

## SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

### Opening

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:34 PM on March 11, 2025, in Silver Springs School by Erin Olesen.

### Present

Board members: Erin Olesen, Sandra Zandvliet, Kelsey Mountain, Locke Vincent

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Teacher: Chris Teixeira

Members at large: Olivia Semmens, Sara Syme, Krista Chambers, Nozomu Koshirae, Sara Gautier, Keeks Modu, Angelo Modu

**Welcome/Call meeting to Order –** by Derek Rakowski, Erin Olesen

### Approval of Minutes and Agenda

CBE acknowledgement of the Land by Derek Rakowski

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday February 11, Sara and Locke approved the minutes.

Kelsey and Erin approved the agenda.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

#### Derek Rakowski:

- Student learning conferences are online
- Mission Impossible going on in the gym
- Derek and Danica met with CBE team about sound system, they will receive 3 quotes within the next few weeks. It typically takes 6-8 weeks once a vendor is decided.
- They have revised the scope of the work and it will be closer to ~\$35 000
- Third wonder day on Friday
- Soccer residency for the week after spring break - focusing on how to play a fun game
- Thanks to Fun lunch team
- Kids loved the lacrosse residency

#### 2025 School Planning Presentation

- Goal: Student achievement in literacy will improve
- Outcome 1: Student's written communication will improve through a focus on responsive feedback
- Outcome 2: Grade 1 to 3 students' reading will improve through a focus on phonological awareness and decoding skills



- The school has multiple ways to monitor progress, outcomes and actions for learning excellence, including flexible groupings based on specific needs - working specifically and purposefully
- Students are participating in goal setting, and learning the skills for social/emotional learning
- The school is finding ways to help kids share their voice in different ways using technology
- **2024-2025 Budget:**
- School received \$1 884 205 for 2024-25 with 97.75% goes to staffing, the remainder covering instructional and operational supplies
- The school consults with families around school fees: field trips, in school activities, residencies, PE activities, music supplies
- looking into Outdoor School again for next year
- Feedback on the School Development Plan will be gathered through a survey to parents

**Teacher Report:** Chris Teixeira, grade 3/4 teacher

- Focusing on CPAWS, they will visit all 3 classes and engage in journaling which will set them up for a field trip at Nose Hill Park.
- Students are excited about Mission Impossible and the Wonder Day
- The class has been doing a lot of work on fractions and decimals lately
- Class and buddy group did the pink shirt assembly
- Students are very interested in soccer
- in PLC group, working on a writing goal for the SDP
- The class is working on persuasive writing - writing about why they should have a cell phone

## **EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Kindergarten Report**

- Mrs. Wilkes was wondering if the bus fees covered by parent council meant two busses as there are two classes?
- Could the funds be used for an in class speaker instead as it is challenging to get kindergarten students on a bus

### **Discussion**

- The basketball nets on the east side of the school on the gravel
- Derek will reach out to facilities to see about moving them

### **Adjournment**

Erin motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:32 PM was approved by Kelsey and Sandra



**Next Meeting:** April 8, 2025

**Minutes submitted by:** Kelsey Mountain

## **SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION**

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Silver Springs School Parent Association was called to order at 7:32 pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

### **Present**

Board members: Erin Olesen, Sandra Zandvliet, Kelsey Mountain, Locke Vincent

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Members at large: Olivia Semmens, Sara Syme, Krista Chambers, Nozomu Koshirae, Sara Gautier, Keeks Modu, Angelo Modu

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday, February 11, 2025 approved by Sandra and Sara

Olivia and Kelsey approved the agenda.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- Casino account \$33 929.37
- Parent association \$18 515.91
- We will need a few thousand to cover PA system, suggests ~ \$7000 to cover the balance and leave enough left

### **Fundraising Report (Sandra/Sara):**

- They would like to open the fundraising positions for the next school year

### **Casino Report (Erin)**

- People can now register for casino volunteering with the Sign up genius link
- Locke will do a big push over the next 4 weeks online



- AGLC has increased the maximum to carry forward to next casino - used to be \$1000 and now up to \$50 000

### **Healthy Hunger (Kira)**

- Lunch was late last month
- Kira was wondering if we want to consider changing the vendor for the last lunch, it would be easy to swap it out
- if someone has already ordered they would get a credit if they had already ordered
- Parent feedback - difficult to organize and sort, small portions, kids were hungry
- It was decided that Kira will cancel the orders and get a new vendor

### **Discussion**

- Kids, teachers and lunchroom staff are working hard to keep things clean, office staff is regularly doing laundry

### **MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

#### **Motion for Approval:**

Sandra motioned to use up to \$7000 from the parent account to help cover the costs of the PA system. All approved.

#### **Adjournment**

Kelsey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM and was approved by Krista and Sandra

**Next Meeting:** April 8, 2025

**Minutes submitted by:** Kelsey Mountain

