

**SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL**

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:32 PM on November 18, 2025, in Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

**Present**

Board members: Celeste Howard, Chad Ravlo, Mary Sampson, Kira Syvertsen, Kelsey Mountain, Locke Vincent, Erin Benner, Olivia Semmens, Michelle Downey

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Members at large: Emily Pottie, Marion Smith, Emily Whittard

**Welcome/Call meeting to Order – by Celeste Howard****Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

CBE acknowledgement of the Land by Celeste Howard

The previous meeting was cancelled due to Teacher Job action, so there are no minutes.

Olivia and Kelsey approved the agenda.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS****Derek Rakowski and Danica Burrows:**

- Thanks for support of meats and veggies fundraiser
- Thank you for support from parents and for treats coming back
- Remembrance Day Assembly was awesome and well attended
- Learning conferences upcoming
- Waiting to hear about outdoor school
- CBE is going to leave the calendar as is for this school year

**School Development Plan**

- Review of last year's development plan focusing on literacy
- Improvements seen in writing
- Increase in the not-at-risk students in early literacy assessment
- Student's perception of their access to supports was lower than anticipated
- Positive increase in student's perception that they can set goals and achieve them
- Strategies to achieve goals include flexible groupings, honouring student voice and choice, purposeful access to technology, social-emotional supports, building relationships



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**Spending Requests:**

- Danica and Derek will work on updating spending requests
- Derek proposes a compassionate fund for families in need - grocery gift cards etc that can be given to families or for the Christmas tree. This would be kept anonymous.

**EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS****Treasurer Report:**

- Parent account- at the end of Oct: \$17 912

**Key Communique - Chad**

- We have a new board trustee - Jenny Regal
- We will look into inviting her to a meeting - possibly January or February
- CBE will not make up any days in the calendar

**Kindergarten Report - Olivia**

- Mrs Wilkes has gratitude for support from the community when teachers returned from the strike

**Adjournment**

Celeste motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:23 PM was approved by Locke and Chad

**Minutes submitted by:** Kelsey Mountain



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## **SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION**

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, Sept 9, 2025

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Silver Springs School Parent Association was called to order at 7:23 pm on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at the Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

### **Present**

Board members: Celeste Howard, Chad Ravlo, Mary Sampson, Kira Syvertsen, Kelsey Mountain, Locke Vincent, Erin Benner, Olivia Semmens, Michelle Downey

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Members at large: Emily Pottie, Marion Smith, Emily Whittard

**Welcome (Celeste):** Welcome to the Parent Association Meeting

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from last meeting to be provided verbally by Celeste Howard and Kelsey Mountain.

Mary and Kelsey approved the agenda.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Fundraising Report (Mary):**

- Turkey Fundraiser - sold \$5200, made \$1799
- Current fundraiser - Purdy's and Team Fund
- Feedback: fill your freezer fundraiser is too expensive, timing might not work as well
- Celeste suggests sending feedback to teamfund
- Discussion on an experience fundraiser, possibly a dance? To be discussed more at next meeting
- Celeste and Chad will reach out and see what other schools are having success with fundraisers

### **Casino Report (Rebecca)**

- We are not slotted for next casino yet

### **Healthy Hunger (Kira)**

- Credits should be applied to the meals that were missed due to job action.

### **Locke**

- No current updates



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**Special Events (Erin and Michelle)**

- The team found the pick and pull stations were popular last year, they will do one for parents, one for older teens and one for 10+ age.
- Additional volunteers will be required
- Good feedback from the age sections from last year
- It was helpful to have teachers support making labels in class
- They made sure items were dispersed throughout the day
- It worked well having younger grades paired with older grades
- They will collect donations on parent teacher conferences
- Tuesday December 16

Upcoming residencies:

- Elevate Lacrosse
- Soccer in the spring
- Indigenous Elder

Discussion:

- having grade 6s involved in fundraising
- How can we better support teachers better on a day-to-day or week-to-week basis?  
Derek is going to bring this up to teachers and report back

**MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL****Motion for Approval:**

Celeste motions to allocate \$500 for Compassionate Fund for gift cards, seconded by Kelsey.  
All approved.

Michelle motions for \$700 for Santa's workshop, seconded by Celeste. All approved.

**Adjournment**

Celeste motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM and was approved by Chad and Kelsey

**Minutes submitted by:** Kelsey Mountain



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