

**SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:30 PM on Sept 9, 2025, in Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

**Present**

Board members: Rebecca Mahew, Amanda Bichel, Mary Sampson, Erin Olesen, Celeste Howard, Erin Benner, Locke Vincent, Kira Syvertsen, Chad Ravlo, Olivia Semmens, Kira Syvertsen

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Teacher: Becky Dumoulin (grade % teacher)

Members at large: Krista Chambers, Kelly Kay Spurlock, Carolyn Zukowski, Emily Pottie, Marion Smith, Michelle Baniak, Lisa Shore, Emily Whittard, Jasmine Ferguson, Lauren Locke

**Welcome/Call meeting to Order – by Celeste Howard****Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

CBE acknowledgement of the Land by Celeste Howard

Minutes from last meeting to be provided by Celeste Howard

Rebecca and Mary approved the agenda.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS****Derek Rakowski and Danica Burrows:**

- Gratitude for support for staff hoodies, the new audio
- Budgeting for 254 students, current registration is 250 students
- Upcoming programs:
- Soccer residency - May for one week outdoors
- Blackfoot elder residency all year
- Swimming lessons in the spring
- The school team would like to look into modernizing the learning commons
- Green Fools residency next year
- Homeroom teacher is the first avenue for communication about your child or the classroom

**Discussion**

- Sport Calgary residency, cross country skiing, ringette - send ideas to Danica
- Local community member does motivational speaking on sport



**Teacher Report** - Becky Dumoulin (grade 5/ 6 teacher)

- Gratitude for sweatshirts and audio in the gymnasium
- Her class is working on building a sense of trust, safety and relationships in the classroom
- Worked on some HIIT exercises for PE during the first week when the gym and outside was not available due to smoke
- Teaching math games to review basic facts
- Have started classroom committees, gave out job applications and they have to apply ie. technology, recreation, classroom supplies, library, visual displays
- Students are deciding what their skill set is and what they would like to help out with
- Students have to write why they should be considered and give first, second and third choices
- Looked at worries and wonderings for the upcoming school year
- Looking forward to drawing on the teachers of the resident elder
- Very excited about outdoor school - October 21-24th

**EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS****Kindergarten Report**

- 18 morning students, 12 pm students
- Staggered entry was successful
- Thank you for the funding for the sweatshirts and residency

**Adjournment**

Celeste motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:33 PM was approved by Kelsey and Lauren

**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 7:34 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025 at the Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

**Present**

Board members: Rebecca Mahew, Amanda Bichel, Mary Sampson, Erin Olesen, Celeste Howard, Erin Benner, Locke Vincent, Kira Syvertsen, Chad Ravlo, Olivia Semmens, Kira Syvertsen

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows



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Members at large: Krista Chambers, Kelly Kay Spurlock, Carolyn Zukowski, Emily Pottie, Marion Smith, Michelle Baniak, Lisa Shore, Emily Whittard, Jasmine Ferguson, Lauren Locke

**Welcome (Celeste):** Welcome to the Parent Association Meeting

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from last meeting to be provided by Celeste Howard

Rebecca and Kelsey approved the agenda.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Chairperson**

- Thank you to previous members of council, we are looking forward to the year

**Administration Spending request for casino funds:**

- Grade 1/2s - snowshoes are too big for the smaller ages
- Technology upgrades
- Alternative seating - wobble stools, rockers, standing desks
- Half size yoga mats
- Outdoor learning kits

**Treasurer's Report (Lauren):**

- Parent account - \$19 072 at the beginning of the school year
- Casino account - casino deposit of \$88 241
- Unexpected expenses \$5600 - bus fees from the year
- Casino account \$115 330, we have not been billed for the PA system

**Fundraising Report:**

- Fall fundraiser will be sent out this week, deadline Sept 21, delivered before thanksgiving
- Potential for a spring fundraiser - open to new ideas

**Casino Report (Rebecca)**

- Next casino will be Q1 2027
- Requested a different casino
- We didn't have to pay anyone to volunteer at the casino

**Healthy Hunger (Kira)**

- Getting set up, will do a few more snack days
- Sticking to what we know for vendors
- We need help on healthy hunger days
- The grade sixes can help



**Locke**

- Everything is updated on the website
- Yearbooks are in, they will be distributed this week

**Special Events (Erin)**

- Halloween Howler, Santa's workshop, sports day (first friday of June)
- Erin would like to step back
- There have been requests for getting the grade sixes involved

**MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL****Motion for Approval:**

No motions for approval

**Adjournment**

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

**Next Meeting:** October 14, 2025

**Minutes submitted by:** Kelsey Mountain



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