

École Robert H. Smith School Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes: Tuesday March 4, 2025
RHS Library 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Tara O'Connor (treasurer), Sarah Perrin (secretary), seven additional parents

6:02 p.m. Meeting called to order

Added to agenda: Nutrition program

Motion to approve agenda as amended: moved by Amy, seconded by Robyn. Approved.

Motion to approve last meeting minutes: moved by Amy, seconded by Lauren. Approved.

Administrators Report

- Fundraiser for gym PA – spend will be \$7K including amp. (Bluetooth compatible) replacement of the very old system.
- New water fountain/water bottle station – must be the installed by school division employees.
- Nutrition program: limited to prepackaged foods. Currently providing items such as: MadeGood granola bars, Goldfish crackers, Clemenine oranges, yogurt tubes, cheese sticks.
 - Concern that some children might be eating the school provided snacks instead of those that are provide by parents and might prefer them to eat. Also concerned about food waste.
 - Letter from admin to alert parents to monitor children's lunch kits.
- Lunch program pilot plan: review of document
 - Plan to begin April 7 with pilot – info will be circulated to parents
 - Concerns shared by families: loss of jobs
 - Teacher/student ratio will fall from 1:20 to 1:40
 - Loss of teacher time – difficult to hire EAs/staff absenteeism
 - Shorten the time spent eating to 15 minutes – many variables across classrooms that will pose a challenge.
 - Mr. Donato – parental leave soon. Will be back mid-June.
 - Move to teacher led lunchtime clubs for students
 - Suggestion: student volunteers from River Heights or Kelvin
 - Concerns: safety of ratios, safety on the playground if supervision is reduced
 - Reassurance from admin that students will be safely supervised

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Grade 6 Farewell Committee

- Discussion regarding the planning of the farewell evening event (dinner & dance in the school gymnasium)
- Motion to approve fundraising budget for grade six farewell - \$5000 – moved by Sheryl and seconded by Lauren. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

- January net cash flow \$2753.37
- February ending balance \$2747.27

Motion to approve financial report moved by Laruen, seconded by Sheryl. Approved.

7:36 p.m. Motion to adjourn moved by Craig, seconded by Amy.