

Sandhill School Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: 2026-03-11

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Sandhills Library

Attendance	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Brian Weigel● Birgit Sievert● Kim Harris● Deanne Reimer● Kari Cilibanov● Jill Kras● Matt Pinelli● Nastaran Hasani (virtual)	
Notes	
Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introductions● Attendance● Review of previous Minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Approval of Minutes	Chairperson
Correspondance <ul style="list-style-type: none">● None	Chairperson
Admin Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cindy back April 1, 2026● Spring concert date verified● Present opportunities to introduce indigenous presenters to come in● Spent funds on radios to support increased safety and communication around the school. It will allow teachers to be off property and be able to communicate with the office, and not interfere with the channels that St Dominics uses<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Improved rules of use (can't say names of students over the air)● Spent funds on magnetic letters and baking sheets to ensure that every child in K-2 has access to their own set● Teachers participating in "walk to read" to improve literacy	Birgit Sievert
Treasurer Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Bingo Funds<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$8379.14	Kari Cilibanov

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General Council Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$1747.46 ● Greening Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$740.51 ● Offer to put a message out to staff to see if there are any ideas that we can spend school funds on 	
<p>Bingo Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are doing well and are getting more volunteers ● In the last few months, we have had 5 people join ● Looking for 1 more volunteer for March 20, 2026 session 	<p>Nadia Rashid</p>
<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do we better keep parents “in the know” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brian & Birgit to bring back possible strategies ○ Looked back at School Day to see what is being sent ○ Some teachers use School Day, others use Google Classroom - encourage teachers to be consistent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Communication is an expectation, not an option ■ In September, Sandhills will start using a calendar on the school website ○ Front office is using School Day ○ Where there are siblings at the same school, sometimes it’s not clear whether or not something is school wide or class specific ○ Teachers who use monthly calendars don’t often have dates in advance, so the calendar they release at the start of the month is often not accurate ○ Discussion around a plan for continuity of staff ● Vacant Positions - still available to be filled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WRAPSC Rep ○ PIC Rep ● Events and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dance (Kari) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tentatively looking at April 23, 2026 - need to confirm that there isn’t a prior booking ■ Looking at student numbers per cohort versus capacity numbers ■ Reach out for potential staff supervisors to assist parent supervisors once date is secured ■ Discussion about students helping to decorate 	<p>Chairperson</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Discussion about requiring students to come with parents. Unsupervised students will not be admitted ○ Multicultural Fair - End of Year Celebration (Deanne) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tentative date of June 17 or 18, 2026 with a “rain” date ■ Discussion about food truck numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4-5 minimum ■ In the past, reached out to community members to present or set up activity booths to teach more about their culture ■ Action Required: Pick a date ■ Action Required: Draft a communication to send to parents ■ Action Required: Deanne and Birgit to connect to discuss potential options for entertainment/food ● Camino Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Topic: Routines & Boundaries ○ Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Better Boundaries, Better Routines ■ Kind Boundaries, Firm Routines ■ Child, I Love You, But You Gotta Go to Bed ○ Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Consistency in routines is important for teaching children to structure their needs and goal-oriented efforts in life. This workshop will provide insights and strategies to parents for developing and maintaining routines. Participants will explore their own feelings towards routines and bedtime, in addition to learning practical skills for setting boundaries and organizing routines for children 12 and under. 	
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kari: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerned about the March newsletter ○ On March 10, 2026, Health Canada in class presentation ○ Thought there was a requirement that any guest speakers to give two weeks notice ○ Kari to reach out to the teacher to get more information about what the presentation was about 	<p>Chairperson</p>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Birgit:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Playground update:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ No current contractor currently responsible for assessing playground■ Initiated contact with superintendents and were told that Sandhills is at the top of the list■ Need to wait for the ground to thaw before the assessment can be done○ Saidat:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Booked for <i>April 17, 2026</i>■ Question if Council wanted to sponsor (pay) for the event, since it includes K-6■ Action Required: Birgit to get back to council with the cost■ Action Required: Kari to initiate a council vote by email to expedite a decision | |
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