

Silver Creek Public School

Virtual School Council Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2025

Meeting began at 6:06 pm

In Attendance:

Kelly Freitas - Principal

Sarah Cannataro - Vice Principal

Val Abela - Teacher Representative

Council Members:

Ashley Walsh-Perfetto

Karlene Stokes (Virtual)

Candice Gocht

Thuy Vanherk

Sandra Lee

Kiran Persaud

Jan Thomas

Sarah Booth

Welcome & Acceptance of Current Agenda: Thuy Vanherk

Thuy put forth a motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting. Jan firsted and Kieran seconded the motion; motion passed.

Land Acknowledgement: Kelly Freitas

Honouring the Land and Territory. It is ongoing work that we have a responsibility to take a call for action. Treaty and Treaty relationships; teaching it from K-Grade 8; it is a part of the curriculum.

Principal's Report: Kelly Freitas

As we look forward to the final days of the school year, grade 8 graduation, the Fun Fair, and term two report cards, staff and students continue to work hard in and outside of the classroom.

Upcoming Elective Days:

Our final Elective Day is Tuesday, June 18th. Students have one more session to explore new interests and build skills in fun, hands-on ways.

Field Trips and Special Visits:

- On June 4th our Superintendent Tara Connor will be doing her spring SIPSA visit to hear about all that we've been doing to support student achievement and improvement
- June 5th is our Wonderland Music Trip
- On June 18th our grade 2's are going on a trip to the Safety Village
- On June 19th our Grade 8's will visit Niagara Falls for their Grad Trip

School and Community Events:

- Our Spring Musical Showcase: Wind, Fire and Stars was a big hit, staff and students saw a dress rehearsal and then there was an evening performance on Wednesday, May 15th. Thanks to Mrs. Wysocka and staff volunteers for this opportunity for students to shine through music and performance.
- Hearing and Vision Screening took place on Wednesday, May 22nd for eligible students-families were sent the results
- Grade 8 attended orientation at GDHS on Thursday, May 23rd, an important step as they prepare for the transition to high school
- On May 28th, Mrs. Luskey and two teacher volunteers took our Intermediate Track Team to the senior track and field meet at Georgetown District High—and we had very positive feedback about our students!
- On June 3rd, the Girls' Soccer Team will participate in a tournament at Trafalgar Park, and on June 10th the Boys' Soccer Team will also compete in a tournament.
- On June 4th our Junior Track Team will go to GDHS for the Junior Track Meet
- June 6th is a PA Day for educators to write report cards

- June 11th is a Switch Day-Friday Schedule
- June 12th is the Kindergarten Concert
- June 13th is the Special Athlete's Track Meet at Garth Webb, and our students will be participating
- We will be having a Volunteer Celebration on June 17th, starting at 10:00 am

EQAO Testing:

- Grade 6 EQAO continue to run from June 2nd to 4th.

Reports will be sent home on June 24th!

Teacher's Report: Val Abela

Junior Basketball is ongoing; Senior Basketball has ended. Kindie classes are working on outside gardens. They have a new mud kitchen; the students are thrilled! Our renovation on the Kindie yard is hopefully happening this summer; which will include new sun shades. We had a successful book fair; totals are pending (approximately \$4000.00).

Treasurer's Report: Ashley Walsh-Perfetto

The current bank balance is \$4,948.89 with a pending expense of \$18.37 at Michael's for the PIC Event. The donations have not come in yet. The cheque and cash will be deposited by the end of this week. We have \$548.61 available in the Angel Fund. Our Constitution is not aligned with Board policy and we have to abide by Board policy. A small amount can be rolled over to the following school year (\$500 perhaps for something like Prof Jamz). The rest should be put towards the current school year. Thuy mentioned having funds available for the Angel Fund as in previous years that's a beginning of the year request. Kelly suggests if there's available funds they can be put towards AF at the end of the current school year.

Fundraising/Events Committee Update: Sandra Lee and Candice Gocht

We have learned much this year including not ordering via TEMU or Amazon. Kelly says when in doubt go through Julie as she is most familiar with the policies. The Fun Fair organization is done as per Candice. All prizes and volunteers are taken care of. Sandra has a volunteer schedule to be shared. We need to confirm vest count. Thuy brought up feeding the volunteers. Sandra says that we have a total of 13 teachers, 7 parents and 10 student volunteers; not to mention 7 parent volunteers from School Council. Candice has contacted Gino's, she put forth a motion to budget \$250.00 to feed the volunteers, this includes bottled water; Jan firsted and Sandra seconded; motion passed. We can set this up in the serverly inside the school, across from the front office. Karlene to bring traffic cones and Kelly says the school has some available for blocking. We've just found out that they need four hours to set up the inflatables. Kelly will organize an indoor recess for the second break on that day.

Thuy advised there are about 12 baskets for the Silent Auction. Let's make the baskets available online via School Cash Online. Previously we offered the baskets for a set price, to be picked up at the event. If they weren't purchased online they were made available at the Fun Fair as a Silent Auction format. Jan says in the past we've done a buy out for 2-3 times the value of the basket. In the past we've started the baskets around \$250.00 or more. Sandra suggests that the business donations (meni/pedi, eyebrows) be set up individually to give the businesses their marketing moment and ensure they aren't under-valued. We decided to leave the online basket option for this year since that's something that should be set up farther out from the event to garner more traction/interest. Starting bids will vary based on what is in each themed basket, so disregard the \$250/basket part. All gift cards/certificates donated will have a starting bid of whatever the value of those gift cards/certificates are valued at. This will not require a council vote.

Sandra put forth a motion that we raise the ticket price on the day of to \$15.00/ticket. She's checked with Ethel Gardiner and they do it every year, sometimes up to \$25.00! Candice seconded the motion; motion approved.

Ashley will reach out to Julie to set up the QR code for the day of.

Ashley says we are going to have to spend the bulk of the money this year. We need to vote on what funds are going where for next year (events such as Prof Jamz, Angel Fund, etc).

Thuy mentioned that throughout the school year we should also touch base with Admin and Staff needs; we help where we can with those initiatives.

Parents have been vocal about seeing more of the funds going back into the school/students.

Where does the Admin need additional funds?

- Basketball

Kelly has got a quote for two more basketball nets; \$5000.00 to attach two nets to the brick wall (includes liability insurance). Thuy put forth motion to set aside \$5000.00 for the nets, Candice seconded, motion approved.

- Tents

- Drums

- Sound System for the gym for next year

Council has voted that \$5000 will go towards the new basketball nets, \$1000 towards the Angel Fund, \$100 deposit towards Professor Jamz, \$500 to roll over to next year Councils Account, and whatever the difference of money leftover from our total money raised this year will be split amongst purchasing a Silvercreek Tent, Music Equipment (drums?), and the gym sound system.

Kelly will make the staff aware that if a student is unable to afford to attend the Fun Fair the Council will provide a bracelet/ticket free of charge.

New Business - Fundraising Ideas for the 2025/26 School Year: Open Floor

Approximation of \$9014.00 in our account at the end of the Fun Fair, based off current expenses; expected income. Angel Fund, top up to \$1000.00 at end of current school year. Ashley put forth motion to top up AF, Sandra seconded, motion approved.

We already have a Mabels Labels fundraiser set up. Ashley would like to post the link and info about this fundraiser on our socials and via school email to make everyone aware of this existing fundraiser.

Candice mentioned a Gino's fundraiser that is set up once and is ongoing and can be used outside of the school year with funds still going towards the school. It offers a 10% discount with a percentage going back to the school. Nothing was voted on, this will be tabled until the next School Council meeting in the new school year.

Ethel Gardiner uses their Fun Fair proceeds to offset Field Trips; we could do something similar. They've come forward about combining our forces for next year and host a double Fun Fair. This is something we can discuss in the next school year.

Professor Jamz - October 30 for Halloween - \$100.00 to reserve when booking. Ashley has put forth a motion to book the date and pay the deposit; Jan seconded; motion approved. They will ask Julie to help this year since there was a mix up last year.

Candice mentioned creating a coupon book with local businesses that offer discounts. This could be a great initiative and would really solidify our community relationships. Our highest cost would be printing but this could be huge for us! Nothing was voted on, this will be tabled until the next School Council meeting in the new school year.

Through local research with other schools Candice would like to do monthly fundraising as that is what other schools are doing. Her first suggestion is Big Box of Cards to start off the school year in September. She has contacted them; the purchasing process is very hands off. It works out to under \$1.00/card and around \$5.00/box. Candice put forth motion to proceed with setting up fundraiser; Kiran seconded, motion approved. Candice will contact them to get the ball rolling.

Sandra mentioned Krispy Kreme, Candice thought pairing it with Black Creek Coffee. Sandra put forth a motion to set up this fundraiser based on their availability, Candice seconded, motion passed. Sandra will reach out to get the ball rolling.

Croc charms from China, AliBaba. A quick fundraiser that can be offered via School Cash Online and at school events. We can discuss this more in the next school year.

Dec 4 date suggested for Pot Luck/Vendor Market. Jan put forth motion, Candice seconded, motion approved.

Kelly mentioned apples, 50% profit, \$12-14 for a 5lb bag, Oct 21-Dec 6 order delivery. Nothing was voted on, this will be tabled until the next School Council meeting in the new school year.

Ashley says that we need to prioritize updating the Constitution. It needs to be drafted and sent out 22 days prior to voting. Sandra puts forth a motion to get rid of the current constitution and use a generic constitution. This conversation was held after the official end of the meeting where the Council Chair had left, as well as some other members. Therefore, the Constitution update should be done by whoever is voted in as Chair or Co-Chair at next year's council meeting. School board requires we have a Constitution and By-Laws that address specific things. Therefore, the current one should stand until there is a new one to vote on.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm