

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026

Opening

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:32 PM on Sept 8, 2026, in Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Rebecca Mahew, Amanda Bichel, Mary Sampson, Celeste Howard, Locke Vincent, Kira Syvertsen, Olivia Semmens

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Teacher: Rebecca Ibbotson (grade 1/2 teacher)

Members at large: Carolyn Zukowski, Emily Pottie, Marion Smith, Emily Whittard, Heather Donauer, Megan Hodgkinson, Erica O'Donnell

Welcome/Call meeting to Order – by Celeste Howard

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

CBE acknowledgement of the Land by Danica Burrows

Minutes from last meeting to be provided by Celeste Howard

Rebecca and Mary approved the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Derek Rakowski and Danica Burrows:

- Positive start to the year
- One hoodie left that fit the new teacher, Ms Potter
- Class size reduction funding - new grade 5 funding and two kindergarten classes
- Classes are small - 18-19 each in grade 5 class
- RAM and budgeting at 247 students, Derek had budgeted for 249 students
- Basketball poles were moved to the back, waiting for the new pavement there
- School will have to pay for the lines, no cost to move them or for the pavement
- New administrative regulations to create a safe, caring and respectful learning environment
- Teachers are being explicit and consistent with teaching social/emotional learning including a committee
- New administrative regulations in caring, respectful and safe learning and work environments, student code of conduct and progressive student discipline
- New LED lights throughout the school - looking for covers for the lights to make it not so bright
- Danica's last day is Sept 18th in the morning



Teacher Report - Rebecca Ibbotson, grade 1, 2

- No tears!
- Working on social/emotional learning, learning to be kind and be together in the classroom
- “Family away from our family”, discussed how we want to be treated as a class
- As a class they create their “Treatment agreement” - teacher to student, student to student, student to guest, student to teacher
- Slightly less students than last year, 24, 23, 22 in each class

EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS**Treasurer**

- School council - last spending \$513 in June, healthy hunger deposit \$1154
- \$23 099 in school council
- Amanda is working on annual returns

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn meeting at 6:58 PM was approved by Kelsey and Amanda

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 6:59 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026 at the Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Rebecca Mahew, Amanda Bichel, Mary Sampson, Celeste Howard, Locke Vincent, Kira Syvertsen, Olivia Semmens

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Teacher: Rebecca Ibbotson (grade 1/2 teacher)

Members at large: Carolyn Zukowski, Emily Pottie, Marion Smith, Emily Whittard, Heather Donauer, Megan Hodgkinson, Erica O'Donnell

Welcome (Celeste): Welcome to the Parent Association Meeting



Approval of Minutes

Minutes from last meeting to be provided by Celeste Howard

Erica and Mary approved the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Chairperson**

- We approved \$250 for coffee table at drop off - Friday Sept 11
- Krista who was doing grade 5 / 6 celebration moved out of Silver Springs, so is no longer part of parent council
- Teachers will be provided with a slide with a QR code from parent council for meet the teacher night
- Look into merchandise, Krista said Mad Monkey will continue offering a deal to Silver Springs School

Administration Spending request for casino funds:

- Light covers for classroom

Treasurer's Report (Amanda):

- \$8491 spending for supplies
- \$57 524 current balance
- Casino report in June, approved by AGLC

Healthy Hunger (Kira)

- We were short on donations last year of \$55
- We will have more kids this year that would benefit from donations
- Last year bought every lunch and most of the snacks with donations
- Will ask for donations on each lunch
- Do we want to donate snacks to the kids?
- Celeste suggests that we ask for donations every lunch and cover the difference from parent council funds
- Discussion on having grade 5 and 6 students help - should some portion go toward their camp fund or proceeds? Should the grade 5 and 6 students participate as a leadership opportunity?

Fundraising Report:

- Do we need a fall fundraiser?
- Can we focus a fundraiser for a specific goal? Ie. Learning commons, Camp Chief Hector?
- Mary and Emily will report back at the next meeting
- We have not used merchandise as a fundraise but we could



Special Events

- Many things need revamping
- Many halloween decorations in the basement
- No Halloween Howler this year, as there is no one able to run it
- Will discuss Santa's workshop at future meetings

Casino Report (Rebecca)

- Casino is February 24,25 2027 at Pure Casino

Locke

- Yearbooks are in, they have been distributed
- We have a lot of extras (20-25)

MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL**Motion for Approval:**

Celeste moves to spend up to \$300 for light covers. All approved.

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Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM and was approved by Kelsey and Rebecca

Next Meeting: October 13, 2026

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

