



February 9, 2026, 5:30pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Attendance & Introductions:

In Person:

Bill Holmes, Principal

Kaylee Erlandson

Rebecca Kylo-Nichols

Cahina Yontz

Online:

Christina Poisal

Chantal St. Jean, Vice Principal

Regrets:

Jackie Roe, Trustee

Call to Order:

5:30pm

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:

Bill Holmes (Principal)

- Thanks to everyone for being so welcoming!
- Mr. Stelter has returned to work as our band teacher
- Learner Profiles will be emailed out on Friday, If you don't get them by next week please contact office
- Tournaments went well
- Mr. G is a new volunteer looking to get into education
- Jazz clinician came in last week to work with band students
- Pep squad got new poms poms, look great!
- New volunteer, Grace is helping with vocal training for Shrek Musical, Jackie Roe referred us to her



- New bi-weekly newsletter is now done using Canva by Ms. Merricks, and will also be on screens around the school to remind students of upcoming events and important dates

Important dates

- March 16th is a PD Day, note this is a Monday
- Lockdown drill this week
- Feb 24th Mental Health Hockey game
- Feb 26th school dance
- Feb 27th Ski trip – More details coming out in the next newsletter
- March 2,4 Band Camp
- April 14th Shrek the Musical at Okotoks Junior High

Trustee Report:

Jackie Roe (Ward 5 Trustee)

Not present so we reviewed FSD Footnotes, trustee report in email attachment

- Parent survey went out, this helps with planning for next school year
- FSD and the town had a meeting Feb 3rd. The town is going to handle maintenance and bookings of baseball diamonds at the high schools in town with first priority to school teams.

New Business: None

Prior Business:

- Volunteers for the school dance are still needed
- Chantal offered the suggestion that each homeroom require one caregiver to volunteer if the dance is to happen. She said in her experience this has been a good way to ensure volunteer engagement. Those present agreed she could go ahead and send out an email to homeroom teachers regarding this.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:53pm

NEXT MEETING: March 19, 2026 @ 5:30pm



FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETING

Attendance:

In Person:

Bill Holmes, Principal

Kaylee Erlandson

Rebecca Kylo-Nichols

Cahina Yontz

Online:

Christina Poisal

Chantal St. Jean , Vice Principa

Regrets:

Jackie Roe, Trustee

Call to Order:

6:41pm

Treasurer's Report:

Rebecca Kylo-Nichols:

- General: \$22,138.52
- Casino Account: \$15,088.83

The division still has not invoiced for the chrome books (\$10,000) purchased at the beginning of the year. Some smaller recent approvals for school supplies and equipment have also not been withdrawn from the accounts.

Hot lunch has brought in over \$800 each month. Rebecca explained the ESRMS concession special group policy to Bill Holmes since he is new to the school.

Recent concession special groups raised

- Musical theater over \$300
- Learning services made over \$250

Prior Business:

- Purdy's fundraiser is up and running, not a lot of purchases yet but it runs for a while. Rebecca suggested buying one item as an incentive. People who make a purchase from the fundraiser webpage are entered to win the incentive prize. Rebecca motioned to spend up to \$30.00 on this item. Cahina seconded. Carried.



Discussion, ideas, opportunities, updates:

Bill Holmes – presenting teacher requests

- Floor lamps for needed for math room as well as pony beads, cardstock, plasticine, marbles- can we ask school community for donations of these items?
- The students are eating all the fruit set out in the mornings and the breakfast and nutrition grant money are quickly dwindling. Could families help with this?
- Chantal mentioned that No Frills has better prices than Sobeys. Rebecca mentioned that Co-op will do a lump sum item but not ongoing.
- Cahina volunteered to reach out to No Frills and ask if they would consider donating gift cards for the school to purchase fruit and/or discounts for weekly purchases.
- Kaylee will write up an email to send to the parents on our school council email list to ask for the supplies Bill mentioned above.
- Rebecca will also add the above that list to the online “ways you can help” section.
- Some unused lockers are left open. Admin would like locks in a different color to put on these lockers. 100 red locks \$1163.40, asking fundraising committee for this money. Cahina motioned that we do this. Kaylee seconded. Carried.
- Rebecca asked how much busing will be for the ski trip. Bill said it is \$1695 x 2. Cahina motioned to pay up to \$3600 for bussing, Rebecca seconded. Carried. This will lower the price for each child to attend as well.
- **If kids are interested in going on the ski trip but the cost is a barrier they should sign up and their caregiver should then reach out to their home room teacher and request some help to pay for their child to go on the trip. This trip is intended to be accessible to all and help is available and the child and family's privacy will be maintained.**
- Need more dodgeballs. 2 sets for \$300. Rebecca motioned, Cahina seconded. Carried.
- **Kaylee said someone asked if fundraising money is ever allotted towards school fees as a parent has asked her this. The answer is no since funds raised need to go to school body as a whole and casino funds can never go towards school fees. If families are struggling with the cost of school fees they should reach out to the office who can help make alternative arrangements.**
- Those present toured the new breakout rooms. One may require sound dampening material on one wall.

NEXT MEETING: March 19, 2026, following School Council Meeting

FUNDRAISING MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:29pm