

SCHOOL COUNCIL - MEETING AGENDA

SIMONS VALLEY SCHOOL

January 15, 2025 @7pm

Location: **SVS IN-PERSON**

MEETING CHAIR – Rena Large

Present: Rena Large, Quinn Healy, Matthew Larocque, Brittany Peacock, Aaron Bower, Kris McPherson, Faith Moore, Kelsey Archer, Nikki Spence, Amanda Reid, Brittany Merstorf, Darren Toews, Chris Hooper.

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Rena Large at 7:02pm.

- 1.1. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Aaron Bower and seconded by Brittany Peacock. Agenda approved.
- 1.2. Approval of previous meeting minutes (November 2025): Motion to approve minutes made by Aaron Bower and seconded by Kris McPherson. Minutes approved.

2. Reports

2.1. Admin Report – Christopher Hooper

2.1.1. Principal's Update

General Updates:

- Mr. Hooper shared what a success cross-country ski school has been!
- Security Video Surveillance is now a priority for CBE at SVS. This priority is risk management. New cameras will replace old ones, and new ones will also be added to the 'blind spots' around the building *and* inside the building. There is no audio, they are not monitored in real time, and the focus is on property and safety. Funded through CBE.
- Staffing Updates
 - Mr. Bately for Ms. Julie Gardner (Feb. 9, 2026)
 - Mrs. Kristy Riegel for Mrs. Deb Armstrong (Jan 15, 2026)

2.2. Grade 5 Teaching Team Here!

- Ms. Yee and Mr. Dewald here!
 - o June 8-11, 2026- Eco School at Camp Chief Hector. This used to be a tradition at SVS, then it was on a big break, and after last year's success, they want to bring it back full-time.
 - o The students sleep in yurts, with room for 12 bunks!
 - o At camp they will experience shelter building, challenge courses for teamwork and leadership, games, night/sky science connections, evening campfires, and many team-building activities.
 - o Cost: \$417/student +gst x 84 students = \$37,479.96 total cost
 - o The grade 5's are having a fundraiser to raise funds to lower the overall cost for parents! There will be a theatre performance on Thursday, February 26th at 6:30pm. There will be a concession and a minimarket. The students are SO excited about this endeavour and are eager to raise funds so all students can enjoy camp!
 - o St Patrick's Day and Chinese New Year will also be times that fundraising can happen with sales of gold coins (led by Ms. Yee)
 - o Sales for the concession will take place before and after the show and leftovers will continue to be sold at the school.
 - o Additional fundraising ideas: ask parents if they want to donate anything for concessions, offer "support tickets"- a way for families to support the trip even if they can't be here to 'use' their ticket.

3. Reports Council

- 3.1. Chair – Rena Large: The Home Alone course is on Feb 23/24 over lunch hours. It is filling up very quickly! As of tonight, only 10 spots are left.
- 3.2. Co-Chair – Kyla Brims: No updates.
- 3.3. Fundraising Coordinators – Danna Weatherbee, Brittany Peacock, Aaminah Malik:
 - Fun lunch Edo is next Tuesday and Kernels is coming up on February 3, 2026. The dance will be on April 23 and will be an exciting Spring fundraising event!
 - Please keep sending in Boston Pizza receipts from Creekside, Country Hills, Crowfoot and Beddington to the school for \$\$\$ back for SVS.
 - If you are interested in helping with fundraising coordination, we would love to have you!
- 3.4. Casino Coordinator - Kris McPherson: We are slotted for another casino in Q4 of 2027!
- 3.5. Traffic and Safety Coordinator - Brittany Peacock: No Updates, just take care on the roads!
- 3.6. Junior High Liaisons
 - 3.6.1. Simon Fraser – Kris McPherson will read through the SF School Council meeting minutes and report any big happenings.
 - 3.6.2. [Valley Creek – VACANT](#)
- 3.7. Key Communicator – Rempi Aulakh: The bi-monthly meetings will be Jan. 21, 2026. April 8, 2026. June 10, 2026. Aiming to invite our school trustee to a School Council Meeting in the future.

4. Funding Requests

- 4.1. Literacy (K-3)- Decoding Training Materials and Books - \$2,500
- 4.2. Raz Kids (All students) - \$2,400
- 4.3. Outdoor Education (Grade 5) – Camp Chief Hector - \$10,750.00

5. Unfinished Business: None

6. New Business: None

7. Questions/Issues: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 by Rena Large

Minutes prepared by Quinn Healy

Next Meeting: February 19, 2025 @7pm

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING ASSOCIATION - MEETING AGENDA

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1. Call to Order: Called to order by Rena Large at 8:00pm

- 1.1. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Brittany and seconded by Aaron Bower. Agenda approved.
 - 1.2. Approval of previous meeting minutes (November 2025): Motion to approve the minutes made by Brittany Merstorf and seconded by Brittany Peacock. Minutes approved.
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2. Reports Council

2.1. Co-Presidents – Kyla Brims and Rena Large: No updates

2.2. Treasurer - Matthew Larocque:

General: Opening Balance of \$44,431.83. Total revenue for this month was \$829.27, and expenses were \$1,196.49 leaving a closing balance of \$44,064.61. The total allocated funds are \$38,95.19, leaving \$5,106.42 in unallocated funds. Kris McPherson made the motion to approve the reports as read, seconded by Brittany Peacock.

Casino: Opening Balance of \$21,328.42 with \$2,350.95 in revenue and expenses of \$2,350.95, leaving a closing balance \$21,382.42. There is \$11,860.95 in allocated funds, leaving \$9,467.47 in unallocated funds. Kris McPherson made the motion to approve the reports as read, seconded by Brittany Peacock.

- Discussed increasing grade 6 farewell to \$2,000 from \$1,600 as well as adding money for a grade 5 farewell, \$2,000 as well.
 - Monies will also be unallocated from the previous operating budget (2024-2025).
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3. Funding Requests Reviews

- 3.1. Literacy - Decoding Training Materials and Books- \$2,500. Motion to approve \$2,500.00 made by Brittany Merstorf and seconded by Brittany Peacock. All in favour. Approved.
 - 3.2. Raz Kids - \$2,400. Motion to approve \$2,400.00 made by Nikki Spence and seconded by Brittany Peacock. All in favour. Approved.
 - 3.3. Outdoor Education – Camp Chief Hector - \$10,750.00. Unfortunately we couldn't vote on this because of low funds in our accounts. Tabled until Feb/March once casino funds are received.
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4. Unfinished Business: None

5. New Business: None

6. Questions: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 by Rena Large

Minutes prepared by Quinn Healy

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