
In Attendance

Andrea R. (Principal), Tyler D., Krista T., Reidun T., Cathy B., Jen G., Jenny S., Sharon S., Toran D., Aletha B., Thomas K., Shannon W., Yssra A., Kateryna K., Reina G., Kathleen D., Rakesh, G., Yen T., Natalia A., Mia, Yuri, An's mom

Welcome and Opening Comments

- Meeting opened by Tyler at 1:47 pm

Traditional Land Acknowledgment

Andrea Riquelme

Principal's Report - Andrea

Budgeting/Staffing Update

- RAM Sept 30 count – below projected enrollment (~20 fewer students), affected staffing
- Final fall RAM has been issued – as of Nov 18 we are at 28% of our reference point (3 student withdrawals after Sept 30 count = \$15,000 approx)
- Big budget eaters:
 - Unpaid student fees – approx. \$11,000
 - Operational costs (e.g., learning resources, staff development, supplies for paper & copies, etc.)
- Budget helpers
 - RRPA Wish List support through fundraising
 - School-based fundraising (e.g., Education Matters, winter wreaths)

Staffing changes

- Dreanne White (office assistant) has accepted a new position
- New hire – Sarah Fatima (15 hrs office assistant, 10 hr lunch supervisor)
- Continue to search for permanent lunch supervision staff
- Alana Swereda (K, Gr 1/2) – maternity leave, started this past Monday
 - Arianna Lovas will be filling the KD position
 - Lindsay Blik will be taking the Gr 1/2 position full-time

School Improvements

- New doors installed (basement classrooms)
- Door removed (bathroom hallway)
- Landscaping rocks installed

Furniture Purchase Update

- Learning commons and middle school classroom order is on its way
- Removed initial request for rolling chairs due to cost, now able to increase soft seating in Learning Commons
- Ordering little mobile booths and soft poofs for flexible seating

- Keeping old chairs
- Education Matters donation (~\$1800) by two anonymous RPS families reallocating government family grant money during the strike

November Conferences

- Evening Nov 27, in person
- Morning Nov 28, in person
- Some unavoidable scheduling conflicts for some teachers – alternate conference times will be provided
- Dinner – Parent Council to decide if we will do a potluck, order food, or have Andrea order food

Looking Ahead

- Middle School Well-Being Symposium at MRU – Dec 9, 2025
 - The school will nominate 8 leader oriented middle school students to attend
- Winter concert – Dec 10, 2025
 - K-6, Jr High Band
 - Morning dress rehearsal for grandparents to attend
 - Food bank donations are welcomed
- K-1 Orientation – Jan 15, 2026 @ 6 pm
 - School council presence is appreciated
- Improving connections with feeder schools
 - Andrea to meet with Elbow Park School to discuss planning for more regular visits, e.g., inviting grade 6 students for a tour of RPS

School Wishlist Item

- Already seeing some improvements with respect to furniture for classrooms and learning commons
- Latin Dance Residency
 - April 20-May 1 \$5130.00
 - K-9 (during PE)
- Teacher Development
 - First Aid certification – 14 staff to recertify
 - \$1800.75
- Learning subscriptions
 - Renewed annually
 - Literacy Reading Eggs (K-4) \$1932.00
 - Numeracy: Zorbits Math Adventure (K-2) \$1470.00
- Foods Equipment
 - Dishwasher
 - \$1148.70 – incl delivery & installation
- No Child Left Behind
 - Unpaid Quebec Fee from last year

Questions from parents:

- Students that were asked to purchase recorders for music class – are they not having recorder lessons until the end of the year?
 - The music teacher determines when they have a unit with recorders
- How to volunteer?
 - Link to sign up for volunteer positions through Instagram page, including for Book Fair sign up

- Athletics - due to the strike, do we know if we've fielded teams for all extracurricular sports or are some of them not happening?
 - Basketball going ahead, although not all school offered exhibition games
 - Volleyball – school will inform the community in terms of who is doing what for volleyball
 - If a team does not have a coach, can parents volunteer?
 - A teacher sponsor is required but parents can assist
- School fees
 - Every student has instructional materials fees, field trip fees, etc.
 - Posted on MyCBE account

Classroom Updates –

None

Chair's Report - Tyler

School Need for food supplies/gift cards

- Reidun to contact Jackie

Teacher Classroom supplies

- Reminder for teachers that they are entitled to \$150

Parent Social fundraiser

- Tentative date: Jan 29, 2026 at CRMR
- Work with teachers on wishlist once date is confirmed

Halloween Dance rescheduling for Spring

- Proposed date: Feb 10, 2026

Scholastic Book Fair volunteers

- Nov 24-28 2025
- Link to volunteer on Instagram

Parent/Teacher Meetings – Dinner

- Already approved
- To be discussed at Association meeting

Classroom Reps?

- Andrea to follow up on teacher interest
- Jen G – have collected numerous parent emails, can use to recruit volunteers

Fundraising Update – Jenny S

Healthy Hunger

- Mary Browns \$477.68
- Chick-fil-A \$416.25

Snack Day

- Will start in January

Dance

- Feb 10 proposed date
- Friendship dance as a theme?

Key Communicator Update

No update - no meeting in the fall due to strike

New Business

Jen G – Camp Chief Hector for Gr 6

- Cancelled a few years ago
- Andrea – need to connect with current Gr 6 teacher
 - Would also require a parent volunteer
 - May not be feasible for this year but will explore for next year

Reidun – given current capacity issues, how do we get involved with respect to long-term planning for new elementary school in area?

- Andrea – send in writing and she will share with planning team and Education Director

Meeting Adjourned at 2:29 pm

Next Meeting of the Parent Council Association: Jan 21 @ 6:00 pm (in person)