

Sunnyside School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 6th, 2025 at 6pm

In attendance: Paola Bacaro, Natascia, Malcolm, Mike Nagy, Shannon Muir, Sam Vertone, Fifi, Shawn (Remy's parents)

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 **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 – *Paola motions, Mike seconds*
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting – *Mike motions, Paola seconds*
4. School updates
 - a. Grade teacher's update – *The Science of Reading presentation focused on literacy.*
 - b. Shannon's update – *School development plan will be discussed more in-depth next meeting. Shannon says students at this age require help building resilience. Discussed the problem-solving wheel used in school. Can it be sent to parents electronically?*
5. Business arising from minutes
 - a. Actions
 - i. Natascia + Marta: collaborate on the topic of kids in need – *Still working on it. Natascia will connect with us when data comes back to us about if gift cards were used.*
 - ii. Natascia: connect with Shannon on sensory room ideas – *Occupational therapist might have some ideas, Natascia used ChatGPT for some ideas. Natascia inquired about how it's paid for (invoice or reimbursement). Ongoing.*
 - iii. Natascia: contact local businesses about raising money/getting donations – *Would be easier to present companies with a goal dollar value. One large budget idea would be full size stationary bikes. Another would be*

some interesting residencies. Maybe a wish list needed from Shannon/teachers.

- iv. Andrea: talk to employer about charity donation matching – *Update?*
- v. Malcolm: confirm the date and time for the inaugural Math Outreach session. How did it go? *It went well. There will be another session with Ms. Richards' class. Goal would be to have other parent volunteers take it on at times.*
- vi. Stuart: find out more about the ASCA grant, what it can and can't be used for, and circulate the knowledge

Email was circulated on January 9, 2025. Here are the examples:

Permitted:

Information sessions on how parents can support student learning home and at school

Parent resources and workshops on topics such as: mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, healthy living etc.

Programs to support multi-cultural and Indigenous families

Parent resources and tools in multiple languages

Parent engagement in promoting the value of arts

Events to engage parents on important local issues

Forbidden:

Meals, snacks or other food

Capital asset purchases (i.e. furniture, technology, etc.)

Activities that have occurred prior to the date of the provision of funds

Organization membership or conference fees

Fundraising events

Prizes or incentives for parents and/or students

Payment to school board staff (honoraria, gifts)

Entertainment activities such as barbeques, volunteer teas, dances, concerts or performances, etc.

- vii. Everyone: come up with ideas for the ASCA grant before the next meeting (February)
 - *Shannon said parents are showing interest in how to manage screen time. Educational vs. other, and overall screen time. Front runner right now.*
 - *Mike mentioned there may be high need for parent resources/tools in multiple languages.*
 - *One idea is to host it on the same day as March parent/teacher interviews.*

6. New business

- a. Purdy's fundraiser came in at \$492.85 (profit). *Can be discretionary spending.*
- b. Casino retro. What went well? Any learnings for next time? Etc. *Mike expecting money by next meeting. Rules around what this can be spent on.*
- c. *Swimming – What could go better? Could break it up into two weeks. Try another pool? Killarney pool has a wading pool for accessibility, for instance.*
- d. Recent data breach—what do we know? *Not much new to add. Those directly impacted will be contacted.*

7. Any other business

- *Natascia mentioned could we put together some sort of soccer club? Talk about next time.*
- *Discussed events held here in the past as community get togethers. Can council have a half hour with teachers to organize something?*

8. Adjournment at 7:34 pm - *Malcolm motions, Mike seconds*

Next meeting: Thursday, March 6th, 2025