

Chris Akkerman School Council 2025/2026

May 28 2026

Call to Order: 6:41 PM

In Attendance: Anjul Virk, Maninder Gill, Celia Long, Melissa LaBine, Leanne Bettsworth, Bruce Murray, Harcharan Kaur, Ariam Berhe, Selam Debesay, Shivani Sharma

Treasurer's report:

- Account Balances

The following balances were reported:

Account	Balance
Casino Account	\$22,765.99
Community Account	\$8,672.22
Healthy Hunger Funds Pending Deposit	\$1,776.10
Uniform Sale & Bottle Depot Fundraising	\$1,755.10

The uniform sale and bottle depot fundraiser generated strong results, with the majority of revenue coming from school spirit wear sales.

- Community Account Status

With recent fundraising proceeds, the Community Account balance is expected to exceed **\$12,000**, placing the Society in a stronger financial position than in previous years.

School Spirit Wear Initiative

- Update
 - o Chair reported that a supplier previously used for spirit wear has been contacted.
 - o Pricing information is being requested for a new order of school T-Shirts, Hoodies, Limited quantities of long-sleeves shirts
- Council agreed that school-branded clothing has been well received by families and continues to be a successful fundraiser.
- Anjul to obtain updated pricing and circulate a quotation to Council members.

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Used Uniform Sale Planning

- Families will be encouraged to donate uniforms rather than consign them for individual reimbursement.
- A simplified pricing structure will be used to reduce administrative work.
- Concerns were noted regarding the possibility of receiving damaged or unusable items.
- School administration emphasized the importance of maintaining visibility and supervision if the sale occurs on school property.
- **Proposed Plan**
 - o Hold the sale on a Fun Lunch day.
 - o Accept donations during the morning.
 - o Conduct sales following Fun Lunch and after school.
 - o If weather permits, set up outdoors near the main entrance using school folding tables.

FundScrip Fundraising Program

Maninder presented information regarding the **FundScrip Gift Card Fundraising Program**.

- **Overview**
 - o FundScrip allows families to purchase gift cards from participating retailers while generating fundraising revenue for the school.
- **Key Features Discussed**
 - o More than 250 participating retailers.
 - o Options for grocery, gas, restaurants, entertainment, and retail gift cards.
 - o Online ordering available directly through FundScrip.
 - o Parents can:
 - Order physical gift cards delivered to their homes.
 - Purchase e-gift cards without shipping charges.
 - o School Council receives a percentage of each purchase.
 - o Different retailers provide different fundraising percentages.
- **Council Feedback**
 - o Council members expressed support for the online ordering model because:
 - It minimizes volunteer workload.
 - It eliminates handling cash and bulk orders.
 - It allows fundraising throughout the year.
 - It aligns well with holiday shopping periods.
- **Decision**
 - o Council agreed to proceed with preparing the program for launch during the 2026–2027 school year. Maninder to continue discussions with FundScrip and complete account setup requirements before September.

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Gaga Ball Pit Funding Request

- The Society reviewed the funding request for the Gaga Ball Pit project.
- Project Cost

Estimated total cost:

Item	Estimated Cost
Foundation Preparation	Approximately \$10,000
Gaga Ball Pit Installation	Approximately \$9,000
Total Project Cost	Approximately \$19,000 plus applicable taxes

- The project would be funded from the Casino Account.
- The need to utilize available Casino funds appropriately.
- The long-term benefit of a permanent playground enhancement.
- The value of providing recreational opportunities on the portable side of the school ground.
- Future use and popularity of the Gaga Ball Pit among students.
- **Motion:**
To approve funding of approximately \$19,000 plus applicable taxes from the Casino Account for the installation of the Gaga Ball Pit and associated foundation work.

Moved by: Maninder Gill

Seconded by: Melissa

Result: Motion Carried.

- Additional Notes
 - o School administration will proceed with project planning and coordination through the Calgary Board of Education.
 - o Council funds will reimburse the school once invoicing is received.

Review of Outstanding Funding Commitments

- Council reviewed previously discussed funding requests to determine whether any outstanding commitments remained.
- Discussion Items Reviewed.
 - o Grade 5 recognition items.
 - o Classroom rewards.
 - o French celebration activities
 - o Sports Day refreshments
 - o Teacher appreciation
 - o Field trip transportation support

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Administration advised that:

- Most approved expenditures have already been addressed.
- Field trip transportation costs were ultimately covered through parent fees rather than Council funding.
- Administration to verify whether any additional invoices remain outstanding before year-end.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:18 PM