

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 Sept 9th @ 6:30pm MINUTES

Attendees:

Michelle Ryskamp, Principal	Colleen K., Fund. Co-Chair	Marion M., Fund. Treasurer
Nadine Duque, Asst. Principal	Erin MG, Co-Chair	Miranda G., Fund. Chair
Andrea G.	Jenn L., Fund. Co-Chair	Moe A.
Ashan G.	Kam S., Fun Lunch Coord.	Rachel D., Spirit Wear
Bethany S., Volunteer Coord.	Kassandra A., Casino Chair	Richard M.
Candis M., Safety Coord.	Katie S.	Tiffany M., Key Comm.
Carole W., Secretary	Krishna K., Vice Chair	Wendy M.
Carlynn V.	Laura O., Treasurer	Xiaoliang Y.
Carolyn B, Special Events	Lily K., Co-Chair	Young R., Treasurer

1. Welcome & Call to Order @ 6:32pm

2. Principal's Presentation

- a. Acknowledgement of the Land
- b. Gratitude: to School Council for first day back treats for staff, to Hug N Go & pylon volunteers and Council for supporting Coffee & Kleenex on the first day of school.
- c. Staffing Updates: funding opens up again in October (after September 29th count) which can impact funding, and therefore number of teachers at that time.
 - i. Anticipated one new teacher and one new EA. Challenges: space issues - where could an additional Grade 2 classroom be made.
 - ii. 2026-27 inquiry-based learning: "How do stories connect us?"; 2025-26: "How do we live and learn well together?"
- d. Student Updates: predicted for 2025/2026 was 585, count at end of September 2025 was 555, enrollment as of June 2026 was 583 but projected to 534. Actual enrollment as of tonight is 572.
- e. Upcoming Dates: See weekly email for full details

3. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

- a. Previous minutes: <https://royaloak.cbe.ab.ca/school-council>

- b. Motion to approve agenda with amendments by Colleen, seconded by Kasandra. All in favor, none opposed, motion to approve previous agenda passed.

4. Chair Report - Erin & Lily

- a. Introductions
- b. School Council Report submitted September 8, 2026
- c. October meeting will include Grade 3 presentation
- d. December meeting (previously advertised) will be cancelled this year due to conflict with the ROS Casino

5. Treasurer's Report - Laura

- a. Budget Review
 - i. Balance as of Sept 8, 2026: \$13, 787.88
 - ii. Inflows: \$671.15 (YYC Food Trucks from Year End Carnival deposit)
 - iii. Outflows: none.
- b. Motion to appoint Young R as Co-Treasurer. No other members standing. Motion by Tiffany, seconded by Miranda. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

6. Committee Updates

- a. Key Communicator
 - i. COSC Meeting Oct 22 - open to anyone who would like to attend on behalf of ROS Council. Share ideas and information with councils from around Calgary.
 - ii. Newsletter - look for our update in the Rocky Ridge View. October's theme is SAFETY.
 - iii. Casino - will continue to be shared in the Newsletter, Council will coordinate with Fundraising to advertise the need for volunteers.
- b. Fun Lunch - Kam & Leila
 - i. First fun lunch Sept 29 - Subway
 - ii. Entire 2026/2027 schedule has been planned - Rachel will publish to social media accounts how to sign up for Healthy Hunger
- c. Spiritwear - Rachel
 - i. Rachel reached out to Mad Monkey (which is a different vendor, but is cheaper than our previous Spirit Wear vendor). Option to include white print or colour for a slightly higher price. Price breaks at 12, 24, 50, 75 and 100 items which can be a combination of items - however the price breaks occur for colour and white separately (that is, we would have to reach colour print minimums AND white print minimums).
 - ii. Hats and touques: touques are embroidered, hats have patches (but minimum 100 patch order). Preference is to not offer hats or touques

- iii. Removing long sleeve tee shirts due to low sales in the past.
- iv. Add full zipper hoodies.
- v. New staff members have previously been gifted a tee shirt (or value of tee shirt toward a more expensive item). A \$10 credit will be extended to all teachers again.
- d. Events
 - i. Terry Fox Run (September 18th)
 - ii. Staff Appreciation Snacks for Meet the Teacher Night (September 24) - snacks will be purchased (Costco) to be left in the staff room.
 - iii. Proposed Halloween Dance (Oct 29) - need to confirm availability to rent gym at WD Pratt and other logistics.

7. Funding Requests

- a. September Staff appreciation (meet the teacher evening) - \$300. Motion to approve by Carole, seconded by Candis. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- b. Terry Fox - \$250 for post-run snacks to all students. Motioned for \$300 for snacks by Jenn, seconded by Krishna. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- c. Halloween Dance - \$2000. Motion for \$2000 by Carolyn, seconded by Rachel. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

8. Volunteer Updates

- a. Recent Events
 - i. Coffee & Kleenex
- b. Upcoming volunteer opportunities
 - i. Terry Fox Run volunteer spots are FULL!
 - ii. Fun Lunches & Snacks will be posted next week.
 - iii. Photo Day October 7th will be posted in the next 2 weeks.
- c. Reminder to complete your Annual Volunteer Registration Form (via PowerSchool).
- d. Volunteer of the Month will be drawn at the end of September.

9. Open Positions

- a. Special event committee volunteer opportunities
 - i. Staff appreciation
 - ii. Dances
 - iii. Jacket Racket
 - iv. Board game night
- b. Secretary for Council

10. New Business

- a. Additional Parent Concerns/New Business

11. Next Meeting - October 7th, 2026 at 6:30pm

12. Meeting Adjourned @ 7:52pm.