

# MEETING MINUTES



AGENDA ITEM	NOTES
CALL TO ORDER	Thursday Sept 18, 2025
Darcy Searcy (Secretary) Amanda Gauthier (Interim Treasurer)	Secretary Darcy called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.
	Meeting was held in person in the former library (Now grade 4 classroom). 19 attendees online, 13 in person including Learning Support team (Shelley Warden, Marissa Turner who were online) and CDAs (Ashley Stone, Jocelyn Hurley who were in person).
COUNCIL MISSION	The mission of the School Council is to foster respect, collaboration, and communication among parents, staff, and administration to enhance student learning.
PBIS FOCUS	We are kind, we are responsible, we are safe
SCHOOL REPORT	Learning Support Team Presentation
	Roles and Responsibilities:
	<ul> <li>Learning Support teachers manage</li> </ul>
	Individualized Program Plans (IPPs),
	Positive Behavior Support Plans, and
	support learners with various
	diagnoses and medical plans.
	<ul> <li>Collaborate with CDAs to provide</li> </ul>
	social-emotional supports and
	coordinate with occupational, speech,
	physical therapists, and psychologists as needed.
	<ul> <li>CDAs focus on social-emotional</li> </ul>
	growth, offering one-on-one and small
	group sessions on friendship,
	problem-solving, and self-regulation.

 Support includes a popular breakfast program providing healthy food to students.

## Referral Process:

- Parents encouraged to first address issues with classroom teachers. If additional support is needed, teachers refer to CDAs and Learning Support.
- Parental permission is obtained for longer-term support.

# Qualifications:

 CDAs hold degrees in social work and child studies with experience supporting diverse learners.

# Principal's Report (Rachelle Prude'Homme)

## Basic Info and PBIS:

- School mission emphasizes respect, collaboration, communication, and supporting student learning.
- PBIS focus for the year: "We are kind, responsible, and safe."
- Introduction of Learner and Leader Awards and "Gotcha tickets" incentive system for recognizing positive behaviors.

## School Profile and Enrollment:

- 850 students with 36 classrooms, including three double classrooms, functioning well despite space challenges.
- 99% capacity utilization.
- Diverse student population includes 20 with significant needs, 107 with mild/moderate needs, 45 Indigenous students, and 104 English as an Additional Language (EAL) students.

# Academic and Extracurricular Updates:

- Kindergarten to Grade 3 government assessments underway.
- Grade 4-6 activities: upcoming volleyball (Nov), basketball (March), soccer (June), grade six track meet, choir, drama programs (high participation), and new CTF courses starting October featuring robotics, 3D printing, business, and outdoor education.
- New school song introduced and well-received.

# Allergy and Safety Reminders:

 School is allergy and scent aware; nuts are prohibited.

# Breakfast Program:

Available only until 9:15 am daily.

## School Events:

- Terry Fox Run scheduled for tomorrow, encourage wearing yellow and fundraising.
- Truth and Reconciliation Week and Halloween parade planned.

# School Calendar Update:

 Parent-teacher conferences moved to November 5-6, 2025.

## School Goals:

- Continuing goals on literacy and numeracy, building future leaders, and fostering an inclusive community.
- New efforts to embed Indigenous perspectives and enhance leadership and career learning.
- Increased staffing support in learning and coaching.

# Volunteer Orientation:

New online orientation presentation introduced for volunteers to ensure

	safety and awareness of school culture and policies.
TRUSTEE'S REPORT  Melyssa Bowen	<ul> <li>Shared highlights from Rocky View Schools' strategic plan year three report, focusing on student leadership, literacy/numeracy improvements, and infrastructure development including modular classrooms and air conditioning installation.</li> <li>Enrollment trends noted: slight overall decrease with growth in Airdrie and Chestermere, decrease in Cochrane.</li> <li>Policy updates discussed including board compensation adjustments and trustee election information.</li> <li>Major decision to end pre-kindergarten funding for 2026-27 due to funding shortfalls; advocacy efforts ongoing.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Administrative procedure updates required for compliance with ministerial orders.</li> <li>Encouraged community to review strategic plan details on the Rocky View website.</li> </ul>
TREASURER'S REPORT	<ul> <li>Financial summary of 2024-25 school council funds including revenues from fundraisers (flower sales, movie night, dance concessions, silent auction).</li> <li>Expenses include allocations for field trips, music programs, and concessions.</li> <li>Current balance approximately \$2,292 with commitments for technology purchases.</li> <li>Donation of \$1,200 received from Davis Chevrolet to support technology, allowing expansion of Chromebook cart to 25 laptops.</li> <li>Fundraising focus this year primarily on technology needs.</li> <li>Student Care committee funds overview shows nearly \$1,800 available for material</li> </ul>

	needs of students including supplies, clothing, and nutrition.  Encouraged continued donations via School Cash online platform.  Healthy Hunger lunch program schedule shared with first order due September 22, 2025.  Reminder of ongoing fundraisers at COBS bakery and Hometown Bottle Depot.  PACE (Parents in Action Committed to Education) update: \$18,491 currently available, with some outstanding approved expenditures; fundraising supports school activities.
ELECTIONS	<ul> <li>Tamara St. Armour was nominated by Darcy and seconded by Amanda as new school council treasurer; no other nominations received.</li> <li>New treasurer welcomed to the council.</li> </ul>
NEW BUSINESS AND CONCLUSIONS	<ul> <li>Fundraising goals will be finalized via an upcoming family survey to prioritize initiatives.</li> <li>The successful Welcome Back BBQ and BooHoo Coffee &amp; Tea events, which engaged many families and recruited volunteers, were reviewed positively.</li> <li>Ongoing fundraisers include COBS Bakery "Dough Raiser" and the Hometown Bottle Depot drive.</li> <li>Healthy Hunger program dates and ordering deadlines were confirmed.</li> </ul>
	Proposed partnership and awareness campaign for Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a program delivering free books

ADJOURNMENT	<ul> <li>monthly to children aged 0-5 in Airdrie area to support early literacy.</li> <li>School council interested in exploring possible collaboration with the program.</li> <li>Volunteer orientation program available to facilitate new volunteer onboarding.</li> <li>Offer from a parent seamstress to provide materials and support for school performances and projects.</li> <li>Secretary Darcy adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM</li> </ul>
NEXT MEETING	<ul> <li>Scheduled on thre third Thursday of the month, excluding December, February and June. <i>Dates:</i> <ul> <li>September 18</li> <li>October 16</li> <li>November 20</li> <li>January 22</li> <li>March 19</li> <li>April 16 (tentative)</li> <li>May 21 (AGM)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>