

## SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Sept 10, 2024

### Opening

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:33 PM on Sept 10, 2024, in Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

### Present

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

Administration: Michelle Ryskamp, Danica Burrows

Members at large: Brooke Kinu, Krista Chambers, Sabrina Savage, James Savage, Marion Smith, Shannon Chomistek

### Welcome/Call meeting to Order –

#### Approval of Minutes and Agenda

CBE acknowledgement of the Land by Michelle Ryskamp

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday May 14, Sandra and Kelsey approved the minutes.

Sandra and Lauren approved the agenda.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

#### Michelle Ryskamp/ Danica Burrows:

- Gratitude for staff, students and families for a smooth start to the new year and welcoming in new students
- Staffing updates: Meredith Wilkes and Jackie Bates are Learning Leaders
- Same 1 / 2 team as last year
- Grade 3 / 4 team is the same as last year, Mrs Szczepanski is taking a one time part time contract
- Grade 5 / 6 team - Miss Lee is covering for a medical leave
- larger EA team this year - 4 EAs, 3 part time, one 30 hrs
- Update on website of who we are as a school: Silver Springs focuses on relationships, caring, communication, we are committed to land based learning and are actively engaged in exploring the natural places around the community
- Silver Springs School is committed to the curriculum in a way that is meaningful and is working to develop a sense of community and connection among the students.
- Class sizes and numbers: 260 students, split kindergarten in am (15) and pm (14), becomes financially viable at 34
- SOKO changed licensing to support am and pm kindergarten childcare
- Grade 1 / 2 : 24, 25,25
- Grade 3/ 4 : 27, 28, 29
- Grade 5 / 6, 23, 24, 24



- RAM reopens on Sept 30, the school may be able to adjust some staffing - potentially could increase EA hrs, hire an intervention teacher
  - Student demographics: 23 different primary languages, 42 ELAL, 50 special education codes, 13 students as FNMI,
  - Professional learning at SSS: literacy: science of reading, shifting to vocabulary development for reading and writing, mathematics - numeracy, student wellness - resilience, belonging and regulation
  - This year looking at the new curriculum for 4-6 science,
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- Schoolwide theme this year: Stewards and Storytellers - which reflects the commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.
  - Students will focus on holistic well-being through time spent outside and getting to know the land
  - Story-telling will be used to support relationships, create personal narratives, build communities and supporting literacy through high impact literacy practices
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- Opportunities to volunteer at SSS: community walks, field trips, library, home reading, sports day, terry fox day, bulletin boards, picture day, grade 6 vaccination, fun lunches
  - Parents are encouraged to talk to Maureen about your volunteer status
  - Wonder days will return
  - Erik stockton story telling residency Nov 27
  - Literacy and story telling family evening Dec 5
  - Soccer residency Jan 6-10
  - Green Fools PE residency Feb 3-7 - circus skills
  - Spring Concert April 17
  - Swim Lessons June 9-20
  - TOPP kids - current registration - 20 students, 6 FT, 4 part time, 10 drop in

#### **Funding requests/next purchases:**

- Last year the school received some funds for new curriculum resources, so there is some extra money in the literacy and math categories in the budget.
- Next requested purchases: rocking chairs for older students, another stationary bike, new science curriculum resources

#### **EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Chairperson report (Celeste)-**

- Meeting dates: October 8, November 19, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10
- Casino will be available for Q2
- We need to recruit a kindergarten rep - Rebecca will ask some kindergarten parents

##### **Key Communique (Chad)**

- our trustee resigned for medical reasons,
- we will be looked after by Charlene May who is already trustee for other wards



- next meeting in October

#### **Old Business**

- gym mats were received and will be used for gymnastics and circus residency

#### **Adjournment**

Celeste motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:19 PM was approved by Lauren and Rebecca

**Next Meeting:** October 8, 2024

**Minutes submitted by:** Kelsey Mountain

### **SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION**

Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 10, 2024

#### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Silver Springs School Parent Association was called to order at 7:20 pm on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at the Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

#### **Present**

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

Administration: Michelle Ryskamp, Danica Burrows

Members at large: Brooke Kinu, Krista Chambers, Sabrina Savage, James Savage, Marion Smith, Shannon Chomistek

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

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Reviewed and approved minutes from Tuesday, May 14, 2024 approved by Lauren and Kelsey

Erin and Sandra approved the agenda.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- \$~18 000 in parent association - unchanged from June
- \$~59 000 in casino account from end of June
- submitted casino reports in June, they are still reviewing things from April
- waiting to submit insurance



**Fundraising Report (Sandra):**

- new fundraiser, partnering with local Alberta farmers
- added organic turkeys - Winter Fresh Farms
- option to donate a vegetable bundle to the Calgary Food Bank
- delivery will be Thurs Oct 10

**Casino Report (Rebecca)**

- will get one in Q2 but they have had some cancellations for Q1 so we may get one earlier

**Healthy Hunger (Kira)**

- all set up this year
- lunch once a month and a few snacks
- will offer in weekly email for families needing support to contact the office to have an order with donated lunches

**Special Events (Erin)**

- Halloween howler - Oct 31
- Michelle Downey will take the lead on Santa's workshop
- propose that we bump up the budgets for these events this year

**Other Business:**

Spirit Wear - try some different items this year

- Krista will help
- consider coloured shirts for the special days

Communication with parents

- Will try a google form to get emails out to parents
- QR codes to subscribe to parent council emails
- Sara will get a sandwich board for Thursday Open House
- will continue with writing blurb for community newsletter - add in fundraising information

**MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL****Motion for Approval:**

Erin motions to increase the budget for special events, up to \$400 for each event up from \$250.  
Chad seconds, all approved.

**Adjournment**

Celeste motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM and was approved by Erin and Lauren

**Next Meeting: October 8, 2024**

**Minutes submitted by:** Kelsey Mountain

