

Rosemont School Council (RSC)
November 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 November 19, 2024

Location: Rosemont School, Classroom 6

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Attendees: Rachel, Au, Karen Campbell, Jen Cooper, Brenna Doyle, Matthew Guilherme, Anne Johnson, Raymond Johnson, Rebecca Jones, Hodan Mohamed, Victoria Ohlhauser, David Rasmussen, Haley Walker, David Wan

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 November 2024 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 October 2024 Meeting Minutes. - Motion seconded by Jen C. - All in favor – motion passed.
4. Business Arising from Minutes	David Rasmussen	None.
5. Principal's Update		
a. Introduction	Karen Campbell	- Ms Campbell is Acting Principal while Ms Robichaud is on leave. - Ms Robichaud is planning to be back December 1. - Ms Campbell is very much enjoying her time at Rosemont. - Ms Campbell attended the Rosemont Community Association AGM in Ms Robichaud's place last night and was inspired by the close ties between the community association and the school.
b. School Development Plan	Karen Campbell	- School Development Plan Information: - Purpose: used to set goals to close gaps seen from data. - Similar across all Schools. - Will be posted November 29 after approval. - Goal: Student Achievement in Literacy will improve. - Using new strategies (eg UFLI in Div I). - Link: https://rosemont.cbe.ab.ca/documents/a0f8676e-2d13-4ba0-8e47-c1bd9301617d/Rosemont-School-Development%20Plan%2024-25.pdf
c. Patrols	Karen Campbell	- Patrols is starting at Rosemont. - Focus on safety but also a great leadership opportunity. - Idea to have a Thank You picnic at the end of the year for students that committed to the program. - Thank you Mr Straiton for organizing this program.
d. Past Events	Karen Campbell	- Pumpkin Patch: - Classrooms walked through Patch throughout the day. - Great reminder of community. - Remembrance Day / Indigenous Veteran's Day:

		○ This is a requirement of public schools but school is happy to do it anyways. ○ Thank you for understanding that school could not welcome families to assembly (small gymnasium, growing school). ○ Assembly included poems, choir. ○ Noticed a good student understanding. • Elev8 Lacrosse: ○ Organized by Roughnecks. Rosemont was selected for a paid 2 days residency, paid for by Hornets Lacrosse Organization. • Earth Rangers: ○ Travelling program about conservation, animals, biodiversity. ○ Visit sponsored by Nova Chemicals. ○ Monitor Lizard and Toucan came to visit. • Rocks & Rings: ○ Curling residency currently going on in gym.
e. Upcoming Events	Karen Campbell	• Season of Giving – December: ○ Inclusive seasonal activities. ○ Working on Food Bank and Humane Society initiatives. ○ Spirit Days will be on Wednesdays. ○ Sing-alongs during the last week. • Open Minds – Feb 3 to 7 ○ Grade 2/3 Library School ○ Five Day Deep Dive into community organization. • Conferences – Feb 27 / 28
6. Chair Update		
a. Elect New Vice Chair	David Rasmussen	• Dan can not fulfill commitment as vice-chair. • Motion by David R to elect Jen Cooper for role of RSC Vice Chair. • Motion seconded by Haley W. • All in favor – motion passed.
b. Childcare for Meetings	David Rasmussen	• Feedback has been good: ○ Kids liking it. ○ Gives good reason for parents to come to meeting. • Long Term: ○ Happy Souls willing to continue to offer free sitting, as it is good advertising. ○ David R has been personally purchasing pizza for kids / Happy Souls workers (approx. \$50 / month) ○ Motion by David R to request \$350 for purchase of pizza for remainder of monthly meetings. ○ Motion seconded by Haley W. ○ Motion tabled for vote at next meeting.
c. Entrance Wall Ideas	David Rasmussen	• 3 people have submitted pictures so far. • Brenna D will work on layout.
d. COSC Meeting	David Rasmussen	• Community of School Councils • Invited to attend Feb 18 meeting – send any questions.
7. Fun Lunch / Snack		
a. Idea to tie snacks to cultural learning	David Rasmussen	• Too complicated. • David R to give okay to Kate C to post the remainder of the Fun Lunches for the year.
b. Confirmation of process for Healthy Hunger donations	David Rasmussen	• Confirmed that donations showed up as free food to classrooms. • This does not work as approval is required from parents in advance. • To be discussed further to determine best path forward for donations.
c. General Discussion	David Rasmussen	• Parent Question: Do parents get info about what Healthy Hunger is and how to order?

		○ Parents are informed. May need more definitive ordering instructions. • Classroom participation is approximately 50%.
8. Upcoming Events		
a. Jingle & Mingle	David Rasmussen	• Mona T and Elena F are organizing. • Food planned: hot dogs, refreshments, samosas, smores. ○ Donations received from Safeway and Superstore. • Games organized. • Needs: shovels, firewood, volunteers
b. Kindergarten Graduation	David Rasmussen	• Couple parents from last year's Kindergarten class felt it would have been nice. • Need Kindergarten parent to take this on. • Parent should start by talking to Ms Hamilton about best approach.
c. Parent Engagement Night	Jen Cooper	• Idea: Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth ○ Program for families new to Calgary ○ Has partnership through CBE. • Idea: Fire Department to come do First Air or Home Fire Safety talk ○ Could start by talking to John Moersch.
9. Rosemont Community Liaison Update	Matthew Guilherme	• AGM held last night. ○ Thank you to Karen C for attending to represent Rosemont School. ○ Community expressed enjoyment in seeing students running through Confederation Park for Terry Fox. • Looking forward to Jingle & Mingle being held at Community Centre. • Shiny starting in January ○ Community requests permission to prepare a flyer for school to put in backpacks. School agrees. Will also be added to Rosemont Reminder. • Excited to partner with school for February event ○ Hall saved for Feb 8 (School Carnival celebration is Feb 10, 11). ○ More review of insurance required. ○ Jen C to organize. • School 65th Anniversary ○ Community has appetite for event to commemorate this. Many residents are past staff / students, have old photos. ○ Could be a fundraiser – tap into community for support. ○ Ideas: ▪ School Open House – hard, would require staff to attend. ▪ Event at Hall ○ Great opportunity to solidify community and school relationship. ○ Victoria O to look into ideas.
10. Volunteer Coordinator Update	Amy Cooper	• No updates.
11. New Business	David Rasmussen	• None
12. Meeting Adjourned	David Rasmussen	• Meeting adjourned by David R at 7:13.
Next Meetings:	January 21	