



September 17, 2026, 6:30pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Attendance & Introductions:

In Person:

Sonia Retamal

Rozlyn Neighbour

Christina Poisal

Rebecca Kylo-Nichols

Kaylee Erlandson

Cahina Yontz Alves

Randy Morrow -Teacher

Bill Holmes – Principal

Regrets:

Jackie Roe - Trustee

Call to Order:

6:31 pm

Land Acknowledgement and Setting of Intention:

High River is situated on land which, until recently, was stewarded by the Nittsitapi. Ecole Senator Riley School Council commits to acknowledging the relationships to the land, beings and teachings of the Siksika, Pikuni and Kanai, the Tsuut'ina, the Nakoda First Nations and the Metis Nation of Alberta and Battle River Territory. We recognize the broken promises of treaty 7 and commit to respectfully supporting indigenous cultural identities.

We come here with the intent to work together to support and enhance student learning while remembering our responsibility to create a culture of respect, collaboration and inclusion.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Admin Report:

Mr. Bill Holmes

- Grade 6 tours went well! The tours gave them an opportunity to learn about options available and become familiar with the school.
- Incoming grade 6 students were given locks early to practice. Feedback was that this worked great!
- Colt Merch store open.
- If families have any issues getting into Edsembli please contact Ms. Merricks at the school office. Some caregivers may have inadvertently unclickeed subscribe to school email communications. Please contact the school office if you do not get communications.
- New Bylaw that kids should not be riding e-bikes or electric scooters to school



- Teachers and support staff going to Old Women's Jump for interpretative tour with Jared Tailfeathers for professional development day (Sept 18th)
- Mr. Holms reviewed some administration procedures with council including First Nations, Metis and Inuit, Safety and Security of Students, Students Health and Safety. He will do this regularly for different procedures as per protocol.
- Communications at ESRMS includes colt communication newsletter, social media and other emails
- Timetable changes this year- 6 periods slightly longer, longer lunch, lunch and activity time flipped, more options. Some issues with Edsembli so not able to see second term online yet.

Important dates:

September 29- Orange Shirt Day
September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No school
October 8 – Grade 5/6 Flag Football Jamboree @SR
October 12-Thanksgiving – No school
October 19 – Divisional PD Day – No school for students
November 6- Remembrance Day Program
November 9 -13 – Fall Break – No school
November 24 – Interviews 3:50pm-7:30pm
November 25 – Interviews 3:30pm-7:30pm
November 27 – PD Day – No school for students

- Ms. Rickart and Ms. Bruce are new full-time staff at the school
- Sports teams starting up
- Jazz band has started morning practices
- Sports equipment sign up in the mornings has been working well and more equipment is being consistently returned
- Drama production has a full roster for auditions
- \$300 raised for Terry Fox Foundation
- Students are presently sharing foods room with Highwood High School due to renovations in their building.

Trustee Report:

Not present.

New Business:

- Need to schedule an AGM with 2 weeks' notice so any parents interested can attend
- **The date for the AGM was decided and will be October 1st 6:30 pm**
- Kaylee will prepare an email to caregivers to invite them, and the school secretary will send out
- Rebecca will make a social media invitation

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- Falon will be the new hot lunch coordinator this year. She suggested students who are on the meal program should also get free lunch on hot lunch days. Suggested asking vendors to donate to these meals.

Prior Business:

None.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:56 pm

NEXT MEETING: October 1, 2026 @6:30pm



FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETING – September 17, 2026

Attendance:

In Person:

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Rozlyn Neighbour
Christina Poisal
Rebecca Kylo-Nichols
Kaylee Erlandson
Cahina Yontz Alves
Randy Morrow - Teacher
Bill Holms - Principal

Call to Order: 6:56pm

Treasurer's Report:

Rebecca Kylo-Nichols:

- General: \$ 11,741.50 cheque to clear for \$7575.27= \$4166.23 balance
- Casino Account: \$ 6300.31 cheque to clear for \$2050.53 = \$4249.78 balance
- Casino booked for: Nov 27th and 28th. Roslyn knows a group of volunteers to help but we will also need parent volunteers. Will advertise with signage and on social media.
- Rebecca completed the AGLC report. She will walk the next treasurer through this process when they are selected.
- Rebecca explained that hot lunch is the biggest fundraiser, in particular the hot dog lunch as it has the largest profit margin.
- Roslyn asked where help is needed the most. Rebecca explained how hot lunch requires parent volunteers to sort food and deliver to classrooms and concession requires a volunteer to shop for items. She also explained the school group policy which allows clubs or other groups to run a concession and keep the proceeds for their group. Roslyn said she could help with shopping for concession. Rebecca will get her the shopping list.

Teacher Requests:

- Food Program would like to purchase some air fryers. Cost \$100-\$160 each, they would like 4. Council will hold off on approving this until there is more money in the general account.
- Cross country team needs bussing. Cost would be \$25 an athlete = \$240.00 – Rebecca motioned to approve this, Sonia seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Randy discussed the events he does each year, Skills Day for Grade 8s which includes a skills challenge where they try out different trades in the shop. Alberta Skills gives a challenge to every school. Kids work in teams to complete the challenge using the trades they have learned about. Randy spends 2 days discussing the challenge and planning. December 1st the kids spend the whole day in the shop and build their design. The event is live streamed for Alberta Skills. Randy is requesting t-shirts which they draw on to create teams. He will need 80 shirts at approximately \$300. He would also like to order pizza for lunch which would be \$300-\$400 in total.



Cahina motioned to approve up to \$300 for t-shirts, seconded by Christina. All approved. Motion carried. Suggestion made that perhaps Flys Etc can get a bulk discount on the T-shirts since the school has contracted them for the Colt Merch. Mr. Holms will look into.

Council will wait to approve the pizza until the general account has more funds available.

- Mr. Hoover asked for some more free weights, he will get a quote to submit to council for this.
- Ms. Gransan is asking for foods program items such as plastic bags, soap, containers. Will get a quote for council.
- Mr. Stelter – Band has been invited to participate in national music competition in Calgary. They require coach buses to take kids to the competition for \$3500. The festival cost is \$8000. He will probably ask for \$5000 from council and is aware this only impacts about 100 students but is a great opportunity. Council will hear official request when it comes.

Discussion, ideas, opportunities, updates:

- Next Council will have to decide on additional fundraisers however we can work to get hot lunch running as this is a good source of revenue.
- Rebecca explained how hot lunch volunteer shifts work to new attendees. 2 shifts of 2 parents each. One shift to organize orders into classes and one shift to deliver.
- Sonia expressed interest in helping with volunteering at the casino. Parent volunteers will be carpooling for anyone interested in helping out.

NEXT MEETING: following School Council Meeting

FUNDRAISING MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:29pm