

Sunnyside School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2025 from 6pm

Present: Callie, Malcolm, Nastacia, Christie, Mike, Mr. Millar, Ms. Jones

1. Call to order (6:10pm), welcome, and introductions
 - a. With gratitude, mutual respect, and reciprocity, we acknowledge the ancestral home, culture, and oral teachings of the Treaty 7 signatories which include the **Siksika Nation, Piikani Nation, Kainai Nation, the Îethka Stoney Nakoda Nation**, consisting of the **Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Good Stoney** Bands, and the people of the **Tsuut'ina Nation**. The City of Calgary is also homeland to the historic **Northwest Métis** and to the **Otipemisiwak Métis Government, Métis Nation Battle River Territory, Nose Hill Métis District 5** and **Elbow Métis District 6**.

<https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/connect/indigenous-services/land-acknowledgment/>
2. Approval of agenda: approved
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting: approved
4. School updates
 - a. Shannon's update
 - i. Student bottle drives are contributing to the Trickster Residency. Since September, the kids have raised 2000 out of required 5000
 - ii. Sunnyside School has received federal funding (\$2500) through the National Food Program Agreement to enhance and expand school food programs while supporting students' well-being. So far, seeing approx 20 students come per day looking for snacks (students do check to ensure that packed food from home has been eaten). There will also be fruit kebab day on the first PAT day, as a celebration.
 - iii. Complexity Team Funding - Sunnyside met $\frac{2}{3}$ criteria for complexity according to the provincial govt. Results in
 1. April-June: 10 additional hours/week of EA time; one additional FT teacher
 2. Next year: one additional teacher, 2 EAs
 - a. By end of April, we will likely have final budget numbers in order to know how the new positions will fit into the school for the next year
 - iv. Someone from the community donated \$500 to support the read-a-thon
 - v. Read-a-thon results: 42,000 minutes read by Sunnyside students, collectively! \$2600 raised for the learning commons.

- vi. Thanks to parents who participated in the School Survey: feedback is heard and listened to; for example, challenging kids who are at or above grade level
- vii. Funding requests
 - 1. Soccer John, \$1,500 (six sessions) *casino*
 - 2. Grade 3, 4 field trips, \$2,300 *casino*
 - 3. Grade 6 Farewell, \$500 *cash*
 - 4. Lacrosse residency \$3,150 (Sept/Oct 2026, 5 days) *casino*
 - 5. Outdoor School, \$7,592 *casino*
 - 6. Costs for Stampede School and Seed School, \$10,000 *casino*
 - a. Total \$23,542 (**approved**)
- viii. Outdoor School
 - 1. Maximum cost 2026: \$438 x 52 students = \$22,776
 - 2. To date, 31 students have confirmed
 - 3. Unclear how many families have financial needs
- b. Grade teacher's update, Grade 3 & 4, Mr. Millar and Ms. Jones
 - i. Three different field trip opportunities in April/May/June: Telus Spark, Calgary Zoo, The Riley Project. All connected through the theme of how the environment impacts living things, and how the community supports conservation, recreation and connection. Students will do a mapping project as a final project. Parent volunteers will be required for all trips. Parent council can assist with getting volunteers: notice boards, society listservs

5. Fundraising updates

- a. General updates
 - i. Future fundraising ideas
 - 1. Add to the cost of Healthy Hunger lunches and use that money for field trips etc. - this is possible
 - 2. Polling restaurants in Sunnyside, they will donate on Mondays after the long weekend if the Depot can show up. Nastascia will try this route and see how it works.
- b. Owl's Book Fair
 - i. Sort of like a Scholastic Book Fair for adults, they recommend having it in conjunction with parent teacher interviews or another in person event. Plan for May 14, in conjunction with Trickster residency.

6. New business

- a. Website renewal update: Society will take care of this
- b. Casino update: Hannah Martineau and Marta Markiewicz are coordinators
- c. How can we get more parents involved? E.g. positions on council and society, plus fun lunches, bottle drive assistance, etc.
 - i. Networking component is required
 - ii. Plan for a welcome picnic/potluck in mid-September, pancake breakfast

- iii. Offer child care during the council meetings?
 - d. Active mobility
 - i. Bikes, walking: encourage active means of transport, e.g. Malcolm will organize a bike bus day, bike tune up day with Joe.
 - e. Gift card for parent education \$500, from ASCA: See if we can find another speaker on AI and education; the other option is children's rights researchers at MRU; expert on self regulation
- 7. Any other business
- 8. Adjournment: 7:48 pm

Next meeting: Thursday, May 7th, 2026