



Riverside School Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: September 18, 2025

Call to order:

Jennifer Hvingelby called meeting to order at 7:00pm

Attendees:

Jamie Khory	Mel MacDonald	Jenn Hvingelby	Shareen Kangarloo
Heather Elliott	Nicole Sereda	Julie Dort	Elizabeth Carey
Jenny Edwards	Kay Rittenbach	Eoin Bates	Jennifer Burrell
Allie Da Silva	Angela Parsons	Gil Sissons	Erin Boyce
Rita Chhokar	Simmie Pandher	Alexa Gilker	Pallavi Joshi
Dzifa Foli	Teresa K		

Review of Action Items & Approval of minutes from the May 15, 2025

Action Items:

Minutes approved as distributed – Mel M. & Jenn H.

Action Item – Follow up on the status of the yellow lines and four-square play area that were supposed to be installed over the summer.

Principal's Report

- Fully staffed to start the school year, which is great for the school at the start of the year
- Ms. Emily – new EA for Access
- Mr. Gregory is covering grade 3 who is on mat leave
- Ms. Hahn is covering grade 4 who is on mat leave
- Ms. Kerkhoff is all year in grade 1

- Ms. Chau is here for grade 4
- Mr. Delay is staying for grade 8
- Mr. Lopa is now the music teacher

658 students (652 science / 6 access) which is about 5 more than last year

Annie is working with a variety of classes on surveys (4-9 doing our school survey on wellbeing) (5,6,8,9 do CBE survey in next calendar year and will start K-3 this year. Grades 4,7,10 do the Alberta Assurance Education survey.

School development plan focus is on task design and this year engagement and accessibility issues.

Intervention team is in place that will work with students who are identified as at risk in literacy and math to provide additional supports. Assessments are done to allow for targeted supports to allow students to catch up in areas that are needed.

Teachers will also be working with students and parents for students with IPP's.

Overnight field studies – 5 & 7 go to Camp Chief Hector, 6 to Tyrell Museum, and 8 go to U of C to biogeoscience institute, 9 go camping with an optional sailing trip around Salt Spring Island.

This is the first time in years the YMCA will not cover 70% of the fees and may look to School Council to help support students with financial barriers.

Potential of a teachers strike that is set to start on October 6 unless ATA and Government of Alberta can come to an agreement. If a strike occurs, the school will be closed.

Book fair raised: \$11,277.85

Funding Requests

- September 14 email funding request for \$133.34 overages on items for welcome back tea, book fair, bbq, carrots, and Meet the Teacher
- \$250 to buy prizes the bottle drive
- \$5000 books for Learning Commons
- Circuit membership (\$80/annually) and ChatGPT pro membership (\$200/annually)
- Basketball hoops for K-5 and electronic scoreboard \$1050
- Squat rack from Fitness Depot - \$550
- June Night of the Ravens - \$800
- Fall 2025 –Activity Day and Dance \$500
- Spring 2025 - Activity Day and Dance - \$500

Naturalization Area

Julie, working with Teresa, discusses issues with students breaking branches and mining stones in the naturalization area.

Julie requests volunteers to help spread mulch and build up the area to prevent erosion.

The idea of labeling trees with engraved metal signs is proposed, but the durability of the signs is a concern.

Julie mentions the need for garbage pickups in the yard and invites others to join in these efforts.

Adjournment

Jenn H. motioned to adjourn at 8:01 pm

Minutes submitted by: Jamie Khory

Next meeting: May 15, 2025 at 7:00pm