

Ron Southern School/ Parent Council Meeting

April 17, 2025

Minutes

		ACTION ITEMS
1.0	Attendance: In Person: Zoe Serediuk; Ankush Garg; Shannon Solomons; Sammie Cook-Hendrickson; Melanie Leptich; Amanda Sawatsky; Maria Wolfs; Lindsey Walker; Erin Zackowski Virtual: Chelsea Love; Laura Bun.	
2.0	Call to order of School Council Meeting 1816	
3.0	Administrative Report A. Principal Updates - Projected Numbers for 2025-2026 School Year - School Engagement Results/ SDP ● Please see slides from Zoe and Ankush at the end of the minutes for details on principal updates B. Upcoming Events & Key Dates - Kindergarten Orientation May 21, 2025	
4.0	Adjournment of School Council Meeting 1837	
5.0	Call to order of Parent Council Meeting 1838	
6.0	Old Business A. Acceptance of the Agenda MOTION: To accept the agenda MOVED: Maria Wolfs SECONDED: Amanda Sawatsky APPROVED: Unanimous Vote B. Approval of the Minutes of _ March 6, 2025__ MOTION: To approve last meetings minutes MOVED: Melanie Leptich SECONDED: Sammie Cook-Hendrickson APPROVED: Unanimous Vote	

7.0	Financial Report- Maria A. Casino Account - Current balance ● \$128, 739.64 - Outstanding Pre-Approved Requests/ Staff Wish List ● Expenses: Music therapy \$798 ● Need to find out if doing another gym residency this year B. Parent Society Account - Current balance ● \$8, 726.44 - Outstanding Pre-Approved Requests ● Expenses: Cutlery \$15.75; Service charge \$2.75 ● Deposit: \$1,087.95 (Healthy Hunger and Mabels Labels)	Maria to complete Annual Financial Return Report and submit same
8.0	Old Business A. Casino - Next Casino Fall 2026/ Updates by Sammie ● Elbow River Casino, Fall 2026. All paperwork done. All that needs to be done is to book our liaison Paul. B. Permanent Sign for Ron Southern - Updates ● Tabled for now ● Sign needs to be purchased from Facility and Maintenance C. New Junior/ All Inclusive Playground - Updates by Erin ● Emails sent to 5 approved CBE vendors to notify them of our intent to add to our playground and when can they meet with us to look at the site and then provide quotes. ● Have heard back from 4 of the 5. No response back from Canadian Recreational Solutions. Play Envy is April 18th at 1000. BDI play designs- phone call April 21st at 1600. Waiting to hear back from Habitat and ParkNPlay. - Grant information. ● 21 possible grants/ donations to apply for ● Can use casino money to match \$150,000 from Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP), as long as this is disclosed in our application ● Can use other grant funding to match the CFEP. Other grant funding cannot be used to match the CFEP.	Erin to continue to work with vendors to get quotes then will share with the group

	D. “Mud Pitt” on Playground Side of School - Updates ● The original quote we received with be honored, \$5,800. - Can the work be done during the summer if we can’t get it started right away? ● All in attendance in agreement to proceed with getting the mud pit fixed ASAP using Parent Society Account money. ● Zoe to email Sandy to let her know we want to proceed E. Staff Wish List - Update on items purchased thus far ● Will Fit Ninja be coming as a gym residency? F. School Dance - Do an end of year dance vs welcome back dance next year ● All in attendance in agreement to wait to hold the dance till next year as a welcome back dance ● Ideas: doing it to coincide with end of October as a costume/ dress up dance; doing it around Meet the Teacher (Thurs, Sept 25, 2025). ● Concerns about DJ that was found for postponed dance. No deposit has been paid to them- ? look for a new DJ G. Sign for Parking Lot - Updates ● Waiting to purchase inserts when there is a deal ● Have the template for the sign approved by all H. Parking Safety/ Parent Safety Patrol - Updates ● Start looking to arrange a safety patrol first thing next school year ● Arrange parent council monitoring again I. International Day - Updates/ thoughts ● Postponed till next school year. ● Families showcasing their food: tickets? AHS food handling restrictions? Liability with allergies? ● Recipe Book where all students can submit a recipe from their family: PDF vs Printing; PDF free, pay for a hard copy; Print on demand J. Bottle Drive - Updates ● \$473 ● This money will go towards the Grade 6 outdoor school snacks and hygiene supplies	Zoe to email Sandy Zoe to follow up with Devin about Fit Ninja Erin to re-tape and fix up sign Melanie to continue checking for sales Everyone to figure out when to start monitoring Maria to look into recipe book printing & costs
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9.0	New Business A. Last Day of School/ Sports Day - What do we want to do this year? Freezies? Popsicles? ● All in attendance decided we will do popsicles this year, as less garbage than freezies. ● Currently 544 kids in the school B. Grade 6 Grad - How are we supporting this year? ● Grad will be at the school due to an event being at Spruce Meadows ● We will pay for the food. Sammie to message Ms. Solomans. ● Last year \$621.26 was spent on Grade 6 Grad C. Monetary Donations through Education Matters - Updates ● Doesn't appear to be up and running on website, Erin to follow up with application	Everyone to look into popsicle prices Sammie to f/u with Ms. Solomans Erin to f/u with application
10.0	Fundraising Update- Melanie A. Mabels Labels - Current amount brought in ● \$116.37 ● Will put in Trailblazer that it a continually running fundraiser B. Fun Lunch/ Healthy Hunger - Amount received thus far ● Approximately receiving \$200 per each one, is down from last year. ● Want to try do a snack day through HH to include kindergarten kids C. Pedalheads - Updates ● No updates as of yet D. Growing Smiles - Will run from April 7- 25. Pickup May 15. ● Currently have 13 orders, total amount \$1,463 (this is not the amount we get)	Sammie to see if we can do a snack day this year Melanie to f/u Melanie to continue giving updates

	E. VIP Meats - Don't do this year? Do next fall? ● All in agreement to wait till next year to run this fundraiser. ● Will look at running this fundraiser next Spring before May long weekend ● Will table this item till next school year	
11.0	Miscellaneous Additions to Agenda A. Fixing up Basketball boards and nets - They are in rough shape and need a makeover. Would be ideal to get back boards that don't require to be painted. - Unsure if we need to use a CBE vendor or if it has to be done through facilities and maintenance. B. Turkey Fundraiser - Melanie has found an Alberta farm that does a turkey fundraiser. Would be nice to support this but the cost of a 5-8kg turkey is \$75, which is more than most people will consider paying for one. - Everyone in agreement to not do this fundraiser at this time. C. Kindergarten Orientation - May 21, 2025. - Sammie and Melanie to talk about Parent Council	Erin to f/u with Kerri about how to arrange this
12.0	Adjournment of Parent Council Meeting 1932	
13.0	Next Meeting - May 29, 2025 - Will be a hybrid meeting - Last one of this school year	

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Calgary Board
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Oki, Dadánast'áda, Âba 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 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), Wichîspa (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.



Projected Numbers for 2025-26

Projected for September 2025									
	K	GR1	GR2	GR3	GR4	GR5	GR6	SCSE	Total
Regular Program	52	67	75	88	76	78	67	18	521

School Organization Considerations

- Class Size
- Expertise in the building
- Student needs
- Historical Data (student growth)

Bell Times

Monday – Thursday

8:00* am to 2:32 pm

Friday

8:00* am to 12:02 pm

Overall there is a 3 min change from previous years

School Engagment Results | SDP

School Goal

Student achievement in Numeracy will improve

Outcome

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

School Engagment Results | SDP

Variety of ways the SDP is communicated. Trailblazer is the most utilized

Overall positive feedback to SDP goal

- their children see themselves as mathematicians
- sometimes they get confused with the different ways to solve a math problem
- sometimes it's hard to support their child at home with math
- new curriculum is hard and feel that there are gaps with their child
- wondered how complex students are supported
- more positively challenged in math this year.
- More attentive to learning math

School Engagment Results | Budget and Fees

Schools must operate within their budget and too many fees can be unmanageable for families. Knowing that, please rank the following activities and services in order of importance to you.

Field trips, transportation for fieldtrips and clubs were ranked as the top priority. Guest speakers and curricular enhancements were also ranked as important.

The activities our school provides (e.g., field trips, guest speakers, experts in schools, sporting activities, outdoor education, etc.) are important for my child's learning.

All respondents "Strongly Agreed" or "Agreed"

The school fees I pay are reasonable considering the benefit they provide

All respondents "Strongly Agreed" or "Agreed"