

Rosemont School Council (RSC)
September 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Purpose:

School Councils provide a means for parents and community to work together with administration, staff and students, to promote the well-being and overall effectiveness of the school community. Its main role is advisory and as follows:

1. *To help build a sense of community within Rosemont School.*
2. *To develop and promote our school's presence within the larger community.*
3. *To promote parent involvement at Rosemont School.*
4. *To enhance the educational experiences of students at Rosemont School.*
5. *To develop a school financial plan to support chosen initiatives.*

Date: Tuesday September 17, 2024

Location: Rosemont School, Classroom 6

Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Attendees: Rachel Au, Amy Cooper, Dave Cooper, Jen Cooper, Dan Devoe, Brenna Doyle, Matthew Guilherme, Raymond Johnson, Rebecca Jones, Kristine McIntyre, Gayatri Moorthi, Victoria Ohlhauser, David Rasmussen, Andrea Robichaud, Haley Walker

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call Meeting to Order	David Rasmussen	David R called meeting to order at 6:32.
2. Approval of Agenda	David Rasmussen	- Motion by David R to approve September 2024 Meeting Agenda. - Motion seconded by Dan D. - All in favor – motion passed.
3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting	David Rasmussen	- Motion by David R to approve May 2024 AGM Minutes. - Motion seconded by Matthew G. - All in favor – motion passed.
4. Business Arising from Minutes	David Rasmussen	None.
5. Principal's Update		
a. Staffing Update	Andrea Robichaud / Becca Jones	1 – Principal 1 – Assistant Principal 1 – Learning Leader / PEW 11 – Teaching Staff 1 – Admin Assistant 1 – Facility Operator 1 – Bridges Support Worker 2 – Educational Assistants 4 – Lunch Supervisors 1 – Library Assistant
b. 2024 / 25 Classes	Andrea Robichaud / Becca Jones	1 – Kindergarten: 16 students 2 – Grade 1/2: 21, 20 students 2 – Grade 2/3: 23, 24 students 2 – Grade 4/5: 26, 25 students 2 – Grade 5/6: 24, 24 students - Option for straight grades was explored when student #s were reviewed in August, but was not feasible in Div II.
c. School Website	Andrea Robichaud / Becca Jones	- Website being updated and content pushed through by CBE. - Have noticed that some incorrect / old info has been pushed through by accident – if found, please advise school.
d. Upcoming Dates	Andrea Robichaud / Becca Jones	- Sept 25: Terry Fox - Sept 26: Orange Shirt Day - Sept 16-20: Grade 1/2 Open Minds

		• Oct 15-25: Book Fair (before Christmas) • Feb 3-7: Grade 2/3 Open Minds • Mar 3-7, 10-14: Swimming • Oct 24/25 and Feb 27/28: Conferences
e. School Population	Andrea Robichaud / Becca Jones	• 2023/24 = 228 ◦ School moved to closed status. • 2024/25 = 203 ◦ Projection was 240. ◦ Staffing plan was made for 211 (based on purple sheets). • Other schools in area are in similar situation – Rosedale, etc.
6. Welcome / Vote In New Members		
a. Vice Chair	David Rasmussen	• Motion by David R to vote in Dan Devoe as RSC Vice Chair. • Motion seconded by Haley W. • All in favor – motion passed.
b. Director	David Rasmussen	• Motion by David R to vote in Rachel Au as RSC Director. • Motion seconded by Haley W. • All in favor – motion passed.
c. Photos for Entrance Hall	David Rasmussen	• Idea to post photos of current RSC and RFS Members in Entrance Hall so they are more identifiable within the school. • Propose having Group Photo taken? • To be discussed further / decided.
7. On Going Events		
a. Fun Lunch / Snack	Kate Campbell	• Calendar-themed Fun Snacks ◦ Idea to have Fun Snacks be related to Holidays / Observances – eg. Offer Bannock around Jun 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day. ◦ This is possible – If we decide on what to have / when, Kate can look into vendors on Healthy Hunger. Or new vendors can be added – typically takes 3-4 weeks. ◦ Specifically related to Bannock – hard to find Indigenous companies to provide bannock, especially around Jun 21. ◦ Idea: EthniCity Catering offers diverse ethnic cuisine options. Kate to look into adding them on Healthy Hunger. ◦ School to come up with holidays / observances options. ◦ Question: Would these replace School Fun Snacks (to give all students option to partake)? ▪ Current budget is \$1200, for two School Fun Snacks (historically cookies, popsicles). Might be able to fund one more snack within current budget. To be discussed further. • Remainder of Fun Lunches / Snacks are ready to go. Kate to post October Fun Lunch / Snack to get things going. Further discussion at October 2024 meeting. • Process for accepting / using donations received from Parent orders ◦ Healthy Hunger has advised cheques are being sent to school. Andrea / Kate to confirm if these are being deposited by Ms Taylor and develop process for using to purchase lunches for students. • Question: Is Halal an option for some lunches? ◦ There are some dairy-free, gluten-free. Kate to look into other dietary options available. • Current Fun Lunch / Fun Snack Process is working. Delivery is typically 11:30 (Div II eats at 11:45, Div I eats at 12:30). Typically enough volunteers are available.
8. Past Events		
a. Welcome Back Coffee	David Rasmussen	• Appreciated by parents. • Great way to start the year!

9. Upcoming Events		
a. Fall Costume Party	David Rasmussen	- Historically, a Halloween Party has been co-hosted with the Community Association – Haunted House, Dance, Theatre Group. - Matthew G to ask Community Association if there is any interest. Hall is currently booked for Saturday before Halloween – Matthew to confirm if this is “place holder” or event is planned. - Victoria O and Kristine M have agreed to organize this – will need group of volunteers to help. - Update to be provided next meeting.
b. Parent Engagement Night	David Rasmussen	- Ideas to draw people in: Offer food, A-frames to notify parents, Backpack flyers. - Question: How many families are ESL? Would it be beneficial to host an evening to go over School/Parent Council, Rosemont School, CBE. - Families coming from other countries may have had very different school experiences. Would be beneficial to go over Calgary Board of Education, Rosemont School, Rosemont School Council / Fundraising Society, commonly used acronyms, etc. - Idea to have a Buddy Family Program where new families can be buddied with old families to ask questions, etc. - Amy C to add this as an option to Volunteer Forms. - Option to look at how items are presented, to keep in mind ESL families, neuro-divergent parents, etc. - Idea to have an RSC Communication Coordinator to help ensure ideas are presented in the best way.
10. Rosemont Community Liaison Update	Matthew Guilherme	- School Motto = Strength in Community. Regular partnerships with Community Association – partnering in activities, shared learnings. - Hall on offer if School wants / needs – Walks to Confederation Park, School Events. - Estimated Capacity: Main Floor = 110, Downstairs = 50. - Matthew G to let Andrea R know when Community Association is having their AGM in hopes school can have presence at AGM.
11. Volunteer Coordinator Update		
a. Update	Amy Cooper	18 Forms received. - A couple updates to be made to form – remove names, updated police clearance procedure info, add buddy system option. - Ideas to engage volunteers: Volunteer Letter Drive. Have a designated time to come in a get a letter from Ms Taylor. To be explored. - One issue is that families in Canada < 1 year can not get police clearance. School to come up with a list of volunteer roles that can be filled without police clearance.
b. Open Minds / Terry Fox Run	Amy Cooper	A big thank you to Open Minds volunteers – was early in the year so appreciate support!
c. Technology	Amy Cooper	- Currently using Google Sheets. - Amy C has access. Should we ensure one other person has access? To be decided.
12. Chair Update		
a. Joined ASCA	David Rasmussen	- David R has joined Alberta School Council Association (ASCA). - Payment required.
b. Childcare for Meetings	David Rasmussen	- Happy Souls has offered to provide Childcare for Monthly Meetings at no cost (considers this advertising). RFS to fund pizza as a thank you to staff. - There is interest in exploring this option. Three-month trial to confirm interest and whether it works. - Need to develop process: - Families to sign up day before.

		○ Happy Souls to provide necessary forms (to anyone not already attending). ○ Drop off / pick up times to be confirmed.
c. Meeting Dates	David Rasmussen	• Per what was set at AGM, except move May meeting (AGM) to May 27. • Dates: ○ Oct 15 ○ Nov 19 ○ Jan 21 ○ Feb 18 ○ Mar 18 ○ Apr 22 ○ May 27
13.New Business	David Rasmussen	• Idea to have MLA come to meeting or Parent Education Night. • Andrea to look into CBE rules for this. Victoria to reach out to MLA.
14.Meeting Adjourned	David Rasmussen	• David R adjourned meeting at 8:01.
Next Meetings:	Oct 15, Nov 19, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 22, May 27	