

# SCHOOL COUNCIL - MEETING AGENDA

## **SIMONS VALLEY SCHOOL**

February 19, 2026 @7pm

Location: **SVS IN-PERSON**

MEETING CHAIR – Rena Large

Present: Rena Large, Kyla Brims, Quinn Healy, Matthew Larocque, Brittany Peacock, Rempi Aulakh, Danna Weatherbee, Laura Hack, Alix Pendray, Faith Moore, Nikki Spence, Brittany Merstorf, Aaron Bower, Darren Toews, Chris Hooper.

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### **1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Rena Large at 7:04pm.**

- 1.1. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Rempi Aulakh and seconded by Brittany Merstorf. Agenda approved.
  - 1.2. Approval of previous meeting minutes (January 2026): Motion to approve minutes made by Aaron Bower and seconded by Danna Weatherbee. Minutes approved.
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### **2. Reports**

#### **2.1. Admin Report – Christopher Hooper**

##### 2.1.1. Principal's Update- School Planning and Engagement

- 2.1.1.1. Mr. Hooper discussed SVS goals and the school development plan. The main goal of SVS is for students to feel connected and like they belong at school. The outcomes from this goal are to experience inclusive teaching and learning that reflects and celebrates diverse cultures and identities. Literacy goes up when students feel connected and have a sense of belonging. Learning excellence, well-being, truth and reconciliation, diversity and inclusion are some of the goals for the Board and for SVS.
  - For a more detailed understanding and view of the presentation, please visit the SVS website to look through the school budget, school fee information and how School Council is involved.

##### **Grade 2 Teacher Here!**

- Ms. Brown here to talk about Grade 2 field trip to Bow Habitat. "Water is Life" would be the focus, and how students are stewards of water today and for future generations. Bow Habitat connects directly to the curriculum and students and teachers love this experience. Life cycles, best growing conditions, how humans help or harm ecosystems, and local aquatic life are the focus. Active hands-on learning, indoor and outdoor activities, and fish feeding are all part of the trip! This trip will also connect to the Ralph Klein field trip the students participated in in the Fall. With School Council support of \$1000.00 families would only pay \$11.

##### **Laura Hack Presentation**

- CBE Trustee and Board Chair here. She is a former teacher and has two students in the system. School Council provided her with 14 questions she answered through her presentation. Please see attached.
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### **3. Reports Council**

- 3.1. Chair – Rena Large: The grade 5's are having a play and mini-market next week on Thursday! Please come and support their efforts to lower the cost for all grade 5 students for Camp Chief Hector in the Spring. The Home Alone course is on Feb 23/24 over lunch hours and is filled up. The babysitting course will be coming in the Spring.
- 3.2. Co-Chair – Kyla Brims: No updates.

- 3.3. Fundraising Coordinators – Danna Weatherbee, Brittany Peacock, Aaminah Malik:
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the dance! This is a family dance, with a DJ, concession, and fun to be had!
  - 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 – They have a School Council, Parent Fundraising Society, and Music Parents Association. They are currently a 5-9, moving to 6-9 next year, and running similar fundraising programs like healthy-hunger fun lunches. Both meetings in Nov were wrapped by 6:45pm; not much to discuss.
- 3.6.2. Valley Creek – VACANT
- 3.7. Key Communicator – Rempi Aulakh: The next meeting will be April 8, 2026 and June 10, 2026.

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#### 4. Funding Requests

- 4.1. Field Trip – Grade 1, Sam Centre - \$1000.00
- 4.2. Field Trip – Grade 2, Bow Habitat - \$1000.00
- 4.3. Field Trip – Grade 3, Zoo -\$1000.00
- 4.4. Field Trip – Grade 4, Confluence - \$1000.00
- 4.5. Outdoor Education – Camp Chief Hector - \$10,750.00

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5. **Unfinished Business:** None

6. **New Business:** None

7. **Questions/Issues:** None

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 by Rena Large

Minutes prepared by Quinn Healy

**Next Meeting:** March 12, 2026 @7pm

## **Questions and Answers from Laura Hack, CBE Trustee and Board Chair**

- 1. What is your role in relation to working with the government, CBE, and individual schools?**
  - a. Our major role is looking at results. We advocate for space, funding, needs of students, and are constantly sitting with MLAs to push for the best needs of students.
- 2. I see you are the Board Chair as well - what does that entail in addition to being a trustee?**
  - a. This entails leading public meetings, Robert's rules, government rules, meetings with the Minister of Education, and Board signing. No extra authority, just extra responsibility.
- 3. How do you support teachers to have the resources they need to support all students in the classroom with various learning needs?**
  - a. Advocacy with the provincial government for more student funding in all ways- classrooms, transportation. Budgets are done in May.
- 4. Do you believe the current funding for Ward 3 is sufficient? How do you work with the province to ensure there is sufficient funding and/or receive more funding?**
  - a. Funding is not based on Wards. It is based on student need, not Wards. The money is divided for student needs. Yes, we do need more funding.
- 5. How many EAs does our ward have? Do you feel it is enough, and/or are there plans to add more?**
  - a. Unknown numbers of EAs in the Ward.
- 6. Our school is moving from K-6 to K-5 next year - how are these decisions made? Is it only CBE or are the trustees part of these decisions and changes?**
  - a. Decisions are made because schools are full. Laura Hack is the governance and operations are done by the Chief Superintendent. Schools are 96% full, and so shifts need to happen within the Board.
- 7. What do you think is the most pressing issue or area of need in Ward 3 schools?**
  - a. New schools are needed, and funding is an issue.
- 8. Our school has a French program this year because of a federal grant - why is French not always included in the curriculum?**
  - a. French is recognized federally as an official second language, but the provincial government sets the curriculum and provides the funding.
- 9. How do you stay informed or up to date on the issues and challenges facing our students?**
  - a. Highschool student advisory council and visiting schools to talk to students.
- 10. We would like to know what are the changes that have been made to help teachers after their strike. What are other changes that are planned for the future?**
  - a. One thing has been to let go of things that are not able to happen. There is no way to say it, it is hard for the teachers right now. Hope that some provincial funding is coming, but not sure how all the new teachers will be hired.
- 11. Will the French pilot class become a permanent class after this year?**
  - a. SVS will apply for the federal funding that allowed French to be at SVS this year so hopefully it will remain at SVS.

**12. Will they plan the designated regular primary and secondary schools to have start times that are closer than 1 hr difference - common sense for family logistics!**

- a. Short answer, no. It comes down to transportation and the changes to provincial rules for busing zones.

**13. What do you think the solution to increased aggression in classrooms is?**

- a. In looking at research, family dynamics have changed, classroom sizes have gotten larger, and expectations from home/school are not aligning. There is no simple solution, but what we can do, we are advocating for.

**14. What is the school district's policy on bullying? What do you think of that policy? Does it adequately address the issue?**

- a. The district has two. AR 6005 and 6006 cover definitions, prevention, and how bullying is addressed. Progressive discipline is the process to support students to learn better choices.

**15. Top priorities?**

- a. More schools and more funding. Working closely with Ward councillors to ensure that developers are on their side.

**Thank you to Laura Hack for being here tonight!**

# SCHOOL FUNDRAISING ASSOCIATION - MEETING AGENDA

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### 1. Call to Order: Called to order by Rena Large at 8:37pm

- 1.1. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Brittany Peacock and seconded by Aaron Bower. Agenda approved.
- 1.2. Approval of previous meeting minutes (January 2026): Motion to approve the minutes made by Danna Weatherbee and seconded by Faith Moore. 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 \$44,064.61. Total revenue for this month was \$3,593.63, and expenses were \$22,785.97 leaving a closing balance of \$24,785.97. The total allocated funds are \$20,322.50, leaving \$4,549.77 in unallocated funds. Brittany Merstorf made the motion to approve the reports as read, seconded by Brittany Peacock.

Casino: Opening Balance of \$21,328.42 with no revenue and expenses of \$769.97, leaving a closing balance of \$20,558.45. There is \$15,990.98 in allocated funds, leaving \$4,567.47 in unallocated funds. Brittany Merstorf made the motion to approve the reports as read, seconded by Rempi Aulakh.

REVENUE FOR JANUARY 2026	
EVENT	\$ AMOUNT
Healthy Hunger – Out of Chaos	250.00
Healthy Hunger – Edo	169.47
Purdy's Fundraiser	2,787.02
Mabel's Labels	61.87
Healthy Hunger – Kernels (Feb. 12)	325.27
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3593.63</b>

**Thank you, SVS families, for all your efforts and support!**

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### 3. Funding Requests Reviews

- 3.1. Field Trip – Grade 1, Sam Centre - \$1000.00. Motion to approve \$1,000.00 made by Rempi Aulakh and seconded by Brittany Peacock. All in favour. Approved.
- 3.2. Field Trip – Grade 2, Bow Habitat - \$1000.00. Motion to approve \$1,000.00 made by Rempi Aulakh and seconded by Brittany Peacock. All in favour. Approved.
- 3.3. Field Trip – Grade 3, Zoo -\$1000.00. Motion to approve \$1,000.00 made by Brittany Merstorf and seconded by Rempi Aulakh. All in favour. Approved.

- 3.4. Field Trip – Grade 4, Confluence - \$1000.00. Motion to approve \$1,000.00 made by Brittany Merstorf and seconded by Rempi Aulakh. All in favour. Approved.
- 3.5. Outdoor Education – Camp Chief Hector - \$10,750.00. Unfortunately, we couldn't vote on this because of low funds in our accounts. Tabled until March once casino funds are received.

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**4. Unfinished Business:** None

**5. New Business:** None

**6. Questions:** None

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Meeting adjourned at 8:47 by Rena Large

Minutes prepared by Quinn Healy

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