



Minutes

Sundance Elementary School Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM MST

Location: Virtually through Microsoft Teams

Meeting Participation
Staff: Mme. Melanie, Mme. Heather, Mme. Catherine. T – Kindergarten and LL, Mme. A. Sulek – Kindergarten, Mme. Lindsey Cowan-O’Brien – LL, Mme. Hélène, Mme. K. Peters - LL Parents: James. W (Chair) – 2, Reid. P (<i>Vice Chair</i>) – K, Nikki. C – 3 & 5, Suzanne. T - 4, Miranda. K – 3, Leann. H - K & 3 & 5, Stephanie I - 6, Christine - 5, Victoria Q - 3 & 6, Joshua - K, Nikki K - 6, Parker - K, Karina - K & 5, Jen - K & 3, Itzae - K, Vanessa - 2 & 4, Ryan - K, Jessica - K, Nardia - 1, Ferdinand - K, Reyna - K, Khadeejah – 1 Parents:

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6:32 – 6:35	Call to Order - Land Acknowledgement - Welcome - Motion to start the meeting. First – Nikki C, Second – Reid P - Motion to accept the agenda. First – Nikki. C, Second – Suzanne T. - Motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. First - Nikki C, Second – Suzanne. T	James. W
6:35 – 6:42	Teacher’s Presentation - Kindergarten teacher presentation - Classroom as a family - Routines and boundaries - using them on their own. - Next steps - describe what you don’t like and suggest solutions. - Mentored Texts - We Thinkers texts - Group Plan vs. Your Plan - Using visual supports - Children in their first week will feel a lot of feelings. They will find their groove! Big emotions at the door are normal.	Kindergarten Teachers - Mme. Catherine, Mme. Sulek

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6:42 – 7:19	Administration Update • Halls of Sundance ○ First meeting of the teachers in the school year ○ Meeting with Elder Oki Saa’Kokoto in fish creek park. Learning from the Elders. ○ Welcome back assembly outside - Due to water damage issue with the gym. ○ Gym is now repaired and operational. ▪ More varnish coats be applied at Christmas. ○ Student safety patrol training complete. ○ Terry Fox Run - with Special Guest Willa from the Terry Fox Foundation • Staff Member Slide Show • Picture book from last year - “We Are All Connected” • This year - “Be A Good Ancestor” - Leanna Prince ○ Every choice you make ripples outward. ○ Belonging and connection • School Start-up ○ Projected 592 students this year - Currently at 579 ○ Lower from last year ▪ Kindergarten lottery did not fill to capacity. ▪ Currently running at over capacity - Students move out of catchment. ▪ Families choose to go to their community school. Usually more than one child is involved. ○ Counts are submitted Sept 30th - funding is then adjusted to enrollment. ▪ Staffing decisions can be made after funding is allocated. ▪ Currently operating over-capacity and remain on CBE’s System Student Accommodation Plan (SSAP). ▪ More decisions to be made to accommodate capacity. Unknown what other steps can be taken. ○ Funding is also received for Classroom Complexity ▪ 1 Classroom Complexity Teacher ▪ 2 additional Educational Assistants ▪ 1 additional classroom teacher - Assigned to Grade 3 ○ Current Efforts: ▪ Stage is used as a music room. ▪ Several large rooms host 2 teachers with smaller classes. ▪ Use a library space for Room 21 ○ Start of Year Requests ▪ Continued residency with Elder Saa’kokoto (\$5,000.00/year) (Artist in Residence) - 9 visits scheduled - Honorarium only paid when he comes to the school. - Funding is to be requested to continue residency visits. - Grants may be received, TBD. • Motion to for funding to be taken from Casino fund (\$5,000.00) First - Stephanie I, Second - James W. • Dinners for parent-teacher conferences ○ No motion needed. To be included in the budget, presented next month. • Residency with N’Step. ○ Learn about healthy living. Plan whole school wellness day. Cooking opportunity by the Wellness club. ○ \$1,200.00 for the year. ○ Possible this will happen again, but it is unknown if this will happen. • Motion to fund N’Step from Casino Fund	Mme. Melanie, & Mme. Heather

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	First - Stephanie, Second - Vanessa • Motion to fund one bus for each class for field trips. First - Nikki C, Second - James W. • Motion to fund Whole School Evergreen Theatre Presentation - \$1,650.00 First - James W, Second - Nikki • Motion 2 Whole school Folklofolie Presentations in March (\$1,900.00) ◦ Casino funds cover groups, food comes out of Student Council Funds First - James W, Second - Stephanie I • Special Request ◦ Grade 6 set of Novels - "The Amazing Generation" ◦ Promotes healthy active life beyond screens. • Motion to fund \$440.69. ◦ Needs to confirm where the funding comes from. Casino funds may not be applicable. First - James W, Second - Stephanie I	
7:19– 7:21	Chair Update • Interested in joining School Council or Sundance Parents Association? We are always looking for parents who want to get involved – attending these meetings provides more information about what we do and how you can help. ◦ Please contact the Sundance parent's association email, sundanceparentsassoc@gmail.com. ◦ Why did James Join? - The Cosmic Web ripple effect - Helping others enables them to help others.	James. W
7:21 – 7:26	Volunteer Coordinator Update • Discussion of any upcoming school wide volunteer events ◦ Thank you to all who filled in forms. ◦ Volunteers needed for: ▪ Sundog Lunch ▪ Halloween Dance - October 22nd. - Volunteers needed. More details on numbers required to come. - The Halloween dance is the premier event. Tickets sell out quickly. • Please reach out to volunteer.sundance@gmail.com if you need more info on how to volunteer or have questions about anything volunteer related.	Suzanne. T
7:26 – 7:27	New Business • No new business	All
7:27 - 7:35	Meeting Adjourned • Motion to Adjourn the meeting. First – Stephanie I, Second – Nikki C	James. W