

ROYAL OAK SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our mission is to foster the well-being and effectiveness of our school community and to enhance school learning.



Royal Oak School Council Meeting April 1, 2026 @ 6:30pm MINUTES

Attendees:

Michelle Ryskamp, Principal	Carole W., Secretary	Laura O., Treasurer
Nadine Duque, Asst. Principal	Colleen K., Fundraising	Lissa S., Special Events
Grade 2 Team	Emily P.	Marion M.
Bethany S., Volunteer Coord.	Erin MG, Co-Chair	Miranda G., Fundraising
Candis M., Hug & Go Coord.	Glenda P., Co-Chair	Rachel D., Spirit Wear
Carolyn B, Special Events	Jenn L.	Tiffany M., Key Comm.
	Kam S.	

A. Welcome & Call to Order at 6:30pm.

B. Principal's Presentation

- a. Acknowledgement of the Land
- b. Grade 2 Team Presentation
 - i. Inquiry: "How can we use our hands to live and learn well together at ROS?"; school-wide initiative of stuff-a-sock to support Drop-in Centre.
 - ii. Inquiry: "How does the Earth's 4 components and Canadian regions interact together?"
 - iii. Literacy: imaginative story writing, reading skills (E.g. decoding, inference)
 - iv. Math: addition & math strategies; problem solving, geometry & shape attributes
 - v. Wellness: "we strive to live and learn well together"; kindness & courtesy skills; calming toolkits (E.g. deep breathing, counting, quiet coloring, take a break in a calm space).
- c. Gratitude: Thank you to Lissa & team – literacy month/-read-a-thon, Glenda with Fun Lunch & Snack, Bethany with volunteer coordination, Miranda & Colleen – coupon book & plant order fundraisers. Thank you to families for coming to student-led learning conferences. Thank you to families who donated to read-a-thon, and used book/puzzle sale.
- d. Upcoming Dates
 - i. Nature Play Residency started Monday; thank-you to volunteers; will continue into May
 - ii. Wonder Hour #4 – April 10
 - iii. Mission Impossible in PE

- iv. Grade 3 Aggie Days; Grade 4 Telus Spark
 - v. Elev8 Lacrosse – basic lacrosse skills, 3 sessions per class (April – May)
 - vi. School Council Family Dance – April 23
 - vii. Indigenous PE Day – no School – April 24
 - viii. Grade 1's – Conservation Champions at Zoo
 - ix. Grade 4 Tour of WDP & Open House – May 7
 - x. Earth Rangers Assembly – two free sessions
 - xi. May 14 – 2nd Annual Day of Design
 - xii. Bike & Roll – lots of kids at ROS take the bus; how to be inclusive?
Suggestion is to allow kids who take the bus to walk around the school.
- e. Planning for 2026-27
- i. RAM (resource allocation method) is delayed
 - ii. Projection for 2026-2027- 530 (current & incoming); vs 555 Sept 2026 projected; (577 current enrollment)
 - iii. Still waiting for funding per student from AB government; is supposed to be increasing but delayed roll out of info until April 23rd; possible changes in teaching/support staff; may need to change number of classrooms per grade
 - iv. Bell times – will stay the same; two lunch breaks & two recess breaks
 - v. Assigned doors will stay the same
 - vi. Inquiry-based task design will stay the same; hands on learning; foundational literacy & numeracy, social skills
 - vii. Residencies TBD; art-based request, another Phys Ed residency
 - viii. ROS confirmed for complexity team; confirmed by Province; spring staffing & fall; need to determine staffing needs; offering EA's more time at each school
 - 1. In Spring, one (1) temporary staff position (3 months)
 - 2. In Fall, one (1) temporary staff position (1 year)
 - a. 85 coded as complex learners; 121 EAL
 - b. Current – 7 EAs (offered more hours up to 30 hours)

C. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

- a. Previous minutes: <https://royaloak.cbe.ab.ca/school-council> motion to approve by Miranda, seconded by Rachel. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
- b. April Agenda: motion to approve by Erin, seconded by Carole. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

D. Chair Report - Glenda & Erin

- a. Devon (Nature Play) parent presentation - May 28th; gym booking; need to confirm costs
- b. Annual General Meeting - May 6th, 2026
 - i. School Board Trustee also planning to attend

- ii. Election of school council executive positions (Council Chair (or co-chairs), Council Vice-Chair, Key Communicator, Secretary & Treasurer)
- iii. All parents of students attending ROS are eligible for election and are eligible to vote at the AGM – notice will be sent out in advance to families

E. Treasurer's Report - Laura

- a. Current balance of \$10,509.74, a decrease of \$97.11 from the last statement.
- b. We paid out \$597.02 for the student conference teacher supper, \$96.59 for spring dance concession supplies, \$250.01 for the spring dance DJ, and \$284.44 for the spring dance school rental.
- c. We had a net profit of \$451.00 from the Panago fun lunch and \$381.95 from the Subway fun lunch with a few adjustments either way for refunds. We deposited \$298.00 in cash from the book sale.

F. Communicator Report – Tiffany/Rachel

- a. COSC Meeting April 22
- b. RRRO View - April (Lissa & Special Events Spotlight); May (Fundraising Society Update); June (What was accomplished for year & Thank Yous)
- c. Upcoming communications: need to advertise AGM to community & families as per bylaw.
- d. Facebook & Instagram – 149 followers Instagram, read-a-thon prizes

G. Committee Updates

- a. Fun Lunch - Glenda
 - i. April 10 (snack) - Saucy Bread
 - ii. April 21 (lunch) - Subway
 - iii. May 12 (lunch) - Panago Pizza
 - iv. June 2 (lunch) - Subway
 - v. June 11 (snack) - TBD
- b. Crosswalk & Pedestrian Safety – Candis/Tiffany
 - i. Putting out pylons on Mondays; removing end of week
 - ii. New pylons (10 x 28 inch) & trolley arriving in April; ~\$300
 - iii. U-turns and illegal parking in accessible stalls (southeast side of school/Royal Birch Blvd); volunteers for Hug & Go would be helpful
 - iv. Crosswalk issues – West side of school (Royal Birkdale Dr.); unmarked crosswalk/parking; Candis put in requests with 311 for increased visibility markers (E.g. paint/signage); need others to put in requests
 - v. City of Calgary – traffic & pedestrian safety video competition; downloadable/printable flyers; phone number to report illegally parked vehicles

- vi. Pathway north side of school not cleared; where can children cross; drainage/ice issues; mid-section of staff lot possible

c. Events

- i. Literacy Month Summary; announce winners, Lissa needs time logs; extended until April 6; then announce donut parties/send notice to families; \$796 total made from book sale; leftover books (grade 1/grade 2); prizes to give-away (Calaway tickets, games, Little Red Reading House); \$1,087.57 raised for read-a-thon
 - 1. Some classes did not meet goals; Michelle & teachers will manage so classes can still get prizes
- ii. Staff Appreciation - Volunteers needed
 - 1. Admin Professionals Day (April 23)
 - 2. National Principal's Day (May 1)
- iii. Spring Dance - (April 23)
 - 1. Pizzas – Little Ceaser's regular; GF from Red Swan
 - 2. Scaling back decorations
 - 3. Volunteer sign-up out
 - 4. Simplify concession; less items/no storage over summer
 - 5. Coloring table
 - 6. DJ booked & paid
- iv. Stampede Breakfast (May 19) - WCEF grant request submitted; pending decision. Volunteer to invite councilor, school trustee & CBE director.
 - 1. WDP is requesting \$200 for partial funding of rental & food costs
- v. Grade 4 Farewell – May 25: **Looking for lead planner & committee members;** Lissa & Glenda will lead
- vi. Fresh Fruit Friday (May)
- vii. Volunteer Tea (June 12)
- viii. End of Year Carnival (June 25) – carnival will match the price from last year; has two new games; reading van has some games too; Lissa requested food trucks; need to book fire truck; carnival game to give away leftover candy

H. Funding Requests

- a. No others.

I. Volunteer Updates

- a. Volunteer Summary & Thank You's
 - i. Thank you to the 17 volunteers that helped out with 2 events in March - Fun Snack/Fun Lunch and Book Sale.
 - ii. So far this year we've had 73 volunteers at 19 events! 5 new volunteers this month!

b. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

i. Fun Lunch

1. April 10 - Fun snack (4/8 spots filled)

2. April 21 - Fun lunch (2/10 spots filled)

ii. Nature Play (March: 59/76 spots filled); social media push

iii. Class photos (4 volunteer spots; April 14), Spring dance (5 spots filled), Stampede Breakfast (May 19), bike & roll, sports day & year end carnival!

c. Volunteer of the Month

i. Volunteer wants to donate it back to the school.

d. Volunteer Board

i. Michelle & Bethany would like to feature for incoming Nature Play volunteers/in and around office

J. New Business & Additional Parent/Caregiver Concerns

a. Jenn has a request to rebuild playground on Royal Oak Way in summer 2027; \$150k for new accessible playground approved; need a letter of support from ROS Council (Carole).

b. Colleen will deliver ROS Cares cards

K. Next Meeting - May 6, 2026 at 6:30pm

L. Meeting Adjourned at 8:14pm.