

Rimbey Elementary School Council Foundation Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Kelly Leblanc at 5:54pm

Roll Call: Kelly Leblanc (Chairperson), Alannah Bancroft (Vice Chairperson), Jenni Whatmore (Secretary), Matilda Kleinsasser (Treasurer), Stacy Sargeant (Vice Principal), Suzanne Bergeron, Mandy Klein, Lena May, Lyndsey Rumsey and Allison Goodwin.

Agenda: the agenda for the January 14, 2025 meeting was amended in the following ways:

Addition: New Business- 4.11 Mural

Addition: New Business- 4.12 Eavestrough for Sandbox

The amended agenda, as presented by Kelly Leblanc, was approved by Lena May. Mandy Klein seconds. Carried. [Jan. Foundation Meeting Agenda](#)

Minutes: The minutes from the Foundation meeting held on November 12, 2025 was approved by Alannah Bancroft. Mandy Klein seconds. Carried. [RES Foundation Meeting Minutes Nov 12, 2025](#)

1.0 Treasurer's Report: Unfortunately, due to the mail strike Matilda Kleinsasser did not have all the documents needed to complete an accurate Treasurer's Report. Matilda did report that our current funds are as follows: Total balance: \$33,024.38

Chequing Account: \$15,246.68

Savings Account \$17,777.70

Matilda Kleinsasser presented the numbers above as the Treasurer's Report and advised the council that she would link the completed report here, as soon as possible. Matilda motions for approval of Treasurer's Report as presented. Lena May approves the Treasurer's Report. Jenni Whatmore seconds. Carried.

2.0 Hot Lunches: Hot Lunches for the remainder of the school year have been posted onto the parent portal, with the exception of a few events, such as sales for the Grade 6 trip, that will be posted as they come up. Also, volunteers are still needed, Kelly Leblanc will continue to post on Facebook when volunteers are needed. Bre Button will also be adding Kelly's contact information, in regards to hot lunches, in the next email(s) sent to parents. Finally, there was been so much generosity with the "Buy a Buddy" program that it at a set price of \$4, for the remainder of the school year.

3.0 Old Business:

3.1 Remembrance Day Books: Books have arrived and been taken to the library. Will be a great resource for next year, and the years to follow

3.2 Candy Cane Dance: The foundation provided approximately 400 candy canes of a variety of flavours, to the dance. The fun flavored candy canes were found by Kelly Leblanc at Canadian Tire

3.3 Literacy Program: Grade 8/9 Book Project was successfully completed by all students included, currently the grade 8 books have been printed/binded with the invoice being given to the foundation. RES parent council will also cover the costs to print/binde the grade 9 books once they are completed. The students involved also enjoyed an afternoon of hot chocolate and cookies together, which the foundation also covered the costs. The RES Foundation approved up to \$1,500 towards the literacy project at the November meeting

3.4 Gifts for Staff: The gifts for EA appreciation day and the staff gifts for Christmas were well received. Thank you to those that helped put these together

3.5 General Thank-you Cards: Suzanne Burgeron attempted to create these cards through Canva; however, Suzanne was very underwhelmed with the program and will never use it again for Thank- you cards. In return Suzanne had some simple cards made up and printed at the school, to be distributed.

3.6 Thank-you cards for Breakfast with Santa: Kelly Leblanc, Suzanne Bergeron and Allison Goodwin have offered to distribute these thank-you cards

3.7 Amazon Wishlist: Teachers' were very appreciative of the many gifts they received for the holidays, with that being said, the Amazon Wishlist link will remain on the Facebook page for others to continue to view/purchase from. The parent council would also like to contribute to purchasing some of the needs/wants requested from the Elementary School staff. Lena May motions for the purchase of up to \$200 towards an Amazon order starting with watercolour paper and paint brushes. Mandy Klein seconds. Carried. [2024 Staff Survey](#)

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Thank-you card drawing contest: After a lot of deliberation among the present council members, a simple decision could not be agreed upon. The parent council did agree that Allison Goodwin would take on the task of thank-you cards and the possibility of a contest. Allison will present what she came up with at the next meeting. With the need of these thank- you cards sooner than later Suzanne Bergeron motions that Allison Goodwin has full delegation of the thank-you cards and a budget of \$125. Mandy Klein seconds. Carried.

4.2 Substitute Appreciation Day: The week of March 10-14, 2025 is sub appreciation week and the council would like to recognize the 7 substitutes helping in the Elementary School. Alannah Bancroft motions that Mandy Klein can spend up to \$100 on gift cards, from local establishments, for the Substitute Teachers. Lena May seconds. Carried.

4.3 CSA Helmets: The school has received very generous donations in regards to the CSA helmets needed for skating lessons. We are no longer in need of helmets as the school has been able to purchase 14 new helmets. Thank-you, to those that helped!

4.4 Library plant: tabled for later conversation in regards to the library

4.5 Anti-Bullying/Inclusion & Pink Shirt Day: The parent council will be supplying milk and cookies in regards to pink shirt day. There has also been a request to provide literature in regards to anti-bullying and inclusion. The council feels these books would be good resources to donate to the school's social worker. Allison Goodwin motions to approve up to \$150 to purchase books/resources in regards to anti-bullying and inclusion, which will be given to the school social worker, Christine Robertson. Alannah Bancroft seconds. Carried.

4.6 Cinnamon Hearts: Cinnamon hearts and conversation hearts have been requested to celebrate Valentine's Day. Lena May motions to donate \$250 towards the purchase of 15 tubs of cinnamon hearts and 15 tubs of conversation hearts, for Valentine's Day. Allison Goodwin seconds. Carried.

4.7 Gym Equipment: The gym teacher, Margaret Bjournson, is seeking help in replacing the old gym mats as they are damaged and falling apart. She is also looking to purchase new dodgeballs and soccer balls for the gymnasium. The council deliberated and researched the cost of these purchases being requested and would like to help supply some of the equipment needed. Allison Goodwin motions to approve \$2,000 towards the gym for a sports factor order. Lena May seconds. Carried.

4.8 Rink Flooding: a school wide email will be sent out in hopes to find a parent to coordinate the rink flooding. Allison Goodwin will be the contact for this task and the fire department is available to help. There is currently no ice and unfortunately, a few more broken tiles from when APEX cleared the snow.

4.9 Library Furniture: The "Buy a Book a Shelf" fundraiser will take place January- February 2025 with the proceeds raised going towards the library. The parent council also plans on helping purchase more furniture and resources for the Elementary Library. Suzanne Bergeron motions to provide

Tanya Walters, the librarian, with \$150 towards library improvements, with more funds to come in the future. Lena May seconds. Carried.

4.10 Gaga Ball Pit: the gym is seeking assistance in getting a sign made in regards to the Gaga Ball Pit Rules. Suzanne Bergerson will be in contact with the gym teacher in regards to what is needed for the signage

4.11 Mural: The Elementary School will consider another mural being created in the warmer weather. Discussion tabled, for now

4.12 Eavestroughing: It has been brought forward that the sandbox needs eavestroughing as the melting snow has created a fair amount of ice

5.0 Fundraising:

5.1 50/50 Raffle: The online 50/50 raffle will start April 1, 2025 with the draw taking place on May 12, 2025. There will be 3 winners with the prizes being a pizza party, ice cream floats party and an ice cream treat party. Suzanne Bergeron and Jenni Whatmore have offered to do the behind the scenes work for the raffle. Suzanne Bergeron motions to approve the parents council foundation up to \$150 in regards to one of the classroom prizes for the 50/50 raffle. Alannah Bancroft seconds. Carried.

5.2 Library: The “Buy a Book a Shelf” fundraiser will take place at the end of January and run until the end of February, with the proceeds raised going towards the library.

5.3 Crowd Source Application: This application will not be taking place this year

5.4 Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign: Application was submitted before December 31, 2024, still waiting to hear which application was selected

5.5 Application for Chili Cook Off: Kelly Leblanc has submitted the application with the Town of Rimbey

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 2025 at 5pm

Adjournment:lanc adjourned meeting at 7:52pm