

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

