

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Opening

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:32 PM on January 14, 2025, in Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Celeste Howard, Erin Olesen, Kelsey Mountain, Rebecca Mayhew, Kira Syvertsen, Locke Vincent, Mary Sampson, Lauren Locke, Erin Benner, Sandra Zandvliet, Chad Ravlo, Sara Gauthier,

Administration: Michelle Ryskamp, Danica Burrows

Teacher: Jackie Bates

Members at large: Krista Chambers, Marion Smith, Olivia Semmens, Michelle Downey

Welcome/Call meeting to Order – by Celeste Howard

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

CBE acknowledgement of the Land by Danica Burrows

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday Nov 19, Rebecca and Lauren approved the minutes.

Kelsey and Erin approved the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Michelle Ryskamp/ Danica Burrows:

- Gratitudes to Erin and Michelle for their leadership at Santa's workshop, Kyra and her team for fun lunches and to our school population for their generosity in donations
- We had a great residency with Calgary West Football Club
- Upcoming Drama Days supplemented with funds left over from other residencies
- Wonder Day coming this week
- Green Fools PE residency upcoming
- Kindergarten registration opened on Jan 13, Silver Springs school is at 17 registrations already.
- The school received additional funds for early intervention, will supplement from school to increase Mrs. Lake's time by 0.1 from Feb 3 - June 6, 2025.
- We are awaiting updates from area director about principal vacancy
- Reporting student learning: teachers look primarily at summative assessment evidence (tasks etc.), they may use formative assessment (daily observation)
- Kindergarten reporting: in January, only math and language arts, in June, all subject areas



- January report cards will align with new curriculum, achievement of Results will continue to be suspended for the 24-25 school year.
- In January students are assessed on what has been instructed, in June assessed on the whole year of curriculum
- IPP and ELL benchmarks will also be reported, NER may be used if a student is not showing evidence of learning due to absence etc.
- IPPs are created in October, assessed in January and reported on in June
- CBE has mandated a new comment structure, intention is to provide clarity and consistency. It will have an area of strength and an area of growth with an action step. The focus on these comments will be in English Language Arts and Math. Mrs. Blenkhorn will report on music once per year.
- Parents can give feedback on these new report card comments through the Board of Trustees (Charlene May).

Teacher Report: Jackie Bates, grade 5/6 teacher

- The grade 5/ 6 team is using flexible groupings for literacy.
- Using the “words their way” program for spelling, teachers are able to take information from assessment and create groups. Groups focus on understanding different spelling patterns and combinations to make sounds
- Students have the opportunity to look at patterns, extend learning into other areas. The strong spellers are working on the morphology of words.
- New science curriculum: the class just finished working through earth systems, the grade 5s looked at weather, grade 6s looked at climate change. The class was able to take one topic (weather) and pull in other things from other areas to meet curricular outcomes.
- A local meteorologist did an online presentation, students asked questions to help them with their own projects

EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Key Communique Report (Chad)

- Calendar presented with events
- Feb 24 - special targeted session for executive of school council
- Asking for people to be nominated to be a trustee, election this fall

Chairperson report (Celeste)-

- Celeste will work on updating the bylaws and would like it submitted by June

Kindergarten Report (Mary)

- Soccer residency was a massive hit, skill level was perfect, timing was perfect after the break, Mrs. Wilkes learned new skills
- Gratitude for Santa’s workshop, it worked well for kindergarten



- She has started AB testing

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:15 PM was approved by Kelsey and Erin

Next Meeting: February 11. 2025

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Opening

The regular meeting of the Silver Springs School Parent Association was called to order at 7:42 pm on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at the Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Welcome (Celeste): Welcome to the Parent Association Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday, November 19, 2024 approved by Lauren and Rebecca

Sandra and Kelsey approved the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Administrative**

- Initial budget \$73 500, we have \$31 000 left
- Fine arts - getting some new drum bases
- Pause on technology as we wait to see what the system will supply with decommissioned technology
- Not as much spending on literacy/math but a plan to get teacher input after report cards
- Flexible seating would be beneficial to have as a budget item every year
- We will have about \$5000 unspent funds
- We will get quotes for sound system, Celeste and Rebecca are looking into using casino funds for a new sound system,
- It was suggested we ask for a tiered quotes which will give more information
- Rebecca and Celeste will write to AGLC to hold over money for next year for a specific purpose



Treasurer's Report (Lauren):

- Casino account \$36 333
- Parent association \$15 757
- Lauren will resign at the end of the year
- Will have to do the casino report, year end and society annual return, would be great to have someone on board at the end of the year to transition

Fundraising Report (Sandra):

- Fill your freezer was 2 vendors, requiring a minimum number of orders per vendor
- Gordon's food came through at 65 units, we did have to pay fee for Coco Brooks
- total raised: \$1834 minus 75 fee: \$1759.70, the cheque is in the mail
- There was a greater profit margin for turkeys in the fall
- We had a good response to Sweets and Meats in the last 24hrs
- Next year we will look into having fundraising pick up at the Community Centre

Casino Report (Rebecca)

- Have to budget ~\$2800 for casino advisors
- New dates: May 7, 8 2025
- We can exclude months in the future through AGLC
- A request for volunteers will be put out soon.
- We require 36 volunteers over 2 days

Healthy Hunger (Kira)

- It has been a bit chaotic for the school
- We are not getting volunteers
- Feedback from teachers: try to avoid scheduling fun lunch the week before big holidays or events
- There was a discussion on problem solving how to streamline clean up from fun lunch

Special Events (Erin/Michelle)

- Santa's workshop went well, some items are left over for next year
- The pick and grab table worked
- The age group table also went well, next year age groups will be adjusted

Chairperson

- Communication - we are able to stay with CBE emails as long as it is within the CBE guidelines
- In the future, parent council will add a brief summary to the school administrator's email which will go on the website
- A parent council email will be sent out with more detailed information
- 150 currently on the email list



- A survey from council email to parents to get an idea of what the parent population wants was suggested. This can occur once the new principal is in place and onboarded

New Business

- Next meeting there will be a discussion on the \$500 grant for parent education

MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL**Motion for Approval:**

none at this time

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Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM and was approved by Kelsey and Sandra

Next Meeting: February 11, 2025

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

