



SUNALTA SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

14 APRIL 2026 6:30 PM

ATTENDANCE & DISTRIBUTION

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SCHOOL COUCL	Lindsey Starko, Sarah Duff, Adam Morrison, Emily Gillis, Kate Mueller, Rebecca Szybunka, <i>Regrets: Dana Riley, Katrina Edgerton-McGhan, Nigel Lalande, Amanda Kuchma, Desirae Robertson, Farrah Sunderji, Lesleigh Russell, Nicky Morrison, Rizza Pandya</i>
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	Hilary Wright, Principal Elaine Hordo, Assistant Principal
GUESTS	Simon Clarke, Grade 6 Teacher

1 Welcome & Council Introduction

- a) Call to order
 - The School Council meeting was called to order by Lindsey Starko, Council Vice Chair at 6:35pm.
 - A quorum of council positions was present.
- b) MOTION: To approve meeting minutes from March 10, 2025 meeting.
 - Rebecca first, Emily second, none opposed – motion carried.
- c) Acknowledgement of the Land

2 Guest Speaker(s) – Simon Clarke, Grade 6 Teacher

- a) Outdoor school (overnight trip to outdoor camp) was not an option because of conflicts with the PAT schedule.
- b) “The Long Goodbye” – Grade 6 Farewell Week (last week of school)
 - Mon – Weaslehead Field Trip
 - Lots of fun activities planned; hoping to get a campfire slot
 - Tue – Gym tournament and Thermopylae Race (inviting Grade 5s to join)
 - Wed – Grade 6 Farewell
 - 1:30pm, Grade 6 parents/families invited to attend.
 - Rest of school will attend the first part of the assembly
 - Wiol tie in elements with the Grade 6 Grade committee (meeting next week).
 - Thu – Fitset Ninja
 - Fri – Last day of school
 - Yearbook signing; goodbyes/advice, etc.
- c) Stampede Sports Day will be week prior (most likely).
- d) Spring Performance is Apr 30th.

3 Administrator’s Report

- a) Thanks and Gratitude
 - Read-A-Thon was fantastic! Great feedback from teachers, students, parents, etc. Really brought “joy” back into reading for so many school community families (already thinking about minor tweaks for next year’s event.
 - Fans!
- b) Updates and Events
 - Recent
 - Read-A-Thon



- Field trips for various grades – Studio Bell, Hitmen game, Bow Habitat, Military Museum, Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area.
- Motor Lab – working with OT and PT
 - Adding this function to room 10 – going back to nourish and develop the fundamental skills for kids.
 - Looking at a 4-6 week rotation of the focus of the motor lab.
 - All teachers and support staff have been trained.
- Upcoming
 - Spring Concert (grades 4-6) – April 30 2026 at 1:30pm and 6:00pm
 - (a) Evening performance is only 2 guests per performer.
 - (b) Still waiting for video recording from the Trickster Theatre – may consider videoing again.
 - (c) FOR NEXT YEAR – consider engaging this 3rd party company for multiple sessions for next year.
 - (d) **ACTION:** Elaine/Hilary to connect with company to follow up about the video from trickster theatre
 - May 22 – Volunteer Tea
- c) Classroom Complexity Teams
 - Sunalta will receive a Complexity Team
 - Spring 2026
 - TEACHER: We have been able to hire a teacher from April 20 to June 12 (1.0 FTE) – short time frame, but big impact.
 - (a) Met with grade 4 team today – this is the biggest grade right now. During the morning, they will be splitting Gr 4 into 3 classes for literacy and numeracy (brings ratio down from 1:33 to 1:22)
 - (b) Only 12 weeks left of school but allows teachers to deliver really targeted focus time.
 - (c) Remaining part of the day, this new teacher will be focused on very targeted intervention with students.
 - EDUCATION ASSISTANTS (EAs):
 - (a) For existing EAs, able to increase their hours (prior to this funding – 2 EAs at 25 hours/week, and 1 early childhood practitioner who works 15 hours/week (but only for grades 1-2); school support person who helps with Kindergarten_.
 - (b) Bringing in another EA for 25 hours.
 - (c) Key focus very targeted intervention groups digging into the govt data that is provided.
 - Fall 2026
 - Unsure at this point what will happen in the fall
 - This new funding is completely separate from the Provincial funding – budget was supposed to be released last week (still waiting).
 - Won't get the budget until April 23rd, and reconciliation will take another month.
 - When the budget comes in, they will not include this additional teacher resource until they have confirmation that the resource is confirmed for a full school year.

4 Chair's Report – Lindsey Starko *on behalf of Dana Riley*

- a) Read-A-Thon - \$4,131 raised in gross donations
 - For next year: Kids wanted to bring their bingo cards back to school so they could share what books they read.
- b) Need more volunteers for fun lunch – a few sparse days.
- c) Teacher Appreciation dinner
 - Planning meeting next week
 - Any dietary restrictions – Hilary to send details to Emily and Nicky.

5 Grade 6 Grad FAREWELL Update – Gail Hipfner

- a) Main focus for fundraising
 - Yearbook



- Legacy gift
- Grad party
- b) Raised about \$8,952 so far; current budget is around \$7,800
 - Art Cards and candy sale are not included.
- c) Grad Location
 - Big class (62 students) so unable to use the SCA hall
 - June 16th
- d) Legacy gift
 - 2 additional curling sets

6 Fun Lunch Update – Rebecca Szybunka

- a) \$12K raised so far; expect to reach \$15K target (gross donations).

7 Closing

- a) Next meeting is May 12, 2026, 6:30pm. Next meeting is AGM.
- b) Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm