

Ron Southern School/ Parent Council Meeting

November 24, 2025

Minutes

		ACTION ITEMS
1.0	<p>Attendance:</p> <p>In Person: Zoe Serediuk, Maria Wolfs, Melanie Leptich, Amanda Sawatsky, Erin Zackowski, Lindsey Walker, Taghreed Alhadeethi, M. Sehn</p> <p>Virtual: Jon Patry, Sammie Cook-Hendrickson, Sandra Amoatey, Chelsey Love, Ebenezer Chinaka, Hakim Cheboot, Jamal Mohamed, Mercy Amos, Parthiban Mani, Hino Imata, Laura Bun, Disha Thakkar.</p>	
2.0	<p>Call to order of School Council Meeting 1815</p>	
3.0	<p>Administrative Report</p> <p>A. Principal Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Please see slides from Zoe and Jon at the end of the minutes for details on principal updates <p>B. Upcoming Events & Key Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Winter Festival December 18, 2025● Report Cards February 24, 2026	
4.0	<p>Adjournment of School Council Meeting 1843</p>	
5.0	<p>Call to order of Parent Council Meeting 1845</p>	
6.0	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. Acceptance of the Agenda</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the agenda MOVED: Melanie Leptich SECONDED: Maria Wolfs APPROVED:</p> <p>B. Approval of the Minutes of _ May 29, 2025_</p> <p>MOTION: To approve last meetings minutes MOVED: Amanda Sawatsky SECONDED: Erin Zackowski APPROVED:</p>	

7.0	<p>Financial Report- Maria</p> <p>A. Casino Account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current balance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$116, 794.83 - Outstanding Pre-Approved Requests/ Staff Wish List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Changes since last update in May: Indigenous Residency \$787.50, MooZoom \$4551.75, Library Books \$275, Sensory Room Equipment \$2957, Service charge \$10.50. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please see Complete Financial Statement at the end of the minutes for more details. ● AGLC no longer covers food cost for volunteers at casinos <p>B. Parent Society Account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current balance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$3,796.25 - Outstanding Pre-Approved Requests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Changes since last update in May: spent \$6,707.35. ● Please see Complete Financial Statement at the end of the minutes for more details 	
8.0	<p>Old Business</p> <p>A. New Junior/ All Inclusive Playground- Erin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No new updates. All builders wanting to wait until fall to discuss as currently busy with building other playgrounds. Erin to continue to work on this. <p>B. “Mud Pitt” on Playground Side of School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Payment has been made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No more to do, this has been fully completed. <p>C. Staff Wish List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Learning Commons Books \$1,000.00/ PE Residency approx. \$1,000-2,000/ PE Equipment \$1,000-1,500/ Indigenous/ Fine Arts Residency approx. \$2,000-3,000/ Theatre Group \$500-700 per show/ Grade 5-6 Student Leadership 3-5 Ipad Mini’s or Tablets/ Grade 5-6 Leadership 20 t-shirts \$200-250/ EES funding for buses for spring field trip \$300.00/ Duck Eggs for Grade 2 \$260/ Brainpop and Brainpop Jr subscriptions \$605/ Chromebooks for Grade 3 approx \$500 each/ Renew MooZoom. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All in attendance voted yes to supporting everything staff listed on Staff Wish List. Leadership tablets x5 for \$70-80 each. ● Approximate cost of Staff Wish List items that can come out of Casino Account: \$12, 316.75. ● Approximate cost of Staff Wisht List items that can come out of Parent Council Account \$550. 	<p>Erin to continue working on this</p> <p>Maria to f/u which account t-shirts and field trip bus can be paid from</p> <p>Zoe to f/u on chromebooks</p>

	<p>D. School Dance- Amanda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When do we want to try and do this? Spring? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● April or May ● Zoe to see the dates for outdoor school to ensure school dance doesn't occur at same time. ● Sammie to work with Mr. Roth and grade 6 class to see what they would like to do at dance for fundraising. <p>E. Sign for Parking Lot- Erin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Purchased. Able to get a large discount on them due to the shipping boxes being damaged. Extra sign in box in parent council storage room. <p>F. Parking Safety/ Parent Safety Patrol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When to make a draft of a plan to initiate next year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Unable to have a safety patrol at the crosswalk near the round-a-bout. Might be able to have safety patrol at the crosswalk south of the school near the fields. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● See if the Leadership Team wants to add this in as part of their role in the school. ● Would need to have Zoe or Jon out there to supervise the leadership team at the crosswalk. Could parent volunteers do the supervising, or does it need to be a CBE employee? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The traffic slowing implementation of the curb being "bumped out" further near that crosswalk has been approved. ● There is an end of year party at Heritage Park for other school's Safety Patrols. ● The flow of traffic has been better at the North side of the school where it is Drop and Go Only. The idea of having parent volunteers do a "Kid Valet" where they pick up kids from vehicles and walk them to the door so the parents don't need to park their vehicles in the Drop and Go section has been proposed. Will need to make a survey to see if parents would utilize a "Kid Valet". <p>G. International Day- Maria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates on printing costs to do a recipe book <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It would be very costly to print out and sell like a fundraiser ● The idea of not making printed copies to order, but providing a PDF for parents to print if they like was proposed. This would be a Free and Fun thing to do for the school, not a fundraiser. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will look into organizing this more in the New Year 	<p>Zoe to f/u about outdoor school dates</p> <p>Need to follow up with AMA/ CPS about safety patrol, rules, etc.</p> <p>Jon to look into end of year Safety Patrol party</p> <p>Erin to look into a survey option</p>
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	<p>H. Grade 6 Grad- Sammie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erin to work on guideline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sammie and Mr. Roth are working with Erin’s rough guidelines to create a more final document that can be utilized. ● The money raised at the dance can only be used for the grad celebration not the outdoor school. <p>I. Monetary Donations through Education Matters- Erin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The website has been getting upgrades, they are now able to start working with Erin to create a page for our school. ● This will provide an option to those who want to provide a monetary donation to the school, and are not interested in the fundraisers. <p>J. Fixing up Basketball boards and getting nets- Erin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boards were fixed up last year by CBE - Do we want to try to get nets? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not sure if nets are a liability, but maybe possible to have chains instead of nets? 	
9.0	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. Calgary Opera Residency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has this been booked? When will it take place? - Has it been paid for yet? - Sammie, was email sent to Mr Knuttila and Ms Kreze asking to be notified of when residencies will occur? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sammie to follow up on residencies in the New Year, and once given dates for residencies can share with parents via Trailblazer and social media. <p>B. Welcome Back Popcorn Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall cost. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$445 - Overall thoughts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Much cheaper than doing a BBQ. Successful overall. If doing candy bags would not pre bag them as it was time consuming, and lead to non-used candy to be returned as it was not in original packaging. Getting popcorn from the movie theatre was awesome. <p>C. Teacher Appreciation Snack Cart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When do we want to do this? New year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to get a cart, will look on FB Marketplace and for Black Friday deals. Can also possibly get a free cart from CBE Highfield (as they have extra CBE furniture there that schools can use). ● Will still need to set a budget for the snacks and a restocking plan/budget. 	Erin to email Kerri to see if we can get a cart from Highfield.

10.0	<p>D. Welcome Back Teacher Gift/ Happy New Year Gift</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently 24 staff and 2 admin staff - What do we want to do, and when do we want to do it? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will now call it Classroom Gift ● Would plan to do 25 Classroom Gifts (2 Ms. C Kindy) at \$100 each. So a total of \$2,500. This would come from Parent Council account. <p>E. Parent Council Meeting Signs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Signs have been made and were used for the first meeting. Cost was minimal as signs were discounted due to damaged shipping boxes. <p>F. Parent Council Board Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will do the vote for a new board member/members in January ● Need someone who can commit to the 6-7 meetings per year <p>G. Facebook & Instagram Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Going very well. Amanda and Melanie doing an awesome job. Getting more members joining the groups, and have seen a positive impact with Healthy Hunger orders and fundraising orders increasing. ● Amanda to create a post about needing volunteers and new board council members. 	
	<p>Fundraising Update- Melanie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total amount raised last year \$7,968.00 <p>A. Fun Lunch/ Healthy Hunger- Amanda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boston Pizza in November had 112 orders= \$240.20 ● Next one is Subway on December 11th ● Amanda working with admin to determine which day of the week would be best for a snack day (Tues or Wed), then we can look at planning the first one. <p>B. Mabels Labels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently raised \$184.48 (Aug-Nov \$80.47) <p>C. Somerset Dominos Monthly Pizza Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Oct: 33 coupons used= \$240.22 (fliers provided by Dominos) ● Nov: 11 coupons used= \$79.21 (fliers not provided) ● Need to get fliers to hand out prior to families 	<p>Amanda to continue to work on planning Snack Day</p> <p>Melanie to f/u about fliers</p>

	<p>D. Turkey Fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total amount raised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$539 <p>E. Purdy's chocolate fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raised \$1,630.27 ● Delivery to be around December 8th <p>F. Old Yearbook Sales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$40 so far from selling old yearbooks <p>G. Next Fundraiser/ Fundraising Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VIP Meats? Apples? Water barrels? Popcorn? 	Everyone to think about fundraising ideas
11.0	Miscellaneous Additions to Agenda	
12.0	<p>Tabled Business</p> <p>A. Permanent Sign for Ron Southern</p> <p>B. VIP Meats Fundraiser</p> <p>C. Casino</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tabled till January 	
13.0	Adjournment of Parent Council Meeting 1942	
14.0	Next Meeting January 12, 2026 in person and virtual.	

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Okí, Dadánast'áda, Ába Wathtec, Tānisi, Taanishi, Bonjour, Hello

The Calgary Board of Education acknowledges the traditional territories and oral practices of the Treaty 7 Nations, including the Siksikaitsitapi, comprised of the Siksika, the Kainai, the Piikani, and the Amskapi Piikani Nations. We acknowledge the Tsuut'ina Nation, the Íyârhe Nakoda, comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney Nations, the Métis Nation within Alberta, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of southern Alberta.

This land on which we gather is traditionally known as Moh'kinstsis (Blackfoot), Guts'ists'i (Tsuut'ina), Wichispa (Nakoda), and otóskwanihk (Northern Michif & Cree).

As a learning organization, we are committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action focused on Education for ReconciliACTION.

Current Numbers

- Kindergarten – 70
- Division 1 – 245
- Division 2 - 214 (each division total includes EES)
- September 30 –enrollment was 527 and we are currently at 529.

September - Diagnostic Assessments

- **Kindergarten** – letter/sound, pre-printing - lines and shapes and baseline for shapes and numbers (in and out of order) **January** –*Provincial Numeracy Screening Assessment, Provincial Reading Tests: LeNS, PAST & RAN*
- **Grade Ones: Sept:** *Provincial Numeracy Screening Assessment, Provincial Reading Tests: LeNS, PAST & RAN, January* retesting and **May** only students who were at-risk in the January tests
- **Grade Two – Sept:** *Provincial Number Screening Assessment, Provincial Reading Tests: LeNs(Letter and Sound Assessment) and the CC3 (spelling), Jan* – retesting and **May** only students who were at-risk
- **Grade Three – Sept:** *Provincial Number Screening Assessment, Provincial Reading Tests: CC3 (spelling),*
- **Grade 4** – Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessment, MIPI(Math), Words their Way
- **Grade 5/6** – Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessment, MIPI(Math), Words their Way, Dibbles (reading fluency and comprehension)
- **EES –ABLLS** and some basic kindergarten/grade one assessments depending on the student.

School Development Plan – Year Two

Celebrations

- During administration, Look Fors – 100% of teachers were using at least one equitable math practice in their lesson.
- CBE Engagement Survey - Parents reported their child(ren) was more positively challenged in math this year and more attentive to learning math.
- 88% of students are confident that they can learn mathematics.
- 100% of the student population felt that they could reach the level of success in mathematics that they needed to achieve future goals.
- From January to June 2025, data revealed an increase in the stem of “understands and applies concepts related to number, patterns (and algebra)” in the indicators 2,3, and 4.

School Development Plan

Areas for Growth

- Teachers continue to build capacity in developing authentic and engaging math learning tasks with an emphasis on equitable math practices – data from the three learning sprints consistently showed 15 –20% of students not achieving the 6-week sprint.
- Build students’ ability to persevere on solving challenging math problems (Only 55% of students reported in the CBE Student survey that they enjoyed working on challenging problems in mathematics. 59% of students reported that they find math learning interesting in the Alberta Assurance Student Survey)

School Development Plan

Next Steps

- 6 week learning sprints for each grade team to create a targeted goal (small group or whole class) connected to the mathematical goal of improving students' number sense in a problem-solving context.
- Use inquiry tasks connected to the real world (project-based learning) to better engage students in mathematical thinking
- Continue building equitable practices that promote a positive mathematical identity and assist in developing students' abilities to persevere in mathematical problem-solving

School Development Plan

School Goal

Student achievement in Numeracy will improve

Outcome

*Student academic engagement in math will improve through teachers incorporating equity practices into their **authentic** task design.*

SDP – Learning Excellence Actions

Learning Excellence Actions

Utilize high impact numeracy strategies to engage students:

Create spaces for students to share and make visible their mathematical reasoning/thinking

Center content understanding around student questions, varied ways of thinking, misconceptions and alternative strategies.

Facilitate active sharing, discussion, and connections between different students' thinking

SDP – Well-Being Actions

Well-Being Actions

Create learning spaces that provide learners with safe and respectful environments:

Targeted Social Emotional Learning (SEL) instruction on Self-Awareness to build social-emotional skills and confidence and persistence in learning

Using learning sprints to design tasks that increase student academic engagement and success in math.

SDP – Truth & Reconciliation, Diversity and Inclusion Actions

Truth & Reconciliation, Diversity and Inclusion Actions

Provide access to an inclusive learning environment through responsive teaching and culturally diverse resources

Cultivate mathematical identity so that everyone can see themselves as mathematicians

Important Dates

Winter Celebration

Thursday, December 18, 2025

- First Concert - 6:00 – 6:40: Kindergarten, Grade 4 and Grade 3 (12 classes)
- Second Concert: 6:50 – 7:30: Grade 1, 2 and 5/6 (10 classes)

Report Cards

- Will be available for viewing on **February 24, 2026**

Grade One Artists



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Parent Council account:**Balance as of Nov 17: \$3796.25**

Changes since last update in May 2025: -\$6,707.35

Revenue:

Healthy Hunger : \$795.91

Turkey Fundraiser: \$572

Parent Donation \$100

Year books \$40

Expenses:

Service charges: \$15.45+\$7.50+1.50

Grade 6 event: \$575.47

Lunch support: gift card \$500 + \$23.36+\$77.95

Sports Day: \$129.68

Staff support: Coffee+donuts for teachers \$76+\$75.10

Fundraising expenses: \$96.59+\$33

Welcome Back Event \$445

School support:

Signs \$151

Mud Pit pavement \$\$5892.8

Christmas tree and a bag \$115

Future expenses:

- Teacher appreciation \$2500? (\$100 per teacher maybe for Christmas?)
- Snack cart ????

Future revenue:

Purdy's \$1630.27

Mabel's Labels \$120.83

Healthy hunger

Pizza nights

Statement Sept 24-Aug 25:

Revenue:	
Fundraiser	\$ 18,105.55
Healthy Hunger	\$ 2,273.21
Dance	
Bottle Drive	539.7
Mabel's Labels	63.65
Year book	60
	\$ 21,042.11
Expenses:	
Events	\$ 1,911.04
Staff Support	\$ 719.57
Family Support	\$ 850.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 11,778.06
Bank Fees	\$ 83.90
School Support Initiatives	215.75
	\$ 15,558.32
Balance as of Aug 31	\$ 5,483.79

Casino account:**Balance as of Nov 24: \$116,794.83****Balance as of May 26: 125,430.64**

Changes since last update in May:

Indigenous Residency \$787.5

MooZoom \$4551.75

Library books \$275+54

Sensory room equipment \$2957

Service charge \$10.5

Statement for 24/25

Revenue	85069.76
Expenses	
Equipment	3683.9
Wages	8372.4
Resources	4551.75
Bank Charges	17.45
Casino fundraising expense	2196.88
Total Expenses	18,822.38

Technology equipment (noise cancelling headphones, timers etc) \$3685

Residencies including theatre, yoga, indigenous, music therapy and cricket \$8372

Resources – MooZoom licence \$4551.75

Casino night expenses \$2200