



SUNALTA SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

10 FEBRUARY 2026 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE & DISTRIBUTION

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SCHOOL COUCIL	Dana Riley, Lindsey Starko, Sarah Duff, Nigel Lalande, Katrina Edgerton-McGhan, Kate Mueller, Lesleigh Russell, Rebecca Szybunka, Rizza Pandya
	<i>Regrets: Adam Morrison, Amanda Kuchma, Desirae Robertson, Farrah Sunderji, Emily Gillis, Nicky Morrison,</i>
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	Hilary Wright, Principal Elaine Hordo, Assistant Principal

1 Welcome & Introduction

- a) Call to order
 - The School Council meeting was called to order by Dana Riley, Council Chair at 6:34pm.
 - A total of 14 participants attended the meeting, and a quorum of council positions was present.
- b) **MOTION:** To accept the agenda as circulated and approve meeting minutes from the January 13, 2026, meeting.
 - Lindsey motioned, Nigel seconded, none opposed – motion carried.

2 Administrator’s Report

- a) [Sunalta School Development Plan 2025-26](#)
- b) 2026 School Planning Engagement Presentation
 - Presented every single year by every school – message is consistent year to year but an important piece of work and information to share.
 - School planning includes school development plans, school budgets, and school fees. Gathering thoughts from staff, students, and families.
 - Create an action plan that outlines how school learning will be improved; focused approach; understanding strategies, align expectations to AB education
 - How is Our School Development Plan Used?
 - Establishing School Goals – Literacy, Well-Being, Truth & Reconciliation, Diversity & Inclusion
 - Identifying Outcomes and Actions, measures, and data for monitoring progress
- c) 2025-26 School Budget
 - School received ~\$2.5M in 2025-26 for education
 - 85-90% goes to the staff working at the school.
 - \$25K remaining to fund everything else (instructional and operational supplies).
 - Funds are allocated based on student enrollment as of Sep 30 of that school year; the school does not receive additional if more students enroll during the school year.
 - For this school year, there were 368 students enrolled on Sep 30. Today, there are 373 students.
 - Talk to your MLA if you would like schools to receive to more funding – consider asking your MLA to do a “bums in seats” recalibration mid-year (5 extra students would be approx. \$20-25K additional resources for the school).
 - 5 extra kids would be approx. \$
- d) 2025-26 School Fees
 - School fees report – [click here](#).
 - All field trips, residencies, and enrichment programming are primarily paid for by School Council.
- e) Gathering feedback
 - School Development Plan is shared in different ways – School website, school council meeting, school messenger, etc.
 - School Development Plan is developed with all students in mind. Do you agree that:



- Your child’s learning can benefit from the goals, outcomes, actions and resources in the SDP? *Yes.*
 - The learning of all students is reflected and prioritized in the goals, outcomes, actions, and resources in the SDP? *Yes.*
 - School Budget & Fees
 - Schools must operate within their budget, and too many fees can be unmanageable for families; knowing that, what activities and services are most important to you?
 - (a) Music specialist
 - (b) Field trips are important, preferably more than 1 per year
 - Do you agree that:
 - (a) The activities your school provides are important for your child’s learning? *Yes.*
 - (b) The school fees you pay are reasonable considering the benefit they provide your child? *Yes.*
 - f) Next Steps
 - Student feedback from Grade 1-3 in the fall, Grades 4-6 happening right now.
 - Kids are very honest; their feedback is important. Students are encouraged to provide feedback.
 - Summary of feedback gathered tonight and from students will be shared on the school website by June 30, 2026.
- 3 Chair’s Report** – Dana Riley
- a) Family Skate Night – really good turnout; concessions broke even.
 - b) Alien InLine booked for mid Sep 2026 with Family Skate Night is Sep 24th.
- 4 CBE Council Meeting** – Lindsey Starko
- a) Attended a CBE-wide meeting of school councils; included representatives from every school K-12, organized by Ward
 - b) Lots of presentations and a round table with our Trustee
 - c) It was a great reminder that Sunalta School is in a very unique situation in that we have a very active and engaged school community and a collaborative relationship with Administration (many other school councils are just 1-2 people).
 - d) Our Ward 08 Trustee is coming to our next council meeting
- 5 Fundraising Update** – Lindsey Starko
- a) Swag store will be live in the next couple weeks – new items will be included.
- 6 Extracurricular Update** – Dana Riley *for Desirae Robertson*
- a) Art Club continues – typically 8-9 students attending each session
- 7 Grade 6 Grad** – Dana Riley *for Lesleigh Russell*
- a) Date: June 18
 - b) Venue – Sunalta Hub, but not able to provide at no cost (school gym is booked as a backup)
 - c) **ACTION:** Grade 6 Grad Committee to submit a budget if they want to do additional fundraisers.
 - d) Fundraising
 - \$5,890 raised from bake sale and Benevity
 - Upcoming Fundraisers (Approved)
 - Art Cards – all boxed up in Hilary’s office; admin is happy to do this. Considering a theme, and a thank you card. (**ACTION:** Kerstin reach out to admin at end of Feb).
 - Purdy’s chocolates – Easter, parent pick up during week of March 30 (after spring break) - the week of March 19th doesn’t work – read-a-thon and learning conferences
 - e) Yearbook
 - **ACTION:** ask Desirae/Stacey/Amy who has the password for grad email account (Lesleigh)



- **ACTION:** share photo request link with Grade 6 teachers (Lesleigh)

8 Social Update – *on behalf of Emily Gillis and Nicky Morrison*

- a) Movie Night – Thursday, Feb 26 – Lilo & Stitch selected.
 - Healthy hunger dinner is set up (Empanada Queen) – Friday, Feb 20th deadline to order.
 - Signup genius to attend will go out soon.
 - **ACTION:** make graphic to advertise (Rebecca)
 - FYIs: must have it downloaded, speakers need to be sorted.

9 Fun Lunch Update – Rebecca Szybunka

- a) Feedback given to Mucho Burrito – they get one more chance.
- b) Inglewood pizza is #1 sales; and they donate all the Superhero lunches – great to work with.
- c) \$7,900 so far this year – just includes purchases to date (not future dates in the year).
- d) Critical fundraiser for the school – volunteers are so important.
- e) Request for support from lunchroom staff – on the Monday of a specific week, if we are short, Hilary can reallocate a lunchroom staff to support on a one-off basis.

10 Read-A-Thon – Lindsey Starko, Kate Mueller

- a) Happening March 16-19 (before spring break) - more info coming soon

11 New Business

- a) Trickster Update
 - Admin finally got the signup genius from Trickster Theatre – sent out tonight.
 - Video request was not part of their original price quote; event has been advertised
 - Another \$2,000 cost
 - Does anyone know of anyone who can film the show?
 - It's been advertised that it will be filmed – so we need to do it.
- b) Incentive Idea for Fun Lunch Volunteers
 - Providing a free lunch to volunteers who hand out the lunch – 3 volunteers, approx. \$28-30/fun lunch.
 - Could we have an option to provide a credit to a volunteer's fun lunch account that they could use for future purchases?
 - **ACTION:** Ask Healthy Hunger if there is a way to add to parent accounts (Nigel). There will need to be very accurate record keeping of this work.

12 Closing

- a) Next meeting is March 10, 2026, 6:30pm. CBE Trustee will be here – present what a Trustee does and Q&A.
- b) Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm