

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



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



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



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

