

Sunnyside School Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 1, 2025 from 6pm

In attendance: Lukas Frey, Sue Lee, Eva Jones, Mahlah, Stuart Jones, Mike Nagy, Shannon Muir, Malcolm Roberts, Paola Bacaro, Rob Kelly

1. Call to order, 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 Îlethka 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 - Rob motions, Malcolm seconds
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting - Mike motions, Lukas seconds
4. School updates
 - a. Grade teacher's update (Eva) - Want learning to be authentic and have high engagement. Example of using scientific words at the playground.
 - b. Shannon's update
 - i. We're on the list for facilities to level the field
 - ii. There will be a bus service coming into Sunnyside next year, more info coming. Can look at staggered entry but it's early days still. Some parents wondering if they could somehow elongate the soft start even if they have to pay. Shannon says we need to consider overall instruction time and staffing budget. Ideas:
 1. Start a letter writing campaign
 2. Approach OSC for options (Stuart taking this on)
 3. Get volunteer parents
 4. Renting the gym
 5. Shannon can crunch some numbers on moving minutes around
 - iii. There may be 2 kinder classes next year
5. Business arising from minutes
 - a. Addendums
 - b. Actions

6. New business

- a. Plant sale update (Tiffany)
 - i. \$400 so far
- b. and Sunnyside parade
 - i. Sunday June 22 (around Neighbour Day). Paul might have the sign from last year. Any more ideas on how students/teachers can participate?
Tiffany/Daniel can meet with Shannon.
- c. Screen time session, by Dr. Caroline Buzanko, confirmed (ACSA grant)
 - i. June 12 in person (parents only). Need to set a time, tentatively 6pm.
- d. E-transfer to Society (Mike)
 - i. Not possible at the moment but doable, cash or cheque for readathon (tax receipts provided)
- e. Grade 6 graduation
 - i. Pending info from Ms. Lang and Ms. Betcher (they're very busy)
 - 1. **Mike motions to set aside maximum of \$800 for their budget, Malcolm seconds**
 - ii. Volunteers needed
 - 1. Shannon will look into email distribution list for only grade 6 parents
 - 2. Council members with grade 6 students will put the word out to other parents
- f. Next year's events
 - i. Discussion of Shannon's prioritised list. Potential block-voting of ratio of categories.
 - 1. Travel - 29%, Tech 17%, Curricular 16%, Residency 16%, Other 22%
 - ii. **Rob motions billboard spend of \$300 to promote enrolment, Stuart seconds**
 - iii. Student can write an entry for the Hillhurst/Sunnyside voice instead of ad
- g. Staff appreciation potluck or lunch out
 - i. Table til next meeting

7. Any other business

- a. Mahlah asked about fundraising for the school and how to organize that
 - i. Shannon says there is a wish list and looking in to rules around sharing that with parents
- b. Bike event coinciding with bike to school day early June

8. Adjournment at 8:01 pm Stuart motions, Mahlah seconds

Next meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2025