

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 June 3, 2026 @ 6:30pm MINUTES

Attendees:

Michelle Ryskamp, Principal	Kasandra A., Casino Chair	Marion M., Fund. Treasurer
Nadine Duque, Asst. Principal	Krishna K., Vice Chair	Miranda G., Fund. Chair
Bethany S., Volunteer Coord.	Laura O., Treasurer	Rachel D., Spirit Wear
Carole W., Secretary	Leila S.	Tiffany M., Key Comm.
Colleen K., Fund. Co-Chair	Lily K., Co-Chair	
Erin MG, Co-Chair	Lissa S., Special Events	

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

B. Principal's Presentation

- a. Acknowledgement of the Land
- b. Kindergarten Team Presentation
 - i. Nature-play inquiries: 5 senses, Merlin bird ID app, listening walk, looking walk, collaborative murals/art, crocus hunting & art.
 - ii. Play-centres: community helpers, imaginative play (e.g. flower shop, big blocks, loose parts), "outside in".
 - iii. Animal visit: marmot
 - iv. Community: books, building, loose parts, community map drawings, landmarks, measurement, magic through nature (e.g. fairy doors), oral story telling & writing practice
- c. PhysEd Presentation
 - i. Lacrosse residency, ultimate frisbee, t-ball, jump rope for heart, Fledge - mental health workshops & online resources
- d. [Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:45pm - 7:15pm; Council meeting resumed at 7:15pm]
- e. Upcoming Dates (see Michelle's 'Week Ahead' Email)
- f. Staffing Updates - 2026/27 projection: 30 students lower; collapsed a class; per student funding increased; **funding for two additional teachers for next year secured**; hiring two new EAs.
 - i. 2026/27: K: 4 classes: ~22-23 students; Gr 1: 5 classes: ~20 students; Gr. 2: 5 classes: ~25 students; Gr. 3: 5 classes: ~23-24 students; Gr. 4: 6 classes: 22-23 students; *subject to change

- ii. Other staffing changes: Ms. Dixon retiring, Ms. Webber FT; new PT PhysEd teacher

C. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

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

D. Chair Report - Glenda & Erin

- a. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant
 - i. Nature Play Residency Presentation held on May 28
 - ii. Parent Resource Library; Rachel lent a bookshelf, Krishna labelled books, Lissa will make a poster, and Colleen donated a clipboard.
 - iii. Thank you to the team for the year. Thank you to departing Council & Fundraising volunteers Marion, Lissa, & Glenda.

E. Treasurer's Report - Laura

- a. Current balance of \$14,797.26, a decrease of \$2,319.70 from the last statement.
- b. Expenses: \$127.89 in volunteer gift card and SignUpGenius expenses, \$1,104.99 as a deposit for the Year End Celebration Carnival Games, \$122.00 for May's Fresh Fruit Friday, and \$1,359.10 for the Spring Dance pizza order cheque to Little Caesars.
- c. Revenue: Net profit of \$394.03 from the Panago fun lunch with an adjustment included for Bear Paws. We made \$0.25 in interest in May.
- d. Laura needs literacy month invoices from Judy & LRRV invoice from Lissa.

F. Communicator Report – Tiffany

- a. COSC Meeting June 10
- b. RRRO View - June (Council Updates/Accomplishments)
- c. Council Communication Calendar 2026-27 School Year (community newsletter schedule, fall casino volunteer recruitment, Council & Fundraising Committee ROS webpage updates)
- d. ROS website - crossposting newsletter articles under News/School Council updates? Tiffany will send Michelle a sample article
- e. Krishna & Tiffany will follow-up with Glacier Ridge community newsletter for families who do not receive the RRRO View.
- f. Bethany suggested teachers invite parents for the grades they are presenting for as a way to bring more parents out to Council meetings.

G. Committee Updates

- a. Fun Lunch - Glenda
 - i. June 11 (snack) - Saucy Bread Company
- b. Crosswalk & Pedestrian Safety – Candis/Tiffany
 - i. Pylon dolly needed (<\$200) - Tiffany will purchase & send receipt to Laura.
- b. Spirit Wear - Rachel
 - i. Rachel and Michelle will connect re: possibility for new design before orders are placed in fall.
- c. Events
 - i. Grade 4 Farewell - June 24; indoor pizza party; Glenda talking with ROCA about donating gift cards for students
 - ii. End of Year Carnival - June 25; food trucks on compound in back of school; Michelle requested food trucks are not parked on grass; Lissa will order cotton candy (quantity 200); 1-2 volunteers per game; Krishna will face paint stencils & give out tattoos but needs help with line control; previous attendees to carnival requested to write positive reviews in exchange for discount from rental company; Carole will share link.
 - iii. Erin asked if Council still has access to the storage room; Michelle said during this time of year it is mostly full of school supplies so space is limited.
 - iv. Next school year: Welcome sidewalk chalk night before school turnout was low last year, coffee & kleenex welcome to kindergarten families (August 31) under \$200 no approval needed.
 - v. Events Calendar update - 2026-2027 school year: Bethany requested updates as it is helpful for volunteer planning; Erin will follow-up; Michelle & Judy will include Council events on the school website Events Calendar.

H. Funding Requests

- a. None.

I. Volunteer Updates

- a. Volunteer Summary & Thank You's
 - i. Thank you to the 29 volunteers that helped out with our May events - Nature Play, Fun Lunch, Fun Snack, and Walk, Bike & Roll Day! Thanks to the FIVE parents that volunteered for the first time this year!
 - ii. So far this school year we've had 105 volunteers at 26 events! By the end of June we will have successfully pulled off 30 volunteer-run events!!!

- iii. At Royal Oak this year we have had about 26% of families have at least one parent volunteer in some way! THANK YOU!
- b. Upcoming volunteer opportunities
 - i. Snack day (filled)
 - ii. Sports Day June 5th - *40/41 spots filled*
 - iii. Year End Carnival - Jun 25th - *sign up coming soon!*
- c. Volunteer of the month
 - i. Congratulations to Kyle SI! Kyle has a son in Grade 2 and a daughter who recently graduated from Royal Oak School, and over the years he has volunteered his time in many ways, such as helping with Nature Play, Alien Inline skating, and zoo field trips.
 - ii. Congratulations to Alison!

J. New Business & Additional Parent/Caregiver Concerns

- a. Krishna's friend is interested in working with Council to sell engraved water bottles to ROS students with a % of proceeds going back to the school; Krishna, Rachel & Miranda will connect.
- b. Lissa confirmed that at Carnival 10% of food truck sales go back to supporting the school; teachers & staff will receive a coupon for a free lemonade.
- c. Garbage cans
 - i. Michelle requested that future Council events (e.g. pancake breakfast) need more garbage bags so playground garbage does not overflow.
 - ii. Tiffany asked about garbage cans at the back of school; none available at this time; Michelle reported misuse of garbage cans at the front of the school which may need to be removed (e.g. used mainly for dog waste bags). Michelle will follow-up re: possibility of city garbage cans near school property.
 - iii. Feedback from parents/council about garbage can on school playground overflowing/not being emptied during summer months. Michelle & Tiffany will connect.
- d. Lissa & Laura will connect re: coordinating grant payments for pancake breakfast with WDP.

K. Next Meeting - September 9 at 6:30pm

L. Meeting Adjourned at 8:16pm.