

Rimbey Elementary Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Kelly Leblanc at 5:04pm

Roll Call: Kelly Leblanc (Chairperson), Alannah Bancroft (Vice Chairperson), Jenni Whatmore (Secretary), Matilda Kleinsasser (Treasurer), Trudy Bratland (WCPS Trustee), Jodi Braamfield (Principal), Suzanne Bergeron, Mandy Klein, Lyndsey Rumsey, Allison Goodwin, Nicole Fox and Kim Poulsen.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda for the March 11, 2025 School Council meeting was amended in the following ways:

Addition- New Business- 4.2 Childcare

The amended agenda was presented by Kelly Leblanc. Amended agenda approved by Mandy Klein. Jenni Whatmore seconds. Carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes for the Council meeting held January 14, 2025 was approved by Alannah Bancroft. Mandy Klein seconds. Carried.

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1.0 Reports

1.1 Principal Report: Jodi Bramfield presented the following:

RE School Council Principal Report for March 11, 2025

2025 - 2026 School Calendar

- Pending approval of the Board, the 2025 - 2026 School Calendar:
 - 174 Student Dats
 - Staggered Entrance:
 - September 2 Surnames A-L
 - September 3 Surnames M-Z
 - In Lieu Days:
 - Nove. 10 (set by division office)
 - Feb. 17 - Was a Professional Development Day -Will be In Lieu Day for Parent Teacher Interviews
 - May 19 (set by division office)
 - June 19 -Was a Professional Development Day -Will be In Lieu for Parent Teacher Interviews
 - If needed: Weather Recovery Days otherwise, these are Professional Development Days
 - Dec 12 (if school is cancelled prior to Dec 12)
 - June 5 (if school is cancelled after Dec 12)

Upcoming:

March 12: Grade 4 - 6 Mini Hoops Registration deadline (April 7 - May 15)

March 12: Booster Juice Day

March 12: Suzanne Bereron's Presentation at 7pm in RE library:

Who Said it has to be Perfect? Managing Perfectionism in your Home and Studies

March 13: ICE Presentation - Internet Safety

- Parents/Guardians are invited to an online safety presentation on THursday, March 13 at 6 PM at RJSH. Members from the RCMP Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) will be presenting on the realities of internet child exploitation in ALberta, and strategies to navigate these issues in an open and collaborative way with your children.
- Some of the topics discussed include:
 - Who we are and what we do
 - The internet and social media, child luring and sextortion
 - Artificial intelligence and emerging online sites/apps
 - Our partners and how we can all work together to keep kids safe online

March 14: Pi Day

March 14: BCG starting to run their Rimbey Program out of our school

March 17: Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day

March 18: Hot Dog Day

March 19: Break a Rule Day - Fundraiser for Grade 6 Camp

March 21: Professional Development Day

March 24 - 30: Spring Break

March 31: Pizza Day

April 2: Autism Day: wear light blue

April 7 - May 15: Mini Hoops Program

April 8: Suzanne Bergeron's Presentation at 7 PM in RE library:

Play: Aren't they just supposed to do that?

April 10: RE Spring Celebration (4 - 7 PM)

Wolf Creek Summit

- On Friday, January 31, 2025, I attended the Wolf Creek Summit.
- The Summit was organized by our district senior administration team to gather feedback from various stakeholders on the operation of Wolf Creek schools.
- Each school in the district was asked to send an administrator, teacher, support staff, parent and students in grades 6 - 12. Rimbey Elementary School representatives with: Kelly Leblanc (parent representative), Maria Tisdale (teacher representative), Kammy Key (support staff representative), Kirby R and Ayla S (grade 6 student representative).

1.2 Trustee Report: Trudy Bratland reported the following:

March 2025

Parent Council Report

We held the Stakeholder Summit on January 31 in Lacombe. More than 200 people were registered. Update on the Stakeholder Summit - the day was very well attended by staff, parents and students who were complemented on attending the Summit on a day when there was no school. We received a lot of information from our facilitator, Mr. Jordan Tinney and were involved in table discussions. After a delicious lunch, we were divided into groups of four and held structured interviews with each other. Finally, we indicated our preferences for “The Future We Want” on sheets of paper attached to the walls of the meeting room. The staff have tabulated the information and have distributed the information to participants.

The February Board meeting was held on the 13th and I was unable to attend but Agenda items included confirming the minutes of the Advocacy Community Engagement and PR Committees, reviewing the base calendar, sponsorship of the ASCA Conference, setting dates for the Audit Committee, Board/Support Staff Liaison meeting and the proposed Budget timelines. The Agenda for the Board/Parent Council meeting to be held on April 10 at 5:00 was included in discussions. We received reports from the various departments within the Division, including the Superintendent and his team. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13th which is earlier than usual so that the Superintendents will be able to attend their CASS meetings.

Trustees and some Central Office staff attended the Alberta Rural Education Summit March 2nd to 4th and found the information provided at that conference to be valuable - The Theme for the conference was "Ensuring Equitable Outcomes for Rural Students". Sessions on Transformational Family and Community Engagement, Generative AI and the Changing Landscape of Education, and a panel discussion with the Minister of Education provided a lot of information for the participants.

On March 10 we met for a Salary & Wage committee meeting to discuss proposals from staff groups that are not teachers or unionized. We have a three year rotation for three groups of staff members and this year it was Group A - School Support staff. We compare our compensation to the compensation given to other divisions in Zone four and strive to be competitive and fair to the staff in Wolf Creek.

2.0 School Council Foundation

2.1 Library Fundraisers have concluded; Lunges for Learning & Buy a Reader a Seat Campaign

2.2 Outdoor Classroom: Fundraising continues for the Outdoor Classroom Project. A PowerPoint was shared with the council, of the progress made so far and of what's to come

2.3 Hot lunch: more volunteers are needed

3.0 Business Arising from minutes

3.1 Speaker dates for ASCE grant:

Wednesday, March 12, 2025- Who said it has to be perfect? Managing perfectionism in your homes and studies.

Tuesday, April 8, 2025- Play: Aren't they just supposed to do that?

Kelly Leblanc will arrange for light food and refreshments to be available during the presentations, which the RES Foundation approved to cover costs.

3.2 Wolf Creek Summit: attended on Friday, January 31, 2025 by RES staff, parents and students

4.0 New Business

4.1 ICE Presentation: Rimbey Jr.Sr. High School on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 6pm.

4.2 Childcare: Suzanne Bergeron will coordinate childcare during board meetings for the remainder of the school year. A new coordinator will need to be found at the AGM meeting in September.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 5pm

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Kelly Leblanc at 5:39pm