



April 16, 2026, 5:30pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Attendance & Introductions:

Online:

Christina Poisal – chairperson this meeting

Rebecca Kylo-Nichols

Kaylee Erlandson

Cahina Yontz Alves

Bill Holmes - Principal

Chantal St. Jean – Vice Principal

Regrets:

Jackie Roe

Call to Order:

5:30 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

- Thanks for providing funds to help with the ski trip. There was only one minor injury.
- Shrek the Musical – The second performance was cancelled today due to weather. The first show was a very exciting collaboration between Senator and Okotoks Junior High. Highlights included seeing some students come out of their shells through acting and singing. Because this is a Disney production, licensing must be purchased for each show regardless of cancellations. OKJH covered the cost of today's license and performed for their fellow students.
- Next year, Spring Break will fall during the week of Easter.
- Sound Creation has been working with students this week to learn hip-hop dancing, and they really enjoyed it.



- The badminton teams are doing well. Thanks to all staff who volunteered to coach and help out.
- Mr. McNaughton has been covering for Ms. Wiggins. He has filled in during longer leaves before and is a great asset.

- There have been issues getting substitute teachers to come to ESRMS in the past, but this has improved this year, with no issues filling sick days.

- Field trips are ongoing.

- Congratulations to Mr. Hoover on pursuing his Master's degree.

- Various staff members will be attending upcoming conferences. Administration has also been busy conducting staff evaluations.

Trustee Report:

Please see attached.

New Business:

None.

Prior Business:

None.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:52pm

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2026 @5:30pm



FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETING

Attendance:

In Person:

Christina Poisal – chairperson this meeting

Rebecca Kyлло-Nichols

Kaylee Erlandson

Cahina Yontz Alves

Cassandra Nabozniak - Teacher

Bill Holmes - Principal

Chantal St. Jean – Vice Principal

Call to Order:

5:53pm

Treasurer's Report:

Rebecca Kyлло-Nichols:

- General: \$ 25,341.33
- Casino Account: \$ 15,088.83

Purdy's fundraising money deposited. Banking fees reversed. Concession run by musical theatre a few times. Total was \$590.05. Quebec ran a concession and made \$88. Today, Rebecca ran concession for council and raised \$130. Next week Quebec trip will run concession again. Rebecca spoke to Paul (Band teacher) about the funds raised for band this year, on June 2 at the final band concert, they will run another 50/50 draw.

Prior Business:

Fundraising committee agreed that when teachers purchase classroom supplies under \$100 for, \$50 for support staff. they can submit their receipts to the Fundraising committee for reimbursement. Kaylee motioned, Rebecca seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Review of concession policy. Members need more time to review. Tabled and will discuss at next meeting.

Discussion, ideas, opportunities, updates:

Teacher Request from Cassandra Nabozniak

Request for funds to support students who want to paint murals in the school. They will reuse old bulletin boards as well as a back wall in the art room. A request of \$500 was made to the fundraising committee. Rebecca motioned, Cahina seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.



Grade 8 Farewell

A request was made for the fundraising committee to provide lunch that day, as well as treats for the VIP lounge at the farewell dance. Rebecca noted that \$800 was allotted last year. There was discussion about ordering from Domino's for most students and ordering from a different restaurant that provides halal options for those who require them. Kaylee made a motion to approve \$800 for the Grade 8 farewell. Rebecca seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Teacher Request from Madame Chantal St. Jean

Grace volunteered to provide vocal lessons, a student's grandmother helped with costumes, and there were two junior coaches involved. Gifts were purchased for these individuals as a thank-you. Chantal requested \$500 from the fundraising committee to help cover some costume costs as well as to buy Okotoks Junior High volunteers and student participants pizza to thank them for their contributions to the production. Kaylee motioned, Rebecca seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pam Barlow Request

Pam asked Rebecca to inquire whether the Fundraising Committee could help with gas cards to support students getting to appointments. There was some discussion and concern about the precedent this could set. It was decided that Pam will be invited to the next meeting to present more information and answer questions. Motion tabled.

Rebecca will connect the school with a Co-op program, which may be able to assist families. Kaylee suggested brainstorming other ways the fundraising committee could help that better align with its intended purpose.

Longview Jerky Fundraiser

There was discussion about the Longview Jerky fundraiser. Members reviewed the poster Kaylee created. The plan is to run the fundraiser for two weeks. Proposed dates are April 27 to May 9, with pickup on May 14th so families can collect orders before the long weekend.

Bill shared that the Spitzee School Council evaluates its funding decisions through the lens of support, success, and engagement, which align with the goals of the school division. He said he could connect our council with them if we wanted to discuss further.

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2026, following School Council Meeting

FUNDRAISING MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:25 pm