

SEVEN OAKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.
Seven Oaks School Division, 830 Powers Street – Board Room / Virtual via Teams

MINUTES

Board:

Irv Simmonds	President	In person
Avrum Senensky	Vice President	In person
Jennifer West	Treasurer	In person
Albert Yanofsky	Director	In person
Cheryl Senensky	Director	In person
Howard Kowalchuk	Director	In person
Navjeet Kambo	Director	Virtual
Nicole Lavallee	Director	In person
Maria Santos	Director	In person
Tammy Fraser	Director	Virtual
Garry Alejo	Director	In person

Guest: Christine Wirgau

Regrets: Harriet Zaidman, Wayne Shimizu, Ernesto Ofiaza

Meeting called to order at 4:40pm

1. Approval of Agenda

"That the agenda for the meeting be adopted as listed."

Cheryl Senensky / Maria Santos

CARRIED

2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2025

"That the minutes of the May 14, 2025, regular meeting be approved (as listed) (as amended)."

Albert Yanofsky / Avrum Senensky

CARRIED

3. Publication Update

Tammy working on it, looking for story from attendee of one of the grads

4. Winnipeg Foundation Report

June 30, 2025, statements have been sent via email.

5. Financial Report – Wayne Shimizu

Wayne will send via email

6. Land Acknowledgement

Draft for Discussion:

Seven Oaks Education Foundation acknowledges that we are on Treaty 1 territory, the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg, Anishininew, Dakota Oyate, Ininew, and the birthplace and homelands of the Red River Metis.

We acknowledge that our clean drinking water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation on Treaty 3 Territory

We acknowledge the historical and ongoing injustices faced by Indigenous Peoples and recognize our responsibility to learn from the past and work toward reconciliation. We honor the treaties, the land, and the water that sustain us, and we commit to deepening our understanding of their significance.

Seven Oaks Education Foundation is dedicated to fostering higher education, community engagement, sustainability, and inclusion while integrating reconciliation into our values and practices. Through education and meaningful action, we strive to support a more just and equitable future for all.

Motion: That the above Land Acknowledgement will now be the Land Acknowledgement for the Seven Oaks Education Foundation.

Nicole Lavallee / Maria Santos

CARRIED

7. Scholarships

Seven Oaks Optimist Club Scholarship Fund:

SOEF has received \$7,000 from Seven Oaks Optimist Club that has wound up operations.

"That the SOEF top up the donation with \$3,000 and together with the \$7,000 received, transfer \$10,000 to the Winnipeg Foundation to establish the Seven Oaks Optimist Club Scholarship Fund that will live in perpetuity."

Nicole Lavallee / Howard Kowalcuk

CARRIED

8. Fundraising Events

SOEF Pickleball Tournament

- November 22 and 23, 2025 at Garden City Collegiate
- Registrations open
- Call for volunteers
- Permits booked
- Set up Friday (November 21)
- Max 96 Teams, currently 50 – 9 courts
- Volunteers – Howard to provide students. Cheryl has a list
- Metals have been purchased
- Swag from Trustees and Tony confirmed
- Prizes need to be bought
- A letter of donation given to Garry, going to ask for food donations and possible others

9. New Business

Jennifer West has resigned from her role with the SOEF Board. She is recommending that Christine Wirgau, SOSD Accounting Supervisor who has recently re-gained her CPA credentials, replace her as Treasurer on the SOEF Board of Directors.

Appointment of Director & Officer – Christine Wirgau

Recommended Action: That Chirstine Wirgau be appointed as a Director of the Seven Oaks Education Foundation Inc. and be appointed as an Officer to hold the office of Treasurer until the next Annual General Meeting of the Foundation, or until her successor has been duly elected or appointed.

Cheryl Senensky / Garry Alejo

CARRIED

Proposed 2025-2026 Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – Regular and Annual General Meeting **Location TBA**

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

10. Correspondence

Thank you cards and 2025 Convocation programs for circulation

11. Next Meeting

Regular Board Meeting – October 14, 2025

4:30pm at 830 Powers St. – Board Room

Meeting adjourned at 5:49pm



President



Vice-President