

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2023

Opening

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:32 PM on January 16, 2024, in Silver Springs School by Olivia Semmens.

Present

Board members: Loyce Sakuhuni, Locke Vincent, Rebecca Mayhew, Olivia Semmens, Kelsey Mountain, Chad Ravio, Kira Syvertsen, Sara Gauthier, Leanne Morrow

Administration: Michelle Ryskamp, Danica Burrows, Teacher: Chris Teixeira

Members at large: Katharine Goble, Shannon Chomstick,

Welcome/Call meeting to Order – Olivia welcomes everyone.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

CBE acknowledgement of the Land by Olivia

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday Nov 21, 2023, Olivia and Chad approved the minutes.

Rebecca and Olivia approved the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Michelle Ryskamp/ Danica Burrows:

- Gratitude to Erin and the helpers from Santa's workshop, as well as Kira and her team for fun lunches
- Silver Springs School was able to access additional funding through kindergarten discretionary funding - which will be used to support kids taking time to adjust to school setting. EA time will increase to 5 hrs/week.
- Silver Springs was also able to access Learning Disruption Initiative funding (LDI) - to support our students with "gaps because of covid." Students were identified from assessments in grades 1,3,4. This will include 0.5 FTE of an intervention teacher (Laree Lake) for 10 weeks of support (Feb 5 - April 12). Additional classroom complexity funding (\$15 000) will support the intervention teacher from April 12 - June 7.
- Kindergarten registration opened yesterday, lots of phone calls, no open house but arranging tours for questions
- The school found that having both an open house and orientation was redundant
- The school will continue to plan for am and pm kindergarten classes. The decision-making process for am vs. pm placement will be shared. Placement is based on numbers, needs, complexity, gender



- December/January highlights: buddy class time, community walks, wonder day 1, #2 is coming up, had some blue days where kids had to stay in, Calgary west soccer residency
- Wonder day was very successful, kids worked collaboratively and brought new skills back to their classrooms.
- Calgary west soccer residency: January 8-12, April 2 - 5. They are offering free Friday nights of instruction. Teachers had positive feedback on the residency, they noticed that kids who were not usually that engaged in PE were participating.
- Chad connected with coaches from Calgary West Soccer and teachers were asking about some of the handbooks and games.
- Curling residency in April, all grade teams put in applications and received free tickets to Scotties Curling Tournament. The cost of \$7 per student will cover bussing.
- Upcoming dates:
 - Wonder day January 25
 - Valentines day Feb 14
 - Random acts of kindness day Feb 17
 - Pink shirt day assembly Feb 23
- January report cards come out end of month, updated with different stems to align with new curriculum
- Last year teachers did not comment on character, citizenship etc. but that overlaps with some aspects of the new curriculum
- Kindergarten will receive comprehensive assessment, will get report card in January but only on literacy and numeracy
- Teachers will continue to work on new curriculum, specifically - K-3 science, focusing on filling in understanding.
- Achievement on report cards reflected on a 4 pt scale
- If your child is receiving a 1 or 2 conversations with the teacher should be ongoing.
- For students that are struggling - the focus will be on what are our next steps for support
- Communication between teachers and parents should be on going, not just conferences and report cards.
- Some funds will be used to buy soccer nets or other items to support outside soccer, device to mark soccer lines in the field
- School is looking for help organize and clean out old resources in storage

Teacher Report (Grade 3 / 4 - Chris) :

- Grade 3 / 4 students really enjoyed santa's workshop and enjoyed multiple days of caroling and special dress days before christmas
- The class student teacher ended around that time - she had a great relationship with students, students are really looking forward to her return
- The soccer residency was really good, students who tend to be hesitant with sports were very involved. Chris has seen a lot of soccer and found that the residency was able to create a very positive culture where everyone was participating. He noticed that students were playing soccer outside in the snow and inviting others to join.
- Students are excited for the curling residency in April.
- Teachers are working on IPPs and report cards - going over a lot of assessments
- Grade 3 is new curriculum, grade 4 is old curriculum which made it challenging so the grade 3/ 4 teachers are swapping students to better match student abilities.



- Teachers are looking at new curriculum science resources, and find that the new curriculum has spread all topics out over all of the grades which is a challenge and requires new resources.
- teachers are working on adjusting to the curriculum and how to work with current resources.
- He reports that stampede school was unbelievably amazing
- Stampede school really helped create a culture of visual journaling and constant reflection which has continued back in the classroom.
- New social studies curriculum - indigenous people of alberta which has connections to what was learned at stampede school

EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Key Communique Report/Council for School Councils (Chad):

- 2024-2025 calendar was just released - school starts August 31
- Parents are requested to provide input on educational plan, survey available until the 31st
- In person sessions available to register for on the 23rd of January, with feedback expected in Feb or March

Adjournment

Loyce motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:10 PM was approved by Chad and Locke

Next Meeting: February 13, 2023

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Opening

The regular meeting of the Silver Springs School Parent Association was called to order at 7:10 pm on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at the Silver Springs School by Loyce Sakuhuni.

Present

Board members: Loyce Sakuhuni, Locke Vincent, Rebecca Mayhew, Olivia Semmens, Kelsey Mountain, Chad Ravio, Kira Syvertsen, Sara Gauthier, Leanne Morrow

Administration: Michelle Ryskamp, Danica Burrows

Members at large: Katharine Goble, Shannon Chomstick,



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Welcome (Loyce): Welcome to the Parent Association Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday, November 21, 2023 approved by Olivia and Chad

Kelsey and Rebecca approved the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Report:

- Nothing new to report

Treasurer's Report (Lauren):

- casino account is still \$ 95 990
- parent account \$16 282

Healthy Hunger (Kira):

- We have had 3 fun lunch/snacks since the last meeting, average of ~160 kids ordering each time
- We have tried to add a few different restaurants
- We increased the prices to make a bit more money, we added the donate portion, but have not made a decision about what to do with the funds
- it would be great to get other volunteers to help with fun lunches
- The school does not have as many families in need, Michelle is not actively pursuing families to help with lunch
- Discussion on how to manage the time burden on office staff during fun lunch days when many kids are away and they have to call parents and package lunch etc.
- It was decided that parents will have to specify when calling their kid absent and if they want their lunch otherwise it will be donated

Fundraising Report (Sarah and Sandra):

- nothing to report

Casino Report (Rebecca):

- slotted for Q2 2025 (April/May/June)
- Aces Casino by the airport
- AGLC has looked at bylaws and has approved

Social Media Report (Locke): N/A

- website has to be paid for
- He will not post on twitter anymore, but will continue to do facebook and instagram



- Everything is up to date

Discussion:

- Suggestions for speakers for parent community:
 - Last year was resiliency for students
 - Leanne suggested something different than mental health - maybe something related to learning
 - Gym is available on Thursday nights
- Teachers do not find that they need parent volunteer coordinators since school messenger is so easy to access.
- Discussion on how to share council info to parents for next year, discussion with Leanne about how Bowness keeps in contact with their parents, including a google form.

MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL**Motion for Approval:**

none

Adjournment

Loyce motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM and was approved by Chad

Next Meeting: February 13, 2024

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

