



## Riverside School Council

### Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: April 16, 2026

#### Call to order:

Jenn H. called meeting to order at 7:00pm

#### Attendees:

Jamie Khory	Mel MacDonald	Simmie Pandher	Jennifer Hvingelby
Teresa Koskimaki	Seah MacDonald	Gillian Sissons	Courtney McVie
Kay Rittenbach			

#### Review of Action Items & Approval of minutes from the March 19 , 2025

##### Approval of Minutes

- The minutes were approved as distributed.
- Motion to approve: Mel
- Seconded by: Julie
- All in favour.

##### Action Items:

None

#### Principal's Report

##### Staffing Updates:

- Two Lunch Supervisors have been hired.
- Mr. Lopa returned from leave on March 30.
- The budget has been postponed by two weeks; further updates will be provided at the next meeting.
- A new staff member, Mr. B, has been hired with funding secured for this school year and next year to support student interventions.

##### Budget:

Pending approval at the May 2026 meeting

- The budget presentation has been postponed by two weeks; additional details will be shared at the next meeting.
- Self-healing mats (\$250) – removed from funding request; will be covered using school funds.
- Compost bins – removed from funding request; available through CBE.
- Smart Boards – may be funded through Council/Society and do not need to come from school funds.
- Mr. Higgins will bring Trickster Theatre to K–6 students in May 2027 at a cost of \$15,000.

### **Field Area**

- Maintenance is assessing the field area to determine whether improvements can be made.

### **Costs Related to Field Studies**

- Last year, approximately \$8,000 remained outstanding in field study fees (not including \$4,300 waived by Steve, of which \$3,500 were enhancement trips).
- Discussion took place regarding increasing community awareness around the importance of paying fees.

### **Naturalization Committee**

- Parks Foundation Calgary met with the committee and suggested applying for the \$75,000 grant.
- The group discussed potential sports equipment or other playground enhancement ideas.
- A project support account could be established at a cost of \$2,500; funds raised through this account would be eligible for tax receipts

### **Funding Requests**

#### ***Details outlined in Parent Society Minutes***

- \$3,200 – Office – Laminator (Casino funds)
- \$1,270 – Mr. Norman – Guitar Club (Casino funds – Simmie to confirm)
- \$1,250 – Staff Appreciation (Operating funds)
- \$300 – Carrots for Terry Fox (Operating funds)
- \$250 – Welcome Back Tea (Operating funds)
- \$500 – Grade 9 Graduation (Operating funds)
- \$100 – Spatulas (Casino funds)
- \$20,000 – Ms. Oppenheim – New Music Program (Casino funds)
- \$300 – Ms. Ware – Wireless glue guns (Casino funds – Simmie to confirm)

### **New Business**

#### **Elections –**

- Jenn Burrell will remain as Communications Coordinator.
- Teresa will remain as Naturalization Coordinator.
- Portia will remain as Volunteer Coordinator.
- Jenn H will step down from School Council.

Pending approval at the May 2026 meeting

- Jamie K will step down from Secretary to run for Co-Chair of School Council.
- Secretary position will be vacant; Seah MacDonald has expressed interest in the role.

## **Adjournment**

Jenn H motioned to adjourn at 7:45 pm

Minutes submitted by: Jamie Khory

Next meeting: May 21, 2026