

**Elizabeth Rummel School Council & Foundation**

**Wednesday, November 20, 2024**

**In-Person - 6:30 pm**

**Chair - Trevor**  
**Vice-chair - Vacant**  
**Secretary - Jaimie**  
**Fundraising Coordinator - Amy**  
**Pizza/Volunteer Coordinator - Laurin**  
**Grant Coordinator- Vacant**  
**Social Media - Vacant**  
**Treasurer - Joanna**

Present	Absent
<b>Trevor Rogers</b> <b>Amy Osbaldeston</b> <b>Joanna Burrell</b> <b>Nicole Skwara</b> <b>Brian Wityshyn</b> <b>Carol Picard</b> <b>Hardik Modi</b> <b>Jumpi Rosas</b> <b>Maya Reindlova</b>	<b>Jaimie</b> <b>Laurin</b> <b>Caitlyn</b>

	Action
	<b>a. Introductions</b> <b>b. Approval of this Agenda</b>
	<b>Presentations: N/A</b>
	<b>Past Business</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GIC Update- noted in Treasurer report</li> <li>Save-On Cards- Orders will go in on December 2 with delivery to families mid-December. One person needed to hand out cards when they come in</li> </ol>
	<b>New Business</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council of Councils Meeting - Thursday, November 28, 2024 at 6:30. Present Two stars and one wish Star 1 Gaga ball pit/ basketball nets. One wish- New music speaker system for school concerts and special events. Does anyone want to attend this meeting and represent ERS?</li> <li>Dance Party Debrief- Overall successful, good turnout, ran out of snacks/popcorn and there was no stand for flashing lights. Need to make popcorn earlier so there is supply ready to go for when it starts. Next planned dance party will be in March TBD. Parent</li> </ol>

Mariano is super keen to plan and organize more events as this is his background. The question was asked, do we want more events/can we handle them, the consensus is that Parent Council does not have additional capacity for more events, and if we have too many they get saturated and turnout might not be so good. Perhaps there is an opportunity to support school events such as sports day to help enhance the event and help teachers

3. Remembrance Day ceremony was well done. It was great to see so many families attend. The attendance of an outside audience gives student presenters an authentic presentation experience and they did a fantastic job.
4. For speaker series for parents. Presentation topic ideas are on neurodiversity, managing screen time, mental health, and bringing in Indigenous knowledge keepers education for a presentation.

### **Information / Discussion**

1. Playground Chatter
2. Principal Report

Gaga Ball and basketball nets are a huge hit, even now with snowy conditions! There is fantastic engagement in outdoor tarmac use by all grade levels.

Thank you to the Parent Council for the Orff Instrument funding. 15 xylophones and some non-pitched percussion instruments have been introduced to lesson plans. This has opened up new learning through manipulative, hands-on activities that build a rhythm, melody, and musical notation reading

Parent Teacher Conferences went very well last week. Thank you to the parent council for supplying food and snacks for the staff over the few evenings

A parent survey was sent out and we had 121 responses already. Another survey was sent out to look and see how Canadian Rockies Public Schools ( CRPS) wants to improve communication with parents. Please take this short survey of 11 questions. The survey takes 5-10 minutes, Individual responses are confidential. The survey closes November 18, 2024 at 4 PM

Great news, the number of students working at Grade level in both our literacy and numeracy has improved this year. Math 84%-87% Reading 73%-86%  
The reason is beginning intervention earlier, starting in Kindergarten rather than Grade 2 and the continuation of the numeracy and literacy staff supports, UFLY ( A balanced literacy program)

Professional development this month is focusing on neurodiversity. Neurodiversity is a word to explain the unique ways people's brains work. While everyone's brain works develops similarly no two brains function just alike. Being neurodivergent means having a brain that works differently from the average or "neurotypical" person. We

are also looking at Executive functioning ( Eg, reasoning, working memory and self-control

The winter concert date for Grades 2-3 will be on December 4th with an afternoon rehearsal at 1:30 PM and a performance at 6:30 PM. Grades 1-4 will perform in the Spring and Kindergarten will attend the annual Banff Springs Hotel Christmas event.

There is a musical proposal from Grace to update the speaker system to help with ease of portability, sound quality, and Bluetooth capability. A new system would come in handy for school events such as concerts, assemblies, and special guest performances/visitors ( Surprise visitors in the New Year but it is top secret!)

An ask for parent council support is funding to purchase new books for the library geared towards the Grade 4 students

Grace in the office is going down to part-time hours so in the office there will be MJ and Becky T also working alongside her in a part-time capacity

### 3. Treasurer Report

Bank balance as of Oct 31:

Fundraising: \$19,579.87

Casino: \$2.43

GICS: \$60,000

Spent \$7265.55 apples

Red rock pizza day \$965x2

Refunded some FFL families

A few more people signed up for pizza

Movie/dance party raised \$508.20 minus snacks (\$40.75), movies (\$15.73), license (\$425.25)

Difference: \$26.47 (but we don't do this for fundraising, it's a community event)

1 year term deposit matured, received \$1818.53 in interest. Reinvested as follows

- \$30,000 in a 1 year non-redeemable term at 4.35% (Matures Oct 18th, 2025.
- 2x \$10,000 plus 1x\$5000 in 1-year redeemable terms at 2.5%, if we redeem early we get 1.25%.-matures Oct 18th, 2025, if we don't redeem them early.
- \$5000 in a 2.5% 6 month term which will mature April 28, 2025.

We have officially postponed casino to Q1 2028

### 4. Fundraising Report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Save on card fundraising going well. The deadline for ordering is December 2.</li><li>5. Volunteer Coordinator Report N/A</li><li>6. Grants Coordinator Report N/A</li><li>7. Social Media Report and Requests N/A</li><li>8. Chair/Vice Chair Report<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Reached out to LGMS and CCHS to see if we could coordinate and communicate fundraising efforts so we are not duplicating efforts. Waiting for a reply.</li></ul></li></ul>
6	Adjournment