



March 19, 2026, 5:30pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Attendance & Introductions:

In Person:

Bill Holmes, Principal

Kaylee Erlandson

Rebecca Kylo-Nichols

Christina Poisal

Cahina Yontz Alves

Online:

Krista and James Collins

Regrets:

Jackie Roe, Trustee

Call to Order:

5:31pm

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

- Gathering area TVs have updated software, allowing for more messaging possibilities.
- Band camp was a success. Thanks to Mr. Stelter and all the volunteers.
- Basketball season has concluded. Thanks to the coaches and volunteers. Both the boys' and girls' teams earned silver.
- Em-Paw-thy visit showed the connection between animal companions and self-regulation.



- Term 3 options have begun, including Colt Fit, Tech Wheel, and Photography.

Important Dates:

March 20 – Crazy Sock Day (World Down Syndrome Awareness Day)

March 26 – Mental Health Magician

March 27 – Ski Trip

April 14 – Shrek the Musical

April 21–24 – Book Fair (open during the day and at learner conferences)

April 21–23 – Learner Conferences (appointment booking opens April 7)

April 24 – Regular school day (date changed after strike)

May 7 – Festival Showcase (Band)

May 14 – Red Deer Band Conference

June 2 – Year-End Band Event

June 23 – Grade 8 Farewell and Farewell Dance

June 24 – Field Trip Day

June 25 – Last day of classes

Trustee Report:

Please see attached.

New Business:

- The casino will be held this fall.
- The Superintendent will attend the next meeting.
- There is an issue with social media access due to staffing and volunteer changes. Rebecca and Bill discussed this and decided to add a note to the existing accounts redirecting users to new pages. FSD IT will set up new school accounts, and the School Council will create new accounts and eventually disable the old ones.

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- A Google Sheet for donations will be shared through school messages sent to families.
- The High River Library will be conducting a survey. Bill noted they can send a poster to the school, which can be shared with families through school communications.

Prior Business:

- None.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:24pm

NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2026 @ 5:30pm



FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETING

Attendance:

In Person:

Bill Holmes, Principal

Kaylee Erlandson

Rebecca Kylo-Nichols

Christina Poisal

Cahina Yontz

Call to Order:

6:20 pm

Treasurer's Report:

Rebecca Kylo-Nichols:

- General: \$ 24,003.24
- Casino Account: \$ 15,088.88

Prior Business:

- The Collins Family would like to support some students in going on the ski trip. Bill said there are 6 students that have shown an interest in attending but are experiencing financial barriers so the Collins will bring in a cheque to cover this cost. We thank them for this generous donation!
- There was a discussion about affordability and policies around inclusion for field trips as Bill had said at the last meeting that it is written into FSD policy that all children must have the opportunity to participate in field trips regardless of their ability to pay the fee. Bill said that administration can manage this in several ways including additional fundraising or taking money out of reserves to pay the fees for children wishing to attend but are unable to pay the fee. This will not need to happen for the ski trip however, due to the kind donation by the Collins Family.

Discussion, ideas, opportunities, updates:

- Request for dinner for staff during learner conferences. Discussion about potluck versus bringing in food from a local restaurant. Kaylee said Joe Clark ordered from Bar Burrito and there were good options. Cahina motioned to approve up to \$300 for take out, Christina seconded. Bill will take teacher orders. Becky will get beverages with whatever is remaining from the \$300 budget after the food is purchased.



- Rebecca filed annual return.
- The school dance concession brought in \$781.95. Rebecca, as Learning Commons Facilitator, had asked permission to help run this concession and have the profits go towards purchases for the school library. Since the amount raised was over the \$500 limit set out in the group use agreement a discussion was had about what to do with the extra funds. Christina made a motion that the full amount go to the school library. Rebecca recused herself from voting due to the conflict of interest with her being Learning Commons Facilitator. All in favor. Motion passed. Those present discussed updating the user group policy to more clearly reflect intended use and plan for any funds raised over \$500.
- Learning Services, with the assistance of a student, ran the concession last month to raise funds for a vacuum for their space. The Band Department also ran one concession to raise funds for upcoming competition trips.
- Mr. Morrow ran the concession to offset costs of a guest teacher for when he is away chaperoning the ski trip. Questions were asked regarding the use of concession funds for this purpose. Bill explained that the cost of a guest teacher needs to be built into the cost of any field trip. It was once again discussed that the group user policy needs to be updated. Rebecca will email the existing policy to the committee members who will each review, make suggestions for changes and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
- \$377.37 was raised from the Purdy's fundraiser. Kaylee and Christina will sort the orders Friday prior to pick up.
- Bill said they asked the science dept to inventory broken supplies and they identified a wish list including scales, aprons, Lego, cow eyes, glass disposal bins. The science department would like to request up to \$1000 to replace old and broken equipment. Rebecca motioned to approve up to \$1000, Christina seconded. Passed.
- Bill asked if the fundraising committee helps with classroom enhancement/decoration costs. The committee said they agreed to \$100 per teacher at the beginning of the year but there was no discussion about teachers submitting receipts. No one has submitted anything this school year. Bill will look into this.

NEXT MEETING: April 16, 2026 , following School Council Meeting

FUNDRAISING MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:44pm

Jackie Roe – FSD Trustee Ward 5

Trustee Report to School Councils – February/March 2026

ENGAGEMENT - SUPPORT – SUCCESS

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

(Detailed information can be found on Foothills School Division's ["Footnotes"](#))

- School tours continue. We have visited Longview, Diamond Valley and Colony schools, most schools in High River and Okotoks, and also Transportation and Facilities. It's been a great experience to see all our division has to offer, and even better to have a chance to meet staff and students at each site. These have been whirlwind tours, and as a Board we all hope to have an opportunity to spend more time at each school in the future.
- Foothills' "Fast Forward to Flourishing" initiative is continuing. Parents and community are asked to share their perspectives at: [Flourishing Forward -- Guiding Governance Questions | FSD Connect - Public Engagement Portal](#)
- The board has begun their Municipal Partner Meetings. We have met with town council members from Diamond Valley, Longview and High River, Okotoks and Foothills County. The goal is to build strong, communicative relationships to create opportunities for collaboration between school and community, which will benefit us all.
- The Annual Assurance Survey is now closed and the data collected by Alberta Education and Childcare and is shared later with the division. FSD also provides their own Assurance Survey to all families. It will be sent in April.
- Board Chair, Theresa Letendre, reached out to the Premier, the Minister of Education and the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction in hopes of promoting Foothills region to be considered as an expansion site for an Integrated Youth Services (IYS) Hub. The response to this request is available to the public on FSD's website and attached electronically to this report.
- Learner profiles are now available on Edsembli

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Indigenous Learning & Equity – Charity Tegler, Director
Inclusive Learning, Wellness & Well-Being – Cora-Leah Schmitt, Director
Employee Services – Angie Zimmer
Professional Learning & Education Partner Relations - Chase Ellis, Director
AI and Edsembli Presentation – Doug Stevens, Director

ACTIVITY UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Attended Zone 5 ASBA meeting on March 6th at Rocky View Schools in Airdrie.
- Continued school and Division site tours
- The Edwin Parr award recognises outstanding first year teachers, and Foothills is so pleased and proud to have three nominees for this honour. The Zone 5 awards event will be held in High River for the first time on May 14th.

Reminder of 2026 ASBA awards deadlines & upcoming events

- Edwin Parr Teacher Award | Deadline: March 18, 2026
- Friends of Education Award | Deadline: March 18, 2026
- Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Student Award | Deadline: April 13, 2026
- Community Engagement Award | Deadline: September 16, 2026
- School Board Innovation and Excellence Award | Deadline: September 16, 2026
- Distinguished Service Award | Deadline: September 16, 2026
- Young Author's Conference - Saturday, May 9 at Holy Trinity Academy