

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Oct 8, 2024

Opening

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:33 PM on Oct 8, 2024, in Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Celeste Howard, Erin Olesen, Rebecca Mayhew, Erin Benner, Locke Vincent, Lauren Locke, Chad Ravlo, Sandra Zandvliet

Administration: Michelle Ryskamp, Danica Burrows

Teacher: Candice Szczepanski

Members at large: Krista Chambers, Olivia Semmens

Student representative: Torsten Ravlo

Representatives from TOPP Kids: Cody Topp, Kristy Stewart

Welcome/Call meeting to Order –

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

CBE acknowledgement of the Land by Celeste Howard

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday Sept 10, Erin and Rebecca approved the minutes.

Olivia and Kelsey approved the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Michelle Ryskamp/ Danica Burrows:

- Silver Springs School has a values based focus each month with a read aloud - this month they read the story “Gratitude is my Superpower”
- Michelle expressed gratitude to staff, the fundraising team and volunteers to Terry Fox run
- Class size and numbers as of Oct 8 was 263, the count on Sept 26 was 261
- Staffing updates: Mrs Bouchard retiring Nov 1 2024
- EA time has increased for Miss Hali and Miss Rita to support student complexity
- Resource Allocation Method is out Oct 16, which will likely add more staffing, potentially another lunch room supervisor and part-time intervention teacher.
- Sept highlights include a welcome assembly, Terry Fox run, community walks and learning on the land, flexible groupings, Orange Shirt Day, school wide read aloud
- School spirit wear - prices will be rounded to the nearest 50 cents. The vendor was able to provide multiple colours with a softer fabric as requested.
- School focus is on on Stewards and Storytellers



TOPP Kids Report: Cody Topp, Kristy Stewart

- 13 different locations, family run group
- Focus on the development of each student in the group, specifically looking at STEM, creative expression, physical literacy
- Current enrollment: full time - 7, part time 3, drop in 10, full PD Day
- TOPP kids would like to be part of the school community and involved

Teacher Report: Candice Szczepanski

- activities connect to Stewards and Storytellers
- Geologist parent came in to talk about the community and link to history of the land and geology of Silver Springs which perfectly captures grade 3 science and grade 4 social science
- She did one presentation in class and will come on a walk next week. Students will look at elevation and topography, and complete 4 different activities with mapping
- CPAWs (Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society) will be presenting twice in the classroom and the class will go on a field trip in May.
- The class has been working as a buddy group on how they can be purposeful and intentional with time together
- The group will be hosting the Nov 7 Remembrance Day Assembly

EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS**Chairperson report (Celeste)-**

- Introductions to new Kindergarten Rep, who was unable to make it tonight
- We are working toward communication being separate from school emails
- Parent council emails will be sent from the new email list in January 2025
- Celeste will change the password for the parent council email
- A list of emails and phone numbers of members of parent council will be created.
- Celeste will work on cleaning up the parent council google drive and working to put the treasurer google drive with the school council account
- We do not have a digital copy of the final signed parent association Bylaws, Celeste will follow up with the government of Alberta
- School council bylaws have to be updated

Key Communique (Chad)

- Face to face meeting upcoming - Oct 23

Old Business

- Yearbooks have been distributed, 20 extra

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:25 PM was approved by Kelsey and Rebecca



Next Meeting: November 19, 2024

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Opening

The regular meeting of the Silver Springs School Parent Association was called to order at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at the Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Celeste Howard, Erin Olesen, Rebecca Mayhew, Erin Benner, Locke Vincent, Lauren Locke, Chad Ravlo, Sandra Zandvliet

Administration: Michelle Ryskamp, Danica Burrows

Members at large: Krista Chambers, Olivia Semmens

Student representative: Torsten Ravlo

Welcome (Celeste): Welcome to the Parent Association Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday, September 10, 2024 approved by Rebecca and Sandra

Erin and Olivia approved the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report (Lauren):

- \$12 958 in parent association after gym mats
- \$43 499.49 in casino account
- Insurance is pending for \$500
- Society annual return is complete
- There were no outstanding costs from June field trips so nothing had to be subsidized by parent council

Fundraising Report (Sandra):

- fundraising pick up today, fundraiser went well
- \$5160 total order, profit is \$1506, 34 bundles of vegetables donated to the foodbank
- feedback to fundraiser - large range in turkeys, smaller range would be preferable
- some bumps with the fundraiser



- Sandra will put a blurb together for Michelle's email
- upcoming fundraiser is "Sweets and Meats"

Casino Report (Rebecca)

- no casino dates yet, expecting Q2

Healthy Hunger (Kira)

- everything is going well
- the previous sign up genius link was not working

Special Events (Erin)

- Halloween howler - Oct 31
- Grade groups rather than buddy groups
- Parade will be 9:30-9:45 then Halloween Howler 10:45 - 2:30.
- Erin will create a special events blurb for the newsletter with a sign up link and information about
- Michelle will connect with Erin about Santa's workshop
- Last year donations for Santa's workshop were down

Other Business:

- A separate email will be created to welcome new families to the school and give them information about parent council.

MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL**Motion for Approval:**

Lauren motions to cover the deficit from spirit wear up to \$2500, seconded up Sandra, all approved.

Lauren motions to spend up to \$100 for a prize to encourage email sign up, seconded by Chad, all approved.

Lauren motions for \$150 for a gift for Maureen to thank her for her support for parent council over the years, seconded by Sandra, all approved.

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM and was approved by Erin and Lauren

Next Meeting: November 19, 2024

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

