

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Opening

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:31 PM on January 13, 2026, in Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Celeste Howard, Erin Olesen, Kelsey Mountain, Locke Vincent, Olivia Semmens, Rebecca Mayhew, Erin Benner, Lauren Locke

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Teacher: Turner Strap

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

Welcome/Call meeting to Order – by Celeste Howard

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

CBE acknowledgement of the Land by Celeste Howard

Krista and Rebecca approved the agenda.

December 2025 minutes were approved by Rebecca and Mary.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Derek Rakowski and Danica Burrows:

- Gratitude for donations to Santa's workshop and the fooddrive
- Christmas gift cards - ~\$300 per family for 3 families
- Wonder Day #2 on Friday January 23, 2026
- Looking at how to use the learning commons in different ways
- CDI will come and measure the space and give some design ideas and share designs from other K-6 Schools
- Purpose of the Learning Commons: alternative spaces for learning to extend the classroom

Discussion on use of casino funds for learning spaces

Teacher Report: Turner Strap grade 5-6



- Continuing to work on writing - non-fiction writing structures: persuasive, structural writing and comparative writing
- Literacy - fiction, small group and full class reading, book talks - understanding texts
- Exploring a variety of non-fiction texts
- Science - weather and climate then moving into systems
- Social studies - structure of government, now ancient civilizations
- Math - multiplication strategies, division
- Camp Chief Hector in March

EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kindergarten Report - Olivia

- Kindergarten registration opened yesterday
- School is making a big impact on kiddos

Chairperson's Update

- Looking at pairing with another school for the \$500 parent education
- Trustee is available for our March 10 meeting, is there anything us as a council will like us to speak on.
- Discussion on school merchandise - timing and hitting minimums are concerns, maybe look into the first few weeks of September
 - Look into other vendors
 - T-shirts and hoodies in the spring
 - Order some extra and sell
 - Krista will reach out to vendor
- AGM is April 14
- Meet the parent council night - maybe less intimidating for new people to join? Rotating powerpoint about parent council
 - Look into donations for coffee and donuts

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:18 PM was approved by Emily and Kelsey

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain



SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Opening

The regular meeting of the Silver Springs School Parent Association was called to order at 6:58 pm on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at the Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Celeste Howard, Erin Olesen, Kelsey Mountain, Locke Vincent, Olivia Semmens, Rebecca Mayhew, Erin Benner, Lauren Locke

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

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

Welcome (Celeste): Welcome to the Parent Association Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Rebecca and Erin approved the agenda.

Minutes approved by Lauren and Erin

Administration Funding Requests

- \$2901.40 for computer cart

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer Report

- \$77 813 in casino account, snowshoes still to come
- \$ 19 367 Parent account - spent \$983 on Santa's workshop order, got a refund on Temu as it was late but will get to keep the inventory
- Paid Kira back for juicebox orders
- 2 deposits for \$622 for healthy hunger

Fundraising Report (Mary):

- Will discuss at Feb meeting

Casino Report (Rebecca)

- No updates
- Q1 2027

Healthy Hunger (Kira)



- No current updates

Locke

- Custom pages and colour - over \$20, last year parent council paid the difference
- Keep some extra yearbooks in the library

Special Events (Erin and Michelle)

- Feedback of Santa's workshop - overwhelmingly positive
- Ran out of bags to stock up next year
- ~\$425 total
- Some parents didn't love the Temu ordering - this stuff was to be used as a fill in between donated items for people who are difficult to buy for
- Time commitment to group smaller items
- It is accessible for everyone since it is free, some schools charge for Santa's workshop
- Discussion on how to get other volunteers

Grade 6 Celebration (Krista)

- Krista has a few parents who have offered to help
- Gift at the end - Lauren would like a \$5 gift card
- Last year they did cookies and books
- Krista will check on inventory for the leaves

- Everyone to provide a blurb on their role on parent council for the next meeting
- Google doc for trustee questions

MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Motion for Approval:

Celeste motions to keep the yearbook price at \$20, parents would pay the difference ~250-300. Lauren seconded. All approved.

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM and was approved by Emily and Kelsey

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

