



MINUTES

Camilla School Council Agenda

Date: September 16, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Camilla School Staff Room

Call to Order: 6:08 PM

Welcome: Penny Fisher, Lauren Whitson, Kathy Paquette, Kevin Elias, Megan Schwandt, Shallen Moore, Vanessa Gerla, Barb Brochu, Robyn Sheehan, Kim Thompson, Miyah Verhulst, Alannah Bieber

All present completed a quick round table introductions (names/positions (if applicable)/ grades of their kidds)

Land Acknowledgment: The Camilla School Council respectfully acknowledges that we teach, learn and grow together on Treaty 6 territory and Homeland of the Métis. Our school is located in Riviere Qui Barre, previously named Kiputokaw, the Cree word for the Riviere that is barred. I personally have Metis and Settler ancestry and am grateful for the stewards of the land that came before us including the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene, Nakota Sioux and Inuit. Our council gains to understand the harms done in the past through the colonization of our education system and hope to contribute to steps in reconciliation through our interactions with staff, teachers, students, parents and community members. May Camilla School be a place for continued growth and understanding. - Shallen Moore

Additions to Agenda:

1. Grade 6 Camp Out – Lauren
2. Yearbooks - Penny
3. Camilla “swag” for Maritime Trip – Shallen

New Business:

1. Parent Engagement Night (Lauren)
 - There seems to be a lot of interest in the “Anxious Generation” that we discussed in May. Perhaps a parent engagement night on this subject would be of benefit to parents.
 - Kevin advised that this was actually a main subject of the PD Day at the school on September 15 th . The school had a guest speaker out from Unplugged Canada (mom from St. Albert that is a teacher with Edmonton Public). Kevin confirmed that Tara Hodgson is actually on Unplugged

Canada's approved list of speakers as well.

- Perhaps Tara could give a presentation with a "Coles notes" version of the Anxious Generation. Tie it back to the school's new no phone policy.
- Will discuss further at next meeting but will look at a date for this once the matter of the Teacher Strike is settled. Could possibly run following a CSC/CSSA meeting night.

2. Grade 6 Camp Out (Lauren)

- Booked at Camp Nakamun June 10-11
- Currently looking like \$100/kid which the group would like to bring down through a group specific fundraiser.
- Will approach the CSSA to possibly handle any fundraising funds but the Camp Out group / parents will organize their own fundraiser outside of the CSSA

3. Yearbooks

- Kevin has advised the school will not be using Edge this year for school photos. They will be using an independent gentlemen, who they have used in the past, and have good experience with, to do school photos this year and

he is happy to organize a school year book as well. He handles a handful of school.

4. Camilla "swag" for Maritime Trip (Shallen)

- Topic kicked over to CSSA meeting to discuss as may call for some cash support from the CSSA.

Reports

Principal / Vice President (Kevin)

- Mental Health Speaker – Kevin has asked Mrs. Ragosin to look into. She has spoken with a counselor out of Spruce Grove about coming into the school to speak about stress/anxiety/transitions. They will be meeting in the near future to discuss a possible presentation and how to best speak with different grades/groups.
- School enrollment slightly lower than expected. Smaller grade 1 numbers and kindergarten numbers, both which were anticipated. Some non-returning kids due to moves or transfers to athletic/hockey academies. Class sizes still reasonable compared to the City but also larger than preferred due to budget constraints. Beginning of the school year shows everyone settling nicely.
- Terry Fox Run – this year will be the 45 th Anniversary of the run. Mrs. Payne is spear heading. Will run September 25 th at 11:15. School will be providing a hot dog lunch following the race (hot dogs only).
- Ga Ga Ball – school would like to make a request to the CSSA to purchase two octagon Ga Ga Ball pits. There has been great interest in this amongst the teachers. It is something that kids from kinder all the way to Grade 9 will have fun with. Would aim to put one pit closer to the basketball / portables area of the yard and the other in the smaller kids area of the playground,

maybe between the school and the outdoor classroom. Can be played year round. Some other schools in the division have brought them in already with great success.

- No Cell Phone Policy – has been going well. Zero issues with the kids. Only, maybe two, instances of phones being taken away but those were accidental by the kids. Kids have already been showing to be more engaged (playing Yahtzee etc.).

Teacher Report - None

Student Report - None

CSSA Report – Meeting to follow

Trustee Report - Joe Dwyer absent

General Discussions

As this is the first meeting of the school year, Shallen broached the subject of what activities we would like to plan for and see happen again this year. Suggested activities included:

- Glow Dance
- Pancake breakfast (around Christmas) – Suggestion: perhaps do as a “community” style breakfast in the gym rather than in the individual classrooms.
- Christmas Store – Note: Veronica Shoenberger usually heads this planning. As she will be undergoing surgery at the end of September she may require more assistance this year, or even need someone to step in for her.
- Ski Club – Discussed that this will be a go with Veronica, Penny and Kathy. Tawantana had left the school some pamphlets. Trying to encourage our business this year. Unfortunately, they do not do night skiing or have a chair lift. May not be ideal for our needs.

Date of Next Meeting: October 21, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: 6:31 PM