

SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 13th 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL COUNCIL was called to order at 6:32 PM on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 held over Google Meet by Melanie Gukert.

Present

Board members: Katharine Goble, Lisa Gordon, Melanie Gukert, Jodi Koch, Jessica LeMoine, Erin Olesen, Chelsea Somerville, Jennifer Woolfrey

Administration: Michelle Ryskamp, Duncan White (Acting Principal), Bob Vanderbeek

Teacher: Meredith Wilkes

Members at large: Shannon Bertrand, Shannon Chomistek, Jake Fairbairn, Erica O'Donnell, Chad Ravlo, Marla Richardson

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from Tuesday, March 9, 2021 were approved by J. Koch and seconded by E. Olesen

Welcome/Call meeting to Order – Melanie welcomes everyone.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (by Bob Vanderbeek and Michelle Ryskamp)

- **Introduction of Duncan White and Michelle Ryskamp**
 - Duncan (Acting Principal) last day is April 16th and Michelle (incoming Principal) will officially start April 19th
- **Alberta Education Assurance Survey closes April 23rd**
- **Huge thank you to the community for staying vigilant and following protocols. We have not had any Covid cases in our school.**
- **System wide Professional Development Day April 26**
 - The school are registering for virtual PD sessions. The staff will then meet following to share what they learned.
- **School Budget presentation**
 - 90% of the funding comes from the AB Education and 10% comes from donations, fees, investments. With fees, CBE doesn't make money on them, they go directly back to lunchroom and transportation.
 - RAM – is based on school enrollment. This year we had 222 students and after paying staff, instructional support, etc., ended up with \$10K to run the school (a very tight budget).
 - In Sept 2021 they predict 205 students so less money and less staff going into the fall of 2021. They are aiming for 8 to 9 classes. Will resume with multi-aging classes again. Class sizes will range from 22-31 for Gr 1-6. Kindergarten classes will remain low.



- The admin will generate scenarios and share this with the parents at the May council meeting. A survey will come through messenger about school budget and fees week of April 19th. It is important that they get parent feedback on our priorities for the fees. This needs to be completed by April 30th.

Questions and Answers:

- 1) *Will we get a final number or update on the enrollment between now and September?*
 - With transient rate, covid (more homeschooling) we will stay closer to 205. However with housing market we could bring more in. If numbers go up in the fall the budget could change.
- 2) *Do you anticipate there will be cohorting next year?*
 - It is up to the AB gov't to tell them what will happen.
- 3) *If we don't have 10 classes/teachers then there isn't AP funding. Is this correct?*
 - Will let us know in May meeting.
- 4) *Will younger grades be masked?*
 - We follow AB Health minister guidelines. She says transmission in younger children is rare.
- 5) *What enrollment is required to reach 10 classes?*
 - About 249.
- 6) *Will younger grades be masked? Can there be more outdoor instruction now that it is nice out?*
 - We follow AB Health minister guidelines. She says transmission in younger children is rare.
 - Yes! Many classes have already been doing it and some are waiting for grass to dry out.
- 7) *Does CBE have a definition of small class size?*
 - Use to have a classroom initiative and 2 years ago it was taken away and now with less funding class sizes are bigger. Our school understands the value of small classes.
- 8) *Why are lunchroom supervisors must haves and why are EA's extra? Can we have fewer of them?*
 - Lunchroom staff pay comes from money that parents pay. A small amount of money has to be taken from school funds as there is usually a deficit.
- 9) *How to do decide on educational assistants' hours?*
 - Look at needs of school and how much we have. We don't pull support staff when we need them.
- 10) *Concern regarding current grade 3's being oldest of the grade grouping 2 years in a row and will be a 3rd next year if you go ahead with the ¼ grade grouping. How do you keep these students challenged? Also how can the younger students be leaders as they have been the youngest for 3 years?*



- Everyone should be challenged regardless of grade.
- **ACTION:** ¾ team to be invited to a council meeting early next year to talk about this.
- **ACTION:** Give information to whole student body in an update/messenger about this.

Teacher Report: Meredith Wilkes

- Thank you for the Parent Teacher Conference dinner, touchless water fountain and the gifts given to the students at spring break.

EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson's Report (Melanie):

- Email was sent out about upcoming AGM in May.

Kindergarten report (Meredith Wilkes):

- Saying farewell to Miss. Bre, and the other student teacher, Miss Marr, in Mrs. Neufeld's class and the EA in Mrs. Dumolins class.

Library report (Melanie): Christina (librarian) says each week students continue to exchange books. She was touched by the thank you cards she received. She hopes we notice a change in our kids wanting to read and she welcomes any suggestions.

Melanie Gukert:

Old Business:

- Transferring ATB account.
- Equipment for outside. Bob and Chelsea sourced some equipment. It needs to go through CBE vendors.

New Business:

- Class pictures – No can't do them
- Do we have a regulation for teachers to post on social media, every class does it different – We have no regulation on it. We have a wide range of communication. Looking at next year to keep it consistent. Some teachers do more than others.
- Grade 6 graduation – We often give a gift of \$20 and last year didn't happen due to Covid
 - **ACTION-**Mel and Jodi to discuss and go through email.
- Beautification – Clean up in May, ask for help.
 - **ACTION-** Lisa to talk to Meredith about front area
 - **ACTION-** At AGM put a committee together for beautification.
 - **ACTION-** Council members to take pictures of CBE schools for ideas.
- Cross walkers- Unable to have them this year due to Covid (can't share stop signs) and they need to be trained. This is gr 5/6 leadership role and would like to see more opportunities for leadership at the grade 5/6 level.
- Gaga ball pit – We need to investigate how much it will cost, do we have space for a permanent structure. Without having Casino money we need to be conservative without funds.



Adjournment

C. Somerville motioned to adjourn meeting was approved by J. Koch @ 7:46pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Minutes submitted by: Katharine Goble



SILVER SPRINGS SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Welcome (Melanie): Welcomed everyone

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report (Chelsea):

- Parents' Association account balance is currently around \$10,052.08.
- Casino account balance is \$5,078.15
- **ACTION-** Chelsea to send email to Ardeth asking for receipt for Chromebooks.
- **ACTION-** Bob needs a bill from CBE for water bottle station.
- We cannot gift to school anymore have to go through CBE vendors (more expensive).

Fundraising (Mel/Katharine):

- Team fund – Rocky Mountain Flatbread and Gordons fill your freezer.
- Starts May 3-24. Pick up June 3rd 5:30pm
- Put word out so parents can prepare.
- **ACTION (Katharine)-**What are we fundraising for? Talk about what we bought previously. Want to tie it to something. We haven't had a Casino this year so our funds are depleting. Talk to Michelle about it.

Casino (Mel):

- Got canceled due to covid. We are lined up for April-June if we move to different scenario. Don't know when the date will be.



Special Events (Mel):

- The flowers look great.
- Lots of hoops to go through to beautify the front
- Grade 6 – Jodi and Mel will talk about Grade 6. 44 kids with hub kids.
- **ACTION-** Bob to confirm number of grade 6 students for Mel.

MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Grade 6 farewell \$900

Motion J. Koch

Seconded K. Goble all in favor – approved (PA account)

Items talked about at this meeting to table for next meeting:

None

Adjournment

Move to adjourn. E. Olesen seconded C. Somerville

Adjourned 8:14 pm

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