

Ecole Robert H. Smith Parent Council Meeting Notes

Attendance: Danielle (Chair), Amy (Secretary), Adam Dyck (Principal), Sarah Arnold (Vice Principal) and 5 parents.

Date: January 12th, 2026

Quorum (8 parents) was not met, and therefore there are *no official minutes*. Due to a lack of quorum, and grade six parent representatives, no discussion or decisions/approvals regarding the grade six farewell occurred.

A summary of the conversation is as follows:

- RHS is submitting a request for a new hardtop. Projects submitted now are for consideration in the 27-28 WSD budget.
- Goals around Indigenous education programming (E.g. languages, sacred medicine knowledge, etc.) are being met and programming is going very well. Conversations continue about how to engage the Indigenous community surrounding the school.
- The board has approved for the current English grade 5 students to stay at RHS for grade 6 in 26-27. They have also approved RHS to become a French Immersion only (milieu) school beginning in 2027-28. This transition is already underway with the long-term goal is to have all programming (including music and Phys ed), assemblies etc., offered in French.
- Enough money was fundraised to provide gift cards for perishables for all 35 Cheer Board hampers. There was a \$339 surplus that will be put towards next year.
- Nutrition program - Staff are noticing some students seeking multiple snacks a day, and not always eating food sent from home. School is looking at creating a parent survey to provide feedback on the nutrition program.
- There is an increasing amount of anxiety and mental health challenges in students. There was conversation around having a book study/club on [The Anxious Generation](#) by Johnathan Haidt.
- Mme Samina Yaqoob will be leaving RHS and going to École LaVérendrye.
- South District Advisory Committee – January 29th, 2026, 6:30 p.m.
- French Immersion Advisory Committee – February 4th, 2026, 6:30 p.m. – A virtual option will be available.
- The Christmas Regifting Store was a success. Students who forgot money were provided tickets to “purchase” a gift and there were enough donations for everyone. After expenses, there was \$158.16 that will be put into the Cheer Board budget line to support holiday hampers next year.

- A parent committee for the Grade 6 Farewell Celebration needs to be coordinated and fundraising needs to begin soon, or the event will be at risk. A vote to determine a budget and fundraising amounts requires at least 8 parents to be present at parent council meetings.
- General discussion on how to increase parent engagement, not only at parent council meetings, but volunteering at parent council events (e.g. Halloween dance, fun lunches, etc.)

Parent Council plays an important role in shaping student experience. In addition to offering fun events (e.g. dances, fun lunch, grade 6 farewell, etc.), parent council provides an opportunity to engage with school administrators and provide feedback on a range of topics including class composition and planning for the following school year, lunch supervision, nutrition programming etc.

- There was some general discussion on Street Fest, which will be added to the February agenda.

Next Meeting: February 10th 6 p.m. in the library