

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Opening

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:34 PM on February 10, 2026, in Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Celeste Howard, Kelsey Mountain, Amanda Bichel, Locke Vincent, Mary Sampson

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Teacher: Chris Teixeira

Members at large: Emily Pottie, Marion Smith, Krista Chambers, Jasmine Atay Ferguson

Welcome/Call meeting to Order – by Celeste Howard

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

CBE acknowledgement of the Land by Derek Rakowski

Kelsey and Mary approved the agenda.

January 2026 minutes were approved by Emily and Mary.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Derek Rakowski and Danica Burrows:

- Report cards Feb 24
- Pink shirt assembly the afternoon of Feb 25
- School Development plan - year 2 of 3
- Same goal as last year - focusing on student writing and literacy
- Data pulled from report cards, literacy assessments on younger students, AERR, feedback surveys
- A lot of work done on learning intentions and success criteria - teaching kids why and what is expected
- We will continue into year 3 and some actions may change as things are achieved
- School budget \$1 822 575.00 for 2025-26, \$1.75M on staffing, \$70 000 left for sub budgets, supplies, \$10 000 left for school budgets
- Tight budget this year with the loss of 4 students and didn't want to lessen EA time
- 11.24 FTE teaching staff, 1.36 Admin (Principal, AP), 1.0 Admin secretary, 1.4606 lunch supervisors, 2.2857 EAs (3 at different FTE) 0.4286 Library assistant



- School fees: school consults with families by outlining proposed fees
- Derek is meeting grounds people tomorrow to discuss basketball nets

Discussion

- Having grade 5 / 6 students support fundraising for outdoor school
- How does the school pick extra activities and residencies?

Teacher Report: Chris T grade 3-4

- Going on 2 field trips this year, one bus covered per class, share them because we can fit 2 classes on the bus so we charge parents for one
- Went to Bow Habitat station, learning about ecology and 4 spheres
- The second trip is going to the landfill - run by the city, there is a classroom there, happening in April
- Working extensively on writing, “powerful writing structures” is the resource used by teachers to support this
- Challenges with the fragmentation of the new curriculum
- Fractions in math - finds it is the most difficult unit in math all year
- Using a resource called “Math Up”
- PE: basketball skills - but nets in the gym are too high, now doing floor hockey
- Student teacher is returning after teacher’s convention

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:41 PM was approved by Emily and Kelsey

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain



SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Opening

The regular meeting of the Silver Springs School Parent Association was called to order at 7:42 pm on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at the Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Celeste Howard, Kelsey Mountain, Amanda Bichel, Locke Vincent, Mary Sampson

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Members at large: Emily Pottie, Marion Smith, Krista Chambers, Jasmine Atay Ferguson

Welcome (Celeste): Welcome to the Parent Association Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Krista and Mary approved the agenda.

Minutes approved by Mary and Amanda

Chairperson Report

- Celeste moved the trustee visit to May, since we have the AGM in April
- Could we move the meetings to Thursdays? Will discuss at the AGM
- Discussion of roles and expectations
- Discussion on parent council emails

Funding Requests and Considerations

- CDI spaces designers will bring ideas to admin for learning commons, hoping for some sketches for the next meeting
- Looking for funding for \$500 difference for landfill field trip for buses
- Discussion on touch-less taps for school bathrooms - parent council funded at WO Mitchell
- Derek is looking into options for paving and use of the basketball nets, meeting with facilities tomorrow

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Merchandise Report (Krista)

- Krista reached out to the owner of Mad Monkey



- No minimum quantities, they will be waived, and came down in pricing, waived printing fees
- Kids and adult t shirts - will do t shirts for \$15.99
- Hoodies - with just front screen for \$34.99 - adults and kids
- Can have a drop down with grade and teacher so it comes organized, they will set it up on their website
- 10 day turn around

Treasurer Report

- \$77 800 in casino account
- Withdrawals for teacher dinner and compassionate fund
- \$19 285 in parent association

Fundraising Report (Mary):

- No updates

Casino Report (Rebecca)

- No updates

Healthy Hunger (Kira)

- No current updates

Locke

- Ask teachers to put their pictures in for the year book
- Art submissions for the year book cover

Special Events (Erin and Michelle)

- Erin has stepped back and Michelle has stepped back for a little bit
- The next event is sports day
- See if anyone is interested in taking it on

Grade 6 Celebration (Krista)

- No updates

MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Motion for Approval:

Celeste motions for \$150 for "Meet the school council" night. All approved.
Celeste motions for \$500 for busses for the grade ¾ field trip to the landfill.

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM and was approved by Emily and Kelsey

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

