

Battalion Park School Council Meeting
Date Time February 10, 2026 6:34 to 8:00PM
Battalion Park School Library

MINUTES

Present: Meela Gunawardena, Co-Chair Person
Israr Patel, Vice Chair (online)
Christina Tuttle, Principal
Tessa Lee, Parent
Chris Hsiung, Parent
Tyler Lipsett, Parent
Sunny, Parent
Brian McKinnon, SHSES President

1. **Call to Order** - The regular meeting was called to order by Meela G at 6:34 p.m. and a quorum was present.
2. **Welcome and Introductions** – Meela, parent, welcomed the group. Land Acknowledgement completed and introductions were made.
3. **Approval of the Agenda** – The agenda was motioned and Brian was the 1st and Tessa 2nd.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting held on January 17, 2026 were approved as presented. 1st Tessa and 2nd Israr
5. **Business Arising From Minutes**
Nothing
6. **New Business**
 - 6.1 Nominating a co-chair for the Parent Council. Meela G was nominated by Tessa and 2nd was Chris. Motion Carried
 - 6.2 Christina, Principal brought up the VISA gift card for the Alberta Education Grant. It is \$500.00 and we need to use it by the end of the school year. Parents present decided on 3 topics:
 - Friendship, Respect and Bullying
 - Digital Safety and Screentime
 - Mental Health, Emotional Regulation
 - 6.3 Christina, Principal presented the School Development Plan to the parents, and provided a QR code for parents to provide their feedback on the Plan. The school is \$13,000 + in debt due to non-payment of school fees. Highest loss field trips are: swimming and Winsport. Ideas discussed among parents present were ways to request payment before the field trip. If there are parents who cannot afford it and want their kids to go, the SHSES can help.
 - 6.4 Brian, SHSES President presented about the SHSES. Casino money will be deposited into the account on February 15, 2026. Not sure how much we will be getting yet. The next casino will be between October-December 2027. The actual date will be announced in May 2027. Due to the Halloween dance being cancelled we are going to plan a Spring Dance April 23, 2026. Griffith Woods did a Neon Theme Dance. Tessa has a black light we could use. Fundraising has raised \$1,800.00 so far. We are about \$67,000.00 short for the playground additional items. At the skate party parents were polled for colour scheme and Mango Tango colour theme won. We received the \$125,000.00 Provincial Funding Grant. The deposit for the playground is done. \$410,000.00 gets us a playground. The \$67,000.00 that we need would be for the paving, concrete borders and picnic tables. The playground is tentatively set for removal by July 6, 2026 and we will do a volunteer build. A volunteer build will reduce costs in order to obtain critical paving for making the playground accessible. SHSES will be doing a letter writing campaign and they are going to raffle West Jet tickets and possibly have a 50/50 raffle.
8. **Next Meeting** - The next meeting will be held on April 17, 2026 at 6:30PM. The location will be Battalion Park School Library

9. **Adjourned** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Notes prepared by: Meela Gunawardena