

## In Attendance

Andrea R. (Principal), Jackie C. (Vice-Principal), Tyler D., Krista T., Reidun T., Cathy B., Jen G., Jenny S., Aletha B., Daine B., Ryan F., Kathleen D., Sharon S., Yssra A., Amy R., Anling K., Heather R.

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## **Meeting opened by Tyler at 8:28 pm**

## Treasurer Update – Reidun

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### Update on Financials

- Current account balances:
  - Association account: just over \$53,000
  - Current combined balance: \$145,000
    - Aim to never go below \$50,000 at end of the year
- This year's budgeted income: \$36,200 (because it is not a casino year)
- Expenses already approved: \$19,350
- Grad shortfall – we have to decide if we are increasing ticket price or if student council is covering shortfall

### Previously approved expenses:

- Lego kits – what is the status of this order?
- Classroom furniture – have not been invoiced
- Landscape rocks – were supposed to be delivered in the summer
  - May have been able to because of construction

## Fundraising Committee – Jenny S

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### Parent Social Night

- Mairead is donating the space
- Krista T will help, need additional volunteers
  - Yssra A., Sharon S., & Meaghan H. volunteered to help
- Important fundraiser for parent council
- Timing of event? Need to consult with Mairead.
  - Possible date - November 18?
- We need improved communication with parents
  - Hopefully Instagram & email contact list will help in this regard

### Parent Council Open Positions

- Treasurer, Fundraising, Jr High Rep
- Revive Volunteer Coordinator role? – to facilitate/coordinate classroom parent reps
  - First need to consult with teachers re their interest

### RRPA “Recruiting Table” at Meet the Teacher

- Will be set up and staffed by Council members

### Voting on Expenditures

- Tyler – need a prioritized list from Andrea
  - Andrea – to send wishlist to Reidun to organize
- Andrea – a decision is needed re the IndigeSteam residency
  - If we no longer need Lego kits, the money allocated for this could potentially go towards the residency
  - Jackie to look into this
- Historically, parent council has organized teacher appreciation events
  - Andrea to take care of Meet the Teacher
  - Parent council to organize Christmas & year-end meals
- Shirts/sweatshirts for teachers – Voted YES to approve

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## New Business

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### Communication with parents - Jen G.

- We have been struggling to find a way to better communicate with parents
- New initiatives:
  - Started a Parent Instagram account
    - @rideauparkschool.parents
  - Added a link in Instagram to SignUp Genius for volunteer opportunities
  - Set up a way to collect email addresses electronically
- Parent feedback re the best way to communicate
  - Instagram is very helpful
  - Direct emails are helpful, links are not utilized
  - Subject line is helpful
  - Short blurbs are helpful
- Classroom rep – teacher would share classroom rep's contact info with parents

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 pm**

**Next Meeting of the Parent Council Association: Oct 22 at 7:00 pm (in person)**

Voting Results of High Priority Financial Asks as per Treasurer's email dated September 23, 2025 (voting completed via email):

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL FINANCIAL ASK SUMMARY					
NAME:	TOTALS			TOTALS	
Category	Item	Total Cost	YES	NO	
High Priority	Boomwackers	105	6	0	
High Priority	PhysEd Equipment	2,400	6	0	
High Priority	Learning Commons - Tables & Chairs Full ask	17,000	2	4	
Option 2	Learning Commons - Tables & Chairs fixed budget	12,500	5	1	
High Priority	Jr High Classroom - Tables & Chairs	8,500	1	5	
Option 2	Jr High Classroom - Tables & Chairs fixed budget likely annual	7,500	6	0	
High Priority	Teacher Dinner (Meet the teacher night)	300	6	0	
High Priority	Teacher T Shirts	450	6	0	
High Priority	IndigeSTEAM Residency	6,000	2	4	
High Priority	Paper Costs	5,000	1	5	
High Priority	Copier Costs	13,000	1	5	
Option 2	Paper and Copy Cost fixed contribution	2,000	6	0	
Prior Year	Quebec Trip - No child left behind	2,400	6	0	