6 PM

APC Chair, Sena Gilbert, adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.