



January 15, 2026, 5:30pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Attendance & Introductions:

In Person:

Kelli Graham, Principal

Chantal, Vice Principal

Jackie Roe, Trustee

Kaylee Erlandson

Rebecca Kylo-Nichols

Cassandra Nabozniak, teacher

Andrea Blake, teacher

Christina Poisal

Cahina Yontz

Online:

Nicole Wurz

Call to Order:

5:32pm

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.

Admin Report:

Kelli Graham (Principal)

- A book study is starting focused on Indigenous perspectives in curriculum development. This will be facilitated by Chantal St. Jean for staff.
- School events and activities over the last month included dodgeball against teachers and the RCMP, Teacher Slime, Minds Matter, the Christmas Band Concert, Christmas card deliveries in the neighborhood, Remembrance Day ceremonies, and Spirit Days.
- The Greater Foothills Resource Centre visited to run events for students, including Ninja Warriors for boys and Glow for girls.



- AERR – Alberta Education Results Report: Results indicate high levels of involvement and a welcoming environment. Student learning was rated as engaging, with quality of education and parental involvement rated higher than the provincial average. Areas for growth include clearer communication of available supports, increased student participation in surveys, strengthened literacy and numeracy strategies, and continued encouragement of professional growth.
- Plans are in place to develop more engaging and interesting professional development (PD) days in the future.

Important dates:

PD Day – January 23

ESRM Board Presentation – February 11

Learner Profiles – February 13

Teacher Convention – February 14–22

Mental Health Junior A Hockey Game – January 24

Shrek Musical featuring students – April 14 (in collaboration with Okotoks Junior High; Grades 6 and 7 will attend). Proceeds will support the musical theatre fund.

Trustee Report:

Jackie Roe (Ward 5 Trustee)

- Introduction: 24 years in the school division. Attended and worked at ESRMS.
- New high school being built in Okotoks
- Proposed electoral boundary changes could have negative implications if different than division boundaries. Discussions ongoing, no decisions made at this time.
- The school calendar for 2026-2027 will be available for feedback soon
- Attended the Alberta School Councils Association meeting in the Fall, They are committed to establishing dedicated spaces for Indigenous studies in each school. Advocating for this on a provincial level.
- Nutrition grants will be rolling out soon. Jackie will keep us updated.
- Please see the attached Trustee Report for more information.

New Business:

- Musical theatre: A vocal coach is needed, with any amount of time they are able to offer.
- Holly emailed Kaylee regarding a parent focus group to complete a review for Chantal. School Council will host this in April at 5:00 p.m., prior to the meeting.



- Volunteers are needed for the school dance, and additional volunteers are needed overall.
- Christina suggested that requiring volunteers to use their own funds to purchase items for concessions and similar needs may be a barrier. There was discussion about using gift cards instead, as well as the frequency of shopping trips to Costco and Wholesale Club and finding volunteers to complete them. Kaylee suggested that a monthly trip may be more manageable and something she could help with. Becky will send Kaylee the shopping list.
- Kaylee shared ways the Joe Clark Council has supported teachers, such as providing volunteers to read with students. Kelli noted that this would be especially helpful for Grade 6 reading supports at our school.
- Rebecca Kylo- Nichols, in her capacity as Learning Commons Facilitator, shared that students have submitted 168 book reviews so far this year. This shows an exciting amount of engagement in literacy at Senator Riley school!

Prior Business: None

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:39pm

NEXT MEETING: February 9,2026 @ 5:30pm * note change in date due to school break