

Battalion Park School Council Meeting

February 26th, 2025

Agenda

Call to Order (6:30 pm-7:00 pm)

Land Acknowledgement

- We would like to acknowledge the traditional territories and oral practices of the Blackfoot Nations, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai. We also acknowledge the Tsuut'ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations, the Métis Nation, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

Introductions

- Please introduce yourself.

New Meeting Format

- To recap from our November meeting, according to the Alberta School Council Association, it advises that the roles of School Council and Parent Fundraising Associations be separate entities with distinct contexts for parent and community involvement in the school. At our November meeting, we approved this split which resulted in fundraising moving from School Council to the Signal Hill School Enhancement Society.
- Going forward, starting with tonight's meeting, our meetings will be split into two. The first half of the meeting will be for the School Council, where Council will be an advisory body to work with school administration and staff to promote the well-being and overall effectiveness of the school community in improvement planning.
- The second half of the meeting will be for Signal Hill School Enhancement Society's members meeting (also known as the Fundraising Association meeting) with the objective for parents and community members to provide additional financial resources and support to the school. The primary role is fundraising, therefore all fundraising activities will be with the Fundraising Association meetings.
- If school administration requests financial resources, it will be tabled in the Council meeting, and then motioned for in the Fundraising Association meeting.

Approval of Agenda for School Council Meeting

- **Motion** to approve the February 26, 2025, agenda.

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion** to approve the January 16, 2025, minutes.

What is School Council

- Alberta Education defines school councils as a collective association of parents, secondary students, the principal, teachers, and community representative(s) whose purpose is to advise the principal and the Board of Trustees regarding matters related to the school.

Student Council

- The grade 6 leaders met today to plan out the Student Council meeting for Thursday.

Executive Reports – Kristi & Brian McKinnon & Ateeque Patel

(6:35pm-6:45pm)

- Volunteers
 - o Current roles we are looking for are:
 - Vice Chair (starting September)
 - Secretary
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Parent Engagement
- Grade 6 Farewell
 - o Will be the afternoon of Thursday June 26.
 - o Looking for volunteers to participate in the Committee to help plan the event.
- Alberta School Council Engagement Grant
 - o We have received the \$500 grant, by ways of a gift card.
 - o These funds are to go towards enhancing parent involvement and engagement.
 - o We are open to suggestions on how to spend, but initially we are thinking of using this grant to create an informational council sheet, translated in different languages to give out to new families attending Battalion Park School.
 - o <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/support-services>
- Add a May Council meeting
 - o To help facilitate any decisions or motions that are required for activities in June, we would like to add a May Council meeting.
 - o The best availability is Thursday May 22nd.
 - o **Motion** to add a Council meeting on Thursday May 22nd.

Key Communicator – Marija Ivanovic

- No update.

School Report – Principal Trudi Tallerico and Assistant Principal Lisa Wilson

(6:45 pm-7:05 pm)

- School planning engagement

Any Other Business (7:05 pm-7:10 pm)

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be on Thursday April 24th.

Adjourn (7:10 pm)

**Signal Hill School Enhancement Society Members Meeting
(Fundraising Association Meeting)
February 26th, 2025
Agenda**

Call to Order (7:10 pm-7:30 pm)

Approval of Agenda for School Council Meeting

- Motion to approve the February 26, 2025, agenda.

Approval of Minutes

- As this is our inaugural meeting, there are no minutes to approve.

Introductions

- Anyone new that was not in attendance at the Council meeting, please introduce yourself.

What is the Signal Hill School Enhancement Society

- Signal Hill School Enhancement Society ("SHSES") is a non-profit, registered charity that supports the educational needs of the students attending Battalion Park School through fundraising.
- The objective of SHSES (also known as the Fundraising Association) is for parents and community members to provide additional financial resources and support to the school.

Executive Reports – Brian McKinnon (7:15pm-7:20pm)

- Volunteers
 - o Current roles we are looking for are:
 - Vice President
 - Playground Project (written communications, fundraising)
- Casino Update
 - o Next casino Oct-Dec 2025. Draw date to be provided in May 2025.

- Spirit Wear/school merchandise
 - o Next offering of school merchandise will be in March of 2025. Planning for March 3rd to 17th. New items will be offered!
- Veteran's Association Food Bank Drive
 - o Student Council has offered to take on the food bank drive from the School Council.
 - o In 2024, BPSC received financial donations totaling \$196.19 from our initial startup of the food bank drive. We will not proceed with the challenge with Griffith Woods, therefore raised funds will be donated.
- Financial Report
 - o Funds available:
 - Casino \$60,247
 - Unrestricted (playground) \$13,695
 - General Fundraising \$21,954.45
 - Activity:
 - Teacher First Aid Reimbursement (\$98.12)
 - School Family Christmas Gift Cards (\$300)
 - Insurance (\$1,203)
 - Healthy Hunger December sales \$297.95
 - Healthy Hunger January sales \$623.44
- Playground Project
 - o First grant application was sent off this week! To Kal Tire RePlay for recycled rubber surfacing. Potentially received \$15-\$20K in funds. Actual cost to install rubber surfacing is approximately \$120,000.
 - o Rubber surfacing statistics for the mini playground:
 - 5,200 square feet.
 - Will require 76,000 pounds of rubber surfacing.
 - Works out to be 2,200 recycled tires.
 - o We have received a first draft of our business plan from KJ Street Consulting. This will accompany large grant applications.
 - o Currently reviewing possible grants to apply for with Q1 application deadlines.
 - o We have received letters of support from our Community Association and City Councillor, and we are expecting to receive a letter of support from our MLA and possibly our MP. Letters of support are used to help enhance our chances of obtaining grants.
 - o **Discussion:** Core playground rope status and pea gravel cleanup event.

Committee Reports (7:20 pm-7:30 pm)

Fundraising Committee Update – Amber Harlal & Meela Gunawardena

- Nothing currently planned for Q1 2025.
- Looking Ahead:
 - 50/50 Draw at the Spring Concert - Thursday May 1.
 - Spring Bottle Drive - May 2025.
 - Spring Flower Fundraiser - Sales will launch April 21. Deadline to order will be May 15 at 5pm. Delivery will be May 30.
 - Possible Texas donut fundraiser in June.
- Ongoing Passive Fundraisers:
 - **Mabel's Labels** - Currently a balance of \$27.43.
 - **Skip the Depot** - Currently a balance of \$96.27.

Social Committee – Silvy Tzolaskis & Jessica Charney

- Skating party tomorrow night has been cancelled.

Healthy Hunger Lunch/Snacks (HHLS) Committee – Ruth Thorkelson & Roda Calacasan

- Online dates have been released to the end of March.
- April to June dates have been confirmed with the vendors.

Any Other Business (7:30 pm)

Next Meeting

- No meeting in March due to spring break.
- Next meeting will be on Thursday April 24th.

Adjourn (7:30 pm)