

Rosemont School Council (RSC)
January 2025 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 January 21, 2025

Location: Rosemont School, Room 6

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Attendees: Jennifer Clarke, Amy Cooper, Jen Cooper, Brenna Doyle, Matthew Guilherme, Lara Hamilton, Raymond Johnson, Rebecca Jones, Victoria Ohlhauser, David Rasmussen, Andrea Robichaud, Haley Walker

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call Meeting to Order	David Rasmussen	Meeting called to order by David R at 6:03.
2. Approval of Agenda	David Rasmussen	- Motion by David R to approve January 2025 Meeting Agenda. - Motion seconded by Jen C. - All in favor – motion passed.
3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting	David Rasmussen	- Motion by David R to approve November 2024 Meeting Minutes. - Motion seconded by Jen C. - All in favor – motion passed.
4. Business Arising from Minutes	David Rasmussen	None.
5. Teacher's Update		
a. Kindergarten Update	Lara Hamilton	- Science - Movement of objects, people, animals. - Created own animals. - Social Studies - Community, conflict resolution, classroom volunteering. - Math - Subitizing (recognizing at a glance). - Working in groups, working with dice. - Literacy - Letter sounds, sight words. - Chris van Dusen books. - Designed and described own houses. - Question: Any interest in a Kindergarten graduation? - Suggest using term "Celebration" instead of "Graduation". - Open to idea to celebrate Kindergarteners moving on to Grade 1. - Kindergarten Celebration of Learning will be in May. - Question: How is class size? - Good class size this year – 17 students. - Question: Are outside areas used regularly? - Students get recess every day. - Curriculum incorporated whenever opportunities arise: scavenger hunts, gardening, resident Flicker eating Elder bugs.
6. Principal's Update		

a. Thank you	Andrea Robichaud	Thank you to all those that checked in while Ms Robichaud was away.
b. Engagement Meeting	Andrea Robichaud Rebecca Jones	- Laura Hack (Ward Trustee) is attending February 18 meeting. - Part of mandate of Board of Trustees and Government of Alberta requiring schools to gather feedback.
c. Upcoming Events	Andrea Robichaud Rebecca Jones	- Grade 4/5 Field Trip to Arts Commons – Jan 27 - Report Cards issued (new format) – Jan 27 - Grade 2/3 Open Minds – Feb 3 to 7 - Carnival – Feb 10 to 12 - Assembly – Feb 10 - Event – Feb 12 - Float competition – ending Feb 3
d. School Development Plan	Andrea Robichaud Rebecca Jones	- Thank you to Ms Campbell and Ms Jones for presenting last month. - Goal: Achievement in literacy will improve - Professional development - Updated assessments - New resources (\$3000 of new curriculum funding)
e. UNESCO Update	Andrea Robichaud Rebecca Jones	- Past Initiatives: - Season of Giving (Food and SCPA Donations) – December - Next Initiatives: - Div II Writing Contest (Habitat for Humanity) – started. - Participants awarded donations. Rosemont expecting to submit 90 entries. - Truth and Reconciliation Commitment: - Winter Solstice – Dec 20 - Question: Suggestions for increasing awareness of UNESCO, especially for new families? - Ms Robichaud to talk to Ms Wenzel-Curtis. - Add to website.
f. Rosemont Community Childcare (RCC)		- RCC has announced its plans to close at the end of the school year. Ms Julie and Ms Susan are retiring. - Last day will be June 27 2025. - Options: - Happy Souls – K-6, Expanding, Registration in February. - Summit Kids – Grade 1-6, Capacity = 350, Registration in March.
7. Chair Update		
a. Childcare for Meetings	David Rasmussen	- No attendees today – sick kids. - Happy Souls still interested / happy to provide this.
b. Entrance Wall	David Rasmussen	3 more photos received. - Reminder to all members to send in photos.
c. Kindergarten and Grade 6 Grad Committees	David Rasmussen	- Kate C willing to head up the Grade 6 Graduation Committee. - Last year was complicated. Desire to keep as simple event and stream-lined (one point of contact).
d. Questions for Laura Hack (Ward Trustee) Feb 18 Meeting	David Rasmussen	- Laura Hack attending February 18 Meeting. - Questions should be in to her two weeks prior. Email to be sent. - Question: Should we bring snacks? - To be decided.
8. Fun Lunch / Snack	Kate Campbell	- Remainder of Fun Snacks / Lunches posted. - Reminders to be sent in Messenger. - School Fun Lunch (free) is March 20 - Some issues with ordering (kicking back to Home screen) – Kate C to test out.
9. Past Events	David Rasmussen	

a. Jingle & Mingle	David Rasmussen	• Great event • Italian Market provided pizza. Leftover Gcs can be used for February Skate event.
10.Upcoming Events		
a. Skate Party	David Rasmussen	• Hall rented for February 8: ◦ Reminder about Hall cleaning. Hall was left with some staining after Jingle & Mingle. Apologies to Hall volunteers. ◦ Suggestion to have more volunteer spots for clean up after party. • Idea to host mostly outdoor event (except for washroom use). • Matthew to work with Elena to coordinate Rosemont School and Rosemont Community Association efforts. • Provide hot chocolate, snacks, coffee? • Have QR available or locked box for donations. • David R to send summary to Ms Jones to include in Rosemont Reminder.
b. Movie Night	David Rasmussen	• Date TBD. • Need to renew licensing for this year. Try to time purchase so that it can be used next year too. • Need to provide more popcorn. • Idea to have a concession for items other than popcorn (as fundraiser).
11.Parent Education Night		
a. Paul Davis	Jen Cooper	• Capitol Hill School has booked Paul Davis Internet Safety virtual session on Feb 2. Wondering if Rosemont wants to split cost. ◦ Principals to connect.
b. Literacy Supporting Reading and Writing	Jen Cooper	• King George School is hosting Literacy evening. ◦ Nothing planned. ◦ Need to ensure this is not focused on French (less applicable to Rosemont School).
12.Rosemont Community Liaison Update	Matthew Guilherme	• Reminder of cleaning requirements with Hall rentals. • Will put up signage for Skating Event. • Need to firm up Grade 6 Event (date, plans).
13.Volunteer Coordinator Update	Amy Cooper	• Buddy Idea: 20 people signed up. ◦ Planning to pair people in groups of 2 or 4. ◦ May also send out a group email / set up group chat. • Discussion around increasing awareness of RSC, Events: ◦ Used to be discussed at First Day of Kindergarten. ◦ Idea to mention at Movie Night. ◦ Idea to mention at Kindergarten Open House (in May).
14. New Business	David Rasmussen	• Bylaws update required. • Discussion to be added to next month's Agenda.
15. Meeting Adjourned	David Rasmussen	• Meeting adjourned by David R at 7:18.
Next Meetings:	February 18	