



May 21, 2026 5:30 PM

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Attendance & Introductions:

In Person:

Chris Fusezzy - Superintendent

Bill Holmes - Principal

Chantal St-Jean, Vice Principal

Kaylee Erlandson - Council Chair

Rebecca Kylo Nichols - Treasurer

Randy Morrow – Teacher

Regrets: *Cahina Yontz Alves*

Online: *None*

Call to Order:

5:39 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 April 2026 Meeting Minutes:

Approved.

Additions or Deletions:

None

Trustee Report:

- Jackie Roe
 - See attached report

Admin Report:



- Track and Field May 8, 2026, was a great day. Kaylee commented about what a great event it was with amazing energy. The students had a lot of fun.
- Grade 6 PATs have begun. All tests will be written on Chromebooks using a program called Vretta. 94 Chromebooks will be retired at the end of the school year as they are past their maintenance cycle. Bill raised a question about what should happen to Chromebooks purchased by council when they cannot be used by the division anymore but might still function for families at home.
- Mackillip fertilizer came to spray weeds in the schoolyard.
- Highwood High School's Carolyn Lenstra and Tricia Derakhashan came to meet the grade 8's and talk about high school life and expectations.
- FI Students went to Alliance Francaise, followed by a trip to French 50 bakery and a French Movie.
- ESRMS and ESHHS Bands performed together at Ecole Secondaire Highwood High School on May 7. It was an incredible evening with performances by both bands to showcase their music for their Alberta Band Association (ABA) Festival of Bands performances.
- Grade 7 & 8 Concert Bands went to the Alberta Band Association (ABA) Festival in Bands in Red Deer on May 14, 2026, and won 2 Superior and 1 Excellent Award for their performances and sight-reading adjudication.
- COLTreads continues with 85 books read last month. The FI
- Rainbow Alliance wrapped up their activities for the year with a pizza party.
- PD Day on May 15 - planned transitions for next year, the Grade 8 Farewell, teachers were treated to chair massages as a thank you for their hard work as the school year comes to an end.
- Admin has been working on the Ed Plan which will be shared next meeting or sent out via email for review if there is no June meeting.
- Student Handbook was updated to include new scenarios like e-scooters.
- Band students will be going to EJCS and Spitzee with Mr Stelter to showcase their skills and introduce the band program.
- On May 27 Admin will be going to EJCS and Spitzee on June 2 to meet students and begin the transition process.
- June 10 incoming grade 5's coming for a tour, followed by an Open House and the Athletic Awards.
- Next Year:
 - Changing to a 4-term/2 semester schedule.
 - New timetable with 6 periods (changed from 7), with 20-minute lunch. Break and Activity times will remain the same.
 - Grade 6 will have generalist teachers to have fewer transitions for students throughout the day. There will be a larger variety of options with a CTF focus which will provide more opportunity to learn about what they might be interested in for Grade 7.
 - 4 new curricula for teachers to learn and teach this year.
- Reminder of the ways to keep up to date on what's happening at the school:
 - Colt Connection Newsletter
 - Morning Announcements
 - School Council and School Social Media
 - School Website
 - Emails home from teachers
 - Emails to the school from families
- Tattoo The Teacher Fundraiser in June:



- tattoos being sold starting May 25, with the tattoos being applied on June 4. 3 prices for small, medium and large tattoos.
- Upcoming Important Dates:
 - May 25 – June 4 – Tattoo Sales
 - May 26 – Zones for Track & Field – Go Colts
 - May 26 – Bands @ Joe Clark & Spitzee - Performances
 - June 2 – Year End Band Concert – 7:00 p.m. 50/50 draw will happen at the concert. Get your 50/50 tickets at www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/esrmsband !!
 - June 5 – Tattoo the Senator Crew
 - June 6 – HHS & ÉSRMS @ The Venue – 2 – 4 p.m.
 - June 10 – Athletics Awards Night
 - June 23 – Grade 8 Farewell – 11:00 a.m.
 - June 23 – Farewell Dance – 6:00 p.m.
 - June 24 – Field Trip Day – All Classes
 - June 25 – Last Day of Classes
 - June 26 – Operations Day

New Business:

- **Randy Morrow:**
 - Unfortunately, there will be no Cardboard Regatta this year because the pool is not open. The logistics required for planning it at another pool was not feasible. Next year, it should be back in action.
 - Skills Day will be happening again next year.

Prior Business:

- Email From Hollie Darrell regarding use of Council/Fundraising funds was discussed. A solution was found to help families in need - the school will be having a Tattoo the Teacher Fundraiser event to raise money to buy gift cards for food and fuel for families in need.

NEXT MEETING: Cancelled as per motion made and approved on May 22, 2026 via email. Any loose ends will be covered via email in June.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:14pm



FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MEETING

Attendance:

In Person:

Bill Holmes - Principal

Chantal St-Jean, Vice Principal

Kaylee Erlandson - Council Chair

Rebecca Kylo Nichols - Treasurer

Quorum not met - no motions made at meeting.

Email motions made and are recorded below.

Call to Order:

6:15pm

Treasurer's Report:

Rebecca Kylo Nichols:

- **As of April 30, 2026, General: \$ 24, 245.43**
 - Quebec Hot Dog Fundraiser is complete. As we did not provide supplies cheque will be written for total revenue amount received via [Hotlunches.net](https://hotlunches.net) and Bambora (processing fees are charged to user at time of order per transaction) - \$1997.00
- **As of April 30, 2026, Casino Account: \$ 15, 739.47**
 - \$650.64 profit from Band Christmas 50/50 was transferred from General to Casino as required by AGLC. This amount plus the service fees that were previously motioned where council would cover. These funds will be put towards the cost of busing to the ABA Festival of Bands along with the currently running 50/50 and the cake walk proceeds from Christmas.
- **Community Support Program:**
 - May 1 - Council ran concession - \$195.85.
 - May 8 - Track and Field for Grade 8 Farewell - \$686.60. Funds were deposited into the Council account. Likely will not be required for Farewell as a generous donation was made to cover the cost of Kona Ice for all grade 8 students and those funds are already in account.
 - May 14 - Quebec Trip - \$95.75.
 - May 22 - will be the Athletics Department.

Prior Business:

- Community Support Program: Not discussed due to lack of board attendance. Rebecca has not had an opportunity to do any calculations for costs vs sales, but sales are being tracked at concession.
- Longview Jerky fundraiser concluded. Made \$389.89. Due to a change in their pricing, it was not as lucrative as originally anticipated. If we run this again, we will need to mark the Jerky up a little bit.



Teacher Requests (motions made via email):

- New aprons for wood shop (previous ones were 20+ years old): 30 aprons X \$15/ each = \$450 total. **Motioned by Rebecca, seconded by Cahina. Approved (5 votes yes)**

- Up to \$350 to cover items for Room 123
 - Fidgets (a large amount, if possible, please)
 - bedazzle kits
 - Slime Kits
 - Weighted creatures
 - Forks and spoons

Motioned by Rebecca, seconded by Cahina. Approved. (5 votes yes)

- \$200 for support for bussing for golf and lessons (4 trips to Nanton Golf & CC – Colt Option). **This was NOT voted on yet.**
- Up to \$800 to pay for staff wellness chair massages on the PD Day for Teachers. We would like to do the same for our Support Staff at a later date this year. **Motioned by Nikki, seconded by Nicole. Approved (4 votes yes, 1 vote no)**
- Student Athletes – We have three students who qualified from our local track meet to travel to Divisionals on Tuesday. They represented ÉSRMS very well but are from families who get financial support throughout the year. We are asking if the School Fundraising Committee would like to support these students by covering the cost of their participation in Divisionals. The cost was \$30 per student = \$90 total. **Motioned by Rebecca, seconded by Cahina. Approved (5 yes votes)**
- Up to \$1500 to offset the cost for the busses to Red Deer for the Provincial Music festival. They will use the \$1245 from Christmas fundraising PLUS an estimated \$1500 from the Year End Raffle to pay for the bus. **Motioned by Rebecca. Seconded by Nikki. Approved (5 votes yes, 1 abstention)**
- Up to \$100 for Tattoo the Teacher fundraiser. **Motioned by Rebecca. Seconded by Cahina. Approved. (5 votes yes)**
- Up to \$150 for pizza party for reading challenge class winners. **Motioned by Rebecca. Seconded by Cahina. Approved. (5 votes yes)**
- Renew subscription to hot lunch website - \$315 for the year (we save \$50+GST if we renew before the end of the month). **Motioned by Rebecca. Seconded by Cahina. Approved. (5 votes yes)**
- Motion to cancel June parent council meeting - if any loose ends need to be tied up, we can do it over email. **Motioned by Rebecca. Seconded by Cahina. Approved. (5 votes yes)**

Discussion, ideas, opportunities, updates:

- The Apple Fundraiser inquiry was sent to Ms. Merricks. After discussion, it was decided that we will not move forward with the idea as EJCS will be running the same fundraiser in the fall.
- Discussed returning to Hot Dog days with Hot Lunch along with the robust Hot Lunch program we have as the main fundraiser, so families do not feel “fundraising fatigue”.

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ECOLE SENATOR RILEY SCHOOL



FUNDRAISING MEETING ADJOURNED 6:43 pm