

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Opening

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:34 PM on January 14, 2025, in Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Lauren Locke, Celeste Howard, Erin Olesen, Erin Benner, Chad Ravlo, Sandra Zandvliet, Mary Sampson, Rebecca Mayhew,

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Teacher: Lianne Dechant

Members at large: Michelle Downey, Krista Chambers, Angela Riether, Marion Smith, Shannon Chomistek, Sara Syml, Amanda

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 January 14, Lauren and Rebecca approved the minutes.

Kelsey and Erin approved the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Derek Rakowski:

- He received a very warm welcome coming to the school and is excited to be back in elementary school.
- The school really enjoyed the Green Fools residency, all of the activities were new to the kids
- New grade 5/ 6 teacher: Ashley Bokenfohr
- Kindergarten numbers for 2025-6: 27 as of today

Upcoming events:

- Fun Lunch Feb 19
- Feb 26 - Pink Shirt Day Assembly
- Feb 18, 19 - Lacrosse Residency
- Feb. 24 – 27, 2025: Gymnastics Unit in PE
- Mar 20/21 - School Conferences



Teacher Report: Lianne Dechant, grade 5/6 teacher

- She would love to have the opportunity for Outdoor School again, found that it was a great way to get to know the students
- The class is working on poetry in their writing time. They will be moving into story writing, starting with non-fiction and then moving into fiction writing.
- They have been working on inquiry, the 5s are working on the living systems, the 6s are working on democracy.
- The class is using minecraft as a project.

Discussion

- How are kids getting movement during cold days with indoor recess?
- Polar bear club if kids have appropriate clothing
- Different activities are available during indoor recess
- Grade 5/6 are providing movement opportunities to younger grades during indoor recess

EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS**Key Communique Report (Chad)**

- Meeting coming up on Feb 24

Chairperson report (Celeste)-

- Celeste started the draft of the bylaws

Kindergarten Report (Mary)

- Mrs. G (student teacher) is coming back next week
- The students loved the Green Fools Residency
- Kindergarten delivered flyers for the community centre as their volunteer project

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:22 PM was approved by Lauren and Sandra

Next Meeting: March 11, 2025

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Opening

The regular meeting of the Silver Springs School Parent Association was called to order at 7:22 pm on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at the Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.



Present

Board members: Lauren Locke, Celeste Howard, Erin Olesen, Erin Benner, Chad Ravlo, Sandra Zandvliet, Mary Sampson, Rebecca Mayhew,

Administration: Derek Rakowski, Danica Burrows

Members at large: Michelle Downey, Krista Chambers, Angela Riether, Marion Smith, Shannon Chomistek, Sara Syml, Amanda

Welcome (Celeste): Welcome to the Parent Association Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday, January 14, 2025 approved by Lauren and Rebecca

Sandra and Kelsey approved the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative

- Estimates for sound system ~\$43 500 but there are likely some items that are not needed
- Discussion on how much parent council could spend toward new sound system
- AGLC will allow holding funds over for next year. Rebecca will start with form.

Treasurer's Report (Lauren):

- Casino account \$36 333
- Parent association \$18 120.88
- Usually keep ~\$10 000 in parent account at year end
- ~ \$2500 came in for Sweets and Meats in December

Fundraising Report (Sandra):

- Some parents are requesting a spring fundraiser to Celeste

Casino Report (Rebecca)

- People can now register for casino volunteering

Healthy Hunger (Kira)

- The last Healthy Hunger was great, the last minute call out worked for volunteers
- Clean up was not as big of an issue with Subway



Special Events (Erin/Michelle/Shannon)

- Grade 6 Farewell - tentatively June 25
- Previous budgets were ~800
- Last year was \$560, from using prior years items
- Usually a morning ceremony and then going to the pool in the afternoon

Chairperson

- \$624 for parent education grant - Celeste will look into it
- Discussion on topics for parent survey, how to provide awareness and feedback from general parent population - informational and invitational
- Bowness High wants to present about a theatre fundraiser, Celeste will find more information

MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL**Motion for Approval:**

Lauren motioned to use up to \$850 for the grade 6 farewell that will include any new materials and swimming fees. All approved.

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM and was approved by Kelsey and Sandra

Next Meeting: March 11, 2025

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

