

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Opening

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:34 PM on April 8, 2025, in Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Celeste Howard, Erin Olesen, Kelsey Mountain, Lauren Locke, Rebecca Mayhew, Mary, Erin Benner

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Members at large: Olivia Semmens, Krista Chambers, Michelle Downey, Marion Smith

Welcome/Call meeting to Order – by Celeste Howard

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

CBE acknowledgement of the Land by Danica Burrows

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday March 11, Lauren and Rebecca approved the minutes.

Kelsey and Erin approved the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Derek Rakowski:

- Gratitude to school council for the snacks and coffee on the Friday morning of conferences
- Thanks to parent council for the support for the Soccer Residency
- Admin is meeting with companies to do a site visit for the sound system
- New bell times for next year: 8:37am start time, 3:10 (M-Th) and 12:40 (Fri) dismissal because of new rules with busses.
- Mr. R had two girls in grades 5 and 6 girls discuss the dress code. He reviewed the dress code according to the CBE administrative regulation and updated it to reflect function and safety.
- Applications were put in for Outdoor School and Open Minds for next year
- Feedback from the school planning survey: positive feedback overall, some comments and questions about supporting literacy in students in the older grades.
- Questions about social-emotional learning - how are we teaching kids to deal with struggles and social issues?
- Question about literacy intervention - is UFLI too intense for some kids? Kids are grouped according to assessment, it is more repetition than intensity. Parents are encouraged to talk to the grade 1/2 teachers.
- Budgets: field trips and curricular enhancements are high priorities for fees for families



Discussion

- The new time change may increase challenges with parking for drop off. Parents are finding it is difficult to drop off and go when people are parking. A “Hug and go” section was suggested as a possible solution. Derek is going to look into CBE and city rules.

EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson

- Bylaws are updated, Celeste tried to make the bylaws more clear and concise. She would like to vote on them at the AGM.

Kindergarten Report

- Mrs Wilkes would like to reallocate her bus funds to have a bee lady visit the class

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:28 PM was approved by Kelsey and Lauren

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Opening

The regular meeting of the Silver Springs School Parent Association was called to order at 7:29 pm on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at the Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Celeste Howard, Erin Olesen, Kelsey Mountain, Lauren Locke, Rebecca Mayhew, Mary, Erin Benner

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Members at large: Olivia Semmens, Krista Chambers, Michelle Downey. Marion Smith

Welcome (Celeste): Welcome to the Parent Association Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday, March 11, 2025 approved by Lauren and Rebecca



Lauren and Kelsey approved the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report (Lauren):

- Amanda Bichel has agreed to put her name forward for treasurer next year
- \$33 929. 66 in casino account
- \$ 18 970 in parent account, ~450-500 going in monthly with Healthy Hunger

Fundraising Report:

- Mary has volunteered to take on fundraising next year

Casino Report (Rebecca)

- We need volunteers for the casino
- Discussion on whether we incentivize volunteers for casino shifts

Special Events (Erin)

- Sports day - tentatively June 6
- There was a request to buy a giant jenga last year

Spending Requests:

- Kindergarten Orientation - take away bags - estimating \$200
- Staff Hoodies for Sept 25-26 est \$840
- wobble stools, rockers and standing desks
- kids yoga mats,
- floor desks or lap desks
- Outdoor learning kits
- Clip Boards Class Sets (heavy duty, class sets in a bin, water resistant, light)

MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Motion for Approval:

Celeste motions to use \$250 for teacher appreciation week. All approved.

Lauren motions to spend up to \$900 for staff hoodies from the parent council account. All approved.

Lauren motions to spend up to \$230 for kindergarten orientation kits from the casino account. All approved.



Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM and was approved by Kelsey and Rebecca

Next Meeting: May 13, 2025

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

