

Ron Southern School/Parent Council Meeting

March 9, 2026 Minutes

		Action Items
1	<p><u>Attendance</u> In Person: Zoe Serediuk, Jon Patry, Maria Wolfs, Lindsey Walker, Erin Zackowski, Amanda Sawatsky, Melanie Leptich Virtual: Michelle Miller, Julie Toyo-Oshinlaja, Hakim Chebout, Chelsey Love</p>	
2	<p>Call to order of School Council Meeting: 6:16pm</p>	
3	<p>Administrative Report - <i>Principal Updates:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Please see slides from Zoe and Jon at the end of the minutes for details on principal updates </p>	
4	<p>Adjournment of School Council Meeting: 6:30pm</p>	
5	<p>Call to order of Parent Council Meeting: 6:31pm</p>	
6	<p>Acceptance of the Agenda</p> <p>MOTION: Erin Zackowski MOVED: Melanie Leptich SECONDED: Amanda Sawatsky APPROVED: Unanimous Vote</p> <p>Approval of the Minutes of February 9, 2026</p> <p>MOTION: To approve last meetings minutes MOVED: Erin Zackowski SECONDED: Maria Wolfs APPROVED: Unanimous Vote</p>	
7	<p>Financial Report- (Maria)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Casino Account: Balance as of March 9 2026: \$104,325.20 Changes since last update : - \$5,916.46 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Music Therapy \$1050 o Outdoor school \$3000 o Pinnies \$1861.96 o Bank fees \$4.50 o Future expenses: o Music Therapy \$ 525 Future Expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 3D printer o Zoe asked for Phys. Ed. money - Parent Society Account: Balance as of March 9: \$5,151.55 	

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	<p>Changes since last update in Feb 2026: -260.10</p> <p>Revenue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purdy’s and Healthy Hunger cheques deposit: \$2067.66 <p>Expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Service charges: \$4.50 ○ Watercolour paper \$167.96 ○ Community Cares lunches \$74.90 ○ Lunch bags \$50.40 ○ Classroom Enhancement \$2010 ○ Pizza for teachers – driver tip \$20 cash <p>Future expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teacher enhancement : any outstanding invoices? Yes only 20 receipts have been collected. - Pizza for teachers \$160 <p>Upcoming expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pizza night on interview evening for teachers (March 19, 2026) *See below for more details. This has been organized and will be ordered through the office and come out of the Parent Society Account. Maria will write cheque ○ Music Therapy extended for 5 weeks- confirm this- All in attendance approved the extension. Sammie had stayed for one of the sessions with the kids and had shared that she observed what a positive impact it had on the students. For next school year council has agreed upon funding 10 weeks for music therapy. ○ Miscellaneous: brown paper bags- paid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See under New Business grant school received encompassing nutrition for the school 	<p>-Maria will cross check the receipts she received and for those missing she will inquire with Kerri.</p>
8	<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>New Junior/ All Inclusive Playground- (Erin)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates: (some items detailed below details from each company update) ○ Discussion around grants: Erin has applied for 17 grants. Seems to take about 8-9 weeks to hear back if you are selected when you apply. Have heard back from 3 and we have not been chosen this year. You can reapply for a grant next year. The federal grant will provide us with \$125,000 if we have \$125,000 to match. Approached Spruce Meadows but seems like they can’t make a donation since we don’t have a CRA for tax receipts. Jon recommended we check with other schools who are going through this process/have been through this lately 	<p>-Erin will continue to work on grant applications and the next steps of meeting with Zoe and Jon to show layouts/plans for playground</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates from Melanie looking into using Dominos deal: Kerri contacted Dominos and received a deal, she placed an order and this will be paid by our Parent Society Account. - <i>Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-8, 2026)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brainstorm ideas (something each day, one thing at beginning or end of week?): Some ideas were: a draw your teacher art project, breakfast (bagels, muffins, coffee), Krispy Kreme 	<p>encourage more submissions</p> <p>-ongoing brainstorm of ideas from all</p>
9	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Casino</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates: No dates yet, expect to get the dates in May. We are anticipating a November casino. The casino will take place at the Elbow River Casino - <i>School Dance (Amanda)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates/Planning: Date Thursday April 23. Amanda has messaged a DJ who charged \$400 for the 2 hours. Sammie has a connection who might be able to DJ for use as well, she will let us know if they are available. There will be no limit of tickets. Tickets are \$1 each and this money will go to parent council (fundraising). Grade 6 students will have a concession at the dance and they will get the earnings from this to go towards their grade 6 grad activities. - <i>Fundraising Idea</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read-a-thon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thoughts? Set approximate time for next year? Planning for next spring 2027 ▪ Melanie/Lindsey found out some ideas from other people who have run it. Ideas shared was: focus on the getting kids to read vs. the winner of amount raised. Focus and desire is to instill more time with books in hand. Past people have recommend staying away from cash donations (have a way to track donations). Melanie shared she'd heard that it can be done online via a school type payment. Plan for at least a year in order to get everything organized and acquire prizes ▪ School input in way of teacher committee? Staff interest? Jon and Zoe will look into asking the 	<p>-awaiting to hear dates</p> <p>-ongoing work to organize</p> <p>-parent council agreed to plan for Spring 2027 read-a-thon</p> <p>-meet about this to get some prizes acquired and outline how it can be structured to best support the intention "building the enjoyment of reading"</p>

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	<p>teachers in the fall 2026 if any are interested in forming a small committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jon shared that prizes were awarded as such (at his last school). Every students name was put into a draw and each grade group had a winner for a \$25 gift card from Indigo. Each class had a top reader and those names were put in to win Principal/Assistant Principal for the Day. Zoe shared she likes doing a price of a half day for this (maybe include getting the kids to do a fire drill). Jon shared connecting with Calgary Flames in advance as they always seem to be able to support in a way. He did share sometimes the organization uses this as a photo opportunity so with that comes FOIP stuff to attend to on school end. ▪ Erin looking into the possibility of collecting donations through Education Matters for this <p>- <i>New Grant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zoe shared: The school has received a grant from the federal government totalling \$4000 to put towards nutrition in the school. They have decided to get a freezer (possibly a microwave). They will be ordering brown bags. They have also already spent \$900 in groceries and fresh food (example given yogurt). They have a deadline to use this by the end of March. 	
10	<p>Fundraising Update- (Melanie)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Little Ceasars Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Running from April 1-26, with the last day for paper ordering to be submitted by Thursday April as we do not have school on Friday. ▪ Delivery is the week of May 11, just before the long weekend ○ Parent letter ready to go home March pending on Zoe approval- Now APPROVED - Fun Lunch/Healthy Hunger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March Subway earnings: \$399.00 ○ Future snack options/possible dates: April 14 Modern Jelly Donuts and June 2 Ice cream (portable freezer gets dropped off with treats packed that have been ordered) ○ Upcoming Fun Lunch dates: April 16 Boston Pizza, May 21 Boardwalk, June 18 A&W - Mabel's Label's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates: \$0 this month 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sommerset Monthly Pizza day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Updates: <table border="1" data-bbox="407 317 1170 541"> <tr> <td>October</td> <td>33 coupons used</td> <td>Donation \$ 240.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November</td> <td>11 coupons used</td> <td>Donation \$ 79.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>December</td> <td>17 coupons used</td> <td>Donation \$116.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>January</td> <td>17 coupons used</td> <td>Donation \$ 116.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February</td> <td>17 coupons used</td> <td>Donation \$ 124.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March</td> <td>23 coupons used</td> <td>Donation \$ 167.15</td> </tr> </table> o To date that's \$843.63 fundraised o They will be dropping off a cheque soon, and then will drop off another cheque from the final 3 months worth of earnings after June. 	October	33 coupons used	Donation \$ 240.22	November	11 coupons used	Donation \$ 79.21	December	17 coupons used	Donation \$116.02	January	17 coupons used	Donation \$ 116.50	February	17 coupons used	Donation \$ 124.53	March	23 coupons used	Donation \$ 167.15	
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11	<p>Miscellaneous Additions to Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any ideas around: We have \$500 (approx.) that we need to use (community engagement) ideas to support and build parent/community capacity (ex: internet safety speaker etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jon shared Telus does internet safety. Group brought up idea of maybe social media or gaming online safety. Zoe shared those topics would be helpful. Question if we can buy materials like books with this money. - Housekeeping item: new members or new positions being held-signing a document (Sammie has document)- next meeting - There was a question online: Are we selling year books this year? This question was more for the school. School staff answered: Yes, with more information to come. - Maria brought forth a new item pertaining to banking – there was some card issues. Bank reissued new information and Erin will need to get on the account at the bank. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Gather ideas, possible presentations and topics. -Survey parents which topic they are most interested in and then book -Erin has paperwork that might provide other ideas/ options of buying books as a possibility -Erin bank- get on account 																		
12	<p>Tabled Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permanent Sign for Ron Southern - VIP Meats Fundraiser - Parking Safety - Education Matters Monetary Donations (ongoing) - School Swag (Fall launch)- Pivot Point Sports Group was used at Ron Southern last time 																			
13	Adjournment of Parent Council Meeting: 7:08pm																			
14	Next Meeting: April 13, 2026																			

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Oki, Dadánast'áda, Ába Wathtec, Tânsi, Taanishi, Bonjour, Hello

The Calgary Board of Education acknowledges the traditional territories and oral practices of the Treaty 7 Nations, including the Siksikaitstapi, comprised of the Siksika, the Kainai, the Piikani, and the Amskapi Piikani Nations. We acknowledge the Tsuut'ina Nation, the Îyârhe 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), Wichísipa (Nakoda), and otôskwanihk (Northern Michif & Cree).

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

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Current Numbers

- Kindergarten – 70
- Division 1 – 248
- Division 2 - 214 = (each division total includes EES)
- September 30 –enrollment was 527 and we are currently at 532.

2026 – 2027 Projections

Enrolment as at September 29, 2025

	K	GR1	GR2	GR3	GR4	GR5	GR6	SCSE	Total
Regular Program	69	68	68	91	72	68	68	18	522

2025 Utilization	102%
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2025 Out of Attendance	5
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Projected for September 2026

	K	GR1	GR2	GR3	GR4	GR5	GR6	SCSE	Total
Regular Program	46	73	71	74	97	70	69	18	518

2026 Projected Utilization	103%
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2026 Recommended Enrolment Limit	518
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Below are the number of temporary resident students attending your school in the 2025-26 school year. These students are at risk of not being able to attend in the 2026-27 school year.

Temporary Resident Students 2025

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School Engagement Survey - 2026 - 2027

We share School Development (SDP) information and updates in different ways. In what ways have you learned about our SDP?

- School Messenger 80%
- School Website 11%
- School Council 8%
- Instagram 1%

School Development Plan (SDP) The SDP is developed with all students in mind. Do you agree that: Your child's learning can benefit from the goal, outcome(s), actions and resources in the SDP?

- 98% Agree

School Engagement Survey 2026- 2027

School Development Plan (SDP) The SDP is developed with all students in mind. How confident do you believe your child feels when learning mathematics? How do you know?

Responses:

- My child's confidence in mathematics is developing. I notice this through their willingness to try problems, ask questions and explain their thinking, even when they are unsure.

- confident, she comes home and excited to share what she learned

- I'm confident with my kid's math learning as I see them improving their performance during feedback Fridays.

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School Engagement Survey 2026 - 2027

School Budget & Fees Schools must operate within their budget and too many fees can be unmanageable for families. Knowing that, what activities and services are most important to you?

- In-School Curriculum Enhancements – 44%
- Field Trips - 39%
- Phys. Ed Residencies - 10%
- Artist Residencies - 4%
- Theatre Performances - 3%

School Engagement Survey 2026-2027

School Budget & Fees Do you agree that: The activities our school provides (e.g., field trips, guest speakers, experts in schools, sporting activities, outdoor education, etc.) are important for your child's learning?

- 100% - Agree

School Budget & Fees Do you agree that: The school fees you pay are reasonable considering the benefit they provide your child?

- 89% Agree
- 11% - Disagree

