

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Opening

The annual general meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:33 PM on May 12, 2026, in Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

Board members: Celeste Howard, Kelsey Mountain, Abby Follett, Emily Pottie, Amanda Bichel,

Administration: Derek Rakowski

Teacher: Nicole Ballinger, Tammy Quast

Trustee: Jenny Regal

Members at large: Krista Chambers, Emily Whittar, Erica O'Donnell, Carolyn Zukowski, Lisa Shore, Heather Donauer, Jasmine Atay Ferguson

Welcome/Call meeting to Order – by Celeste Howard

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

CBE acknowledgement of the Land by Derek Rakowski

Minutes approved by Emily, Carolyn

Agenda approved by Carolyn and Amanda.

Ward 1 and 2 Trustee: Jenny Regal

- Tell us about your role as a trustee? Are you “CBE” or “representing your electorate?”
 - Education is political
 - Need for new schools, especially High Schools in the north
 - We will make sure all kids have a welcoming, caring, safe, respectful place
 - Meetings and technical briefings
 - Connects with School Councils, she will try to reach each one annually
 - Can go to her for more information about the “why” or deeper understanding on issues
 - They are considering an Online Town Halls
 - Provincial Government can disband the Board of Trustees
 - 7 elected trustees that have to look out for the whole system, 251 schools
 - Trustees set governance and priorities
 - Priorities are given to chief superintendent
- How do we engage and advocate for our school with the CBE and with the Province?
 - Write letters to your MLA – Dr. Luanne Metz at Calgary.Varsity@assembly.ab.ca
 - Email to jelregal@cbe.ab.ca for more information or ideas or such, ask questions



- Meeting as School Council, providing feedback to Principal, this information goes back for the CBE Education plan
- Community of School Councils (COSC)
- Someone set up a Facebook Group for School Council Chairs
- Class sizes and funding? Classroom Complexity Funding?
 - 118 Complexity teams came to CBE, and Teams are funded for next year
 - Maybe there will be funding for the Middle and High Schools...?
 - Have not hired all the teachers yet
 - EA hours have been bumped up to 30 if possible
 - It took 51,000 teachers to go on strike for the Gov't to (maybe) hear that there are complexity issues
 - Operations and Maintenance – will be down by 20% next year...
 - New School Builds – removing LEED certification so they can be built cheaper
- What guardrails are going up for Mental Health, Anxiety and social media
 - CBE Student Well-Being Framework - [Student-Well-Being-Framework.pdf](#)
 - Provincial Cell Phone Policy – has been very positive
 - Staff Well-Being Framework being presented to the Board tomorrow
 - Indigeneity and supporting students
 - We need to continue speaking for our vulnerable students

Administration Updates

- Gratitude for the treats and acknowledgements during Teacher Appreciation week
- Thanks to Jenny Regal for joining the meeting tonight
- Derek expects the same funding and staffing for next year, but it can change by September 30
- Currently have 27 registrations for kindergarten, hoping for some more to be able to have two classes
- If there is only one kindergarten class, Mrs Wilkes would work 0.5 as resource/intervention
- Derek tries to have both kindergarten classes balanced

Teacher report: Nicole Ballinger, Tammy Quast

- Thank you for the appreciation and treats
- Thank you for the snowshoes, ozobots and ozobot tracks
- Thank you for funding field trip bus

Kindergarten Report

- Orientation May 25
- Olivia is helping to put together the packages

Treasurer Report

- Healthy hunger deposit \$722
- Balance is \$22 396

Grade 6 Celebration

- Krista has been recruiting helpers



- Some of the leaves from previous years will have to be removed, it appears they were not sealed properly
- Helpers will be needed to help remove the old ones and shift the other ones down
- Cookies again as the gift
- They did planters last year for decoration and teachers get to take planters home
- Pool booking is complete

Discussion:

- How much did we fund for swimming lessons not paid by families? Admin will have to look

Motions

Celeste moves to spend up to \$800 on grade 6 celebration this year, all approved.

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:54 PM .

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

**SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL & SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL PARENT
ASSOCIATION**

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Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Opening

The school council meeting of the Silver Springs School Student Council and Silver Springs School Parent Association was called to order at 7:54 pm on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at the Silver Springs School by Celeste Howard.

Present

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Administration: Derek Rakowski

Trustee: Jenny Regal

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Welcome (Celeste): Welcome to the Parent Association and School Council Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved by Carolyn and Erica

Agenda approved by Erica and Amanda



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer:

- \$12 000 withdrawal for buses, residencies, school supplies
- \$ 66 015 in casino account
- if spending is as estimated, there will be ~ \$2000 left in casino account

Chair Report

- Thanks to Olivia for teacher appreciation
- Thanks to Amanda for all of the treasurer
- Thanks to Locke for the yearbook
- Try for a coffee and cookies for the second week of school to get parents in

Fundraising - no updates

Casino - no updates, no date yet

Healthy Hunger

- Next year is Kira's last year
- Do we want it more or less frequent next year?

Yearbook - Locke

- Currently working on the yearbook

Events

- Sports day - June 5
- Carolyn has offered to take the lead on it
- Would like to add a section with indigenous games
- We probably need ~25 volunteers
- Danica would like help making numbered signs on yard sticks
- Abby has a contact for indigenous group that supports activities

Adjournment

Celeste motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Kelsey Mountain

