

**Rosemont Fundraising Society (RFS)
February 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Purpose:

To generate funds to create an optimal learning environment for our 21st century learners. This includes facilitating information literacy and generating global awareness among all students, allowing students to represent understanding in multiple forms, and ensuring that students learn to become critical thinkers. Funds raised through the society will be used to purchase books, equipment, update technology, hire guest instructors/artists in residence, fund field trips, etc.

Date: Tuesday January 21, 2025

Location: Rosemont School, Classroom TBC

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Attendees: Rachel Au, Sean Blackhall, Amy Cooper, Jen Cooper, Brenna Doyle, Laura Hack, Raymond Johnson, Rebecca Jones, David Rasmussen, Andrea Robichaud, Haley Walker

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call Meeting to Order	Raymond Johnson	Meeting called to order by Raymond J at 7:10.
2. Approval of Agenda	Raymond Johnson	- Motion by Raymond J to approve February 2025 Meeting Agenda. - Motion seconded by Brenna D. - All in favor – motion passed.
3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting	Raymond Johnson	- Motion by Raymond J to approve January 2025 Meeting Minutes. - Motion seconded by David R. - All in favor – motion passed.
4. Business Arising from Minutes	Raymond Johnson	None.
5. Calgary Board Trustee Introduction and Update		
a. Introduction	Laura Hack	- RSC and RFS welcomes Laura Hack to monthly meeting. Thank you for joining Laura! - Calgary Board of Education comprises 251 school, largest School Board in Western Canada. - See attached handouts presented.
b. Update on Funding	Laura Hack	- CBE Budget: 74% Direct to Schools 14% Operations and Maintenance 6% Central Support for Schools 3% Transportation 3% System Administration - Provincial Funding is not keeping up with growth and rising costs. - Funding per student remains flat. - Enrolment is growing - Complexity in classroom is increasing. - Base funding rates (for school operation – utilities, maintenance, etc) have not increased recently. - Alberta Government Funding timeline - Budget presented end of February. - Education Funding Letter expected month later, end of March. - Capital Announcements early to mid-March. - Capital Plan to be submitted end of March.

c. Update on Growing Enrolment	Laura Hack	• CBE has welcomed many new families in the past years. ○ 33 / 251 schools at overflow status. ○ 71 / 251 school at capacity. ○ 31% of students are EAL learners. • CBE has requested additional funding from the Alberta Government to meet needs of growing population. CBE has presented a 3-year plan for additional schools and modernization of existing schools.
d. Questions		• Does the addition of more charter schools affect funding? ○ Yes. Also, charter schools can get additional grants (admin, transportation). • How are results compared, given that curriculum is changing? ○ Frameworks are curriculum-independent, based on research. • How is City of Calgary to work with, for school planning? ○ City of good to work with. ○ CBE (as well as Calgary Catholic Board and Franco-Sud) is part of Joint Use Planning Agreement committee. • Many proposed new schools are outside of inner city. Any plan for inner city schools? ○ Hard to access land in already-developed areas. ○ Plans for replacement schools in higher-density areas. ○ Currently many students from outskirts are bussed to inner city schools so new school in outskirts will relieve pressure on inner city schools.
6. President Update a. Perogies Fundraiser b. Merchandise Update c. Bylaw Update	Raymond Johnson	• To be discussed next meeting.
7. Treasurer's Report a. Fiscal Update	Brenna Doyle	• To be discussed next meeting.
8. New Business	Raymond Johnson	• None.
9. Meeting Adjourned	Raymond Johnson	• Meeting adjourned by Raymond J at 7:59.
Next Meetings:	March 18	