

**Elizabeth Rummel School Council & Foundation**

**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

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

**Chair - Trevor**

**Vice-chair - Caitlin**

**Secretary - Jaimie**

**Fundraising Coordinator - Amy**

**Pizza/Volunteer Coordinator - Laurin**

**Grant Coordinator- Vacant**

**Social Media - Becky**

**Treasurer - Joanna/Adam**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Brian Nicole Caitlin Jaimie Samantha (online) Joanna Laura (CRPS Homestay Program)	Laurin Amy Becky

	Meeting called to order at 6:36 a. <b>Introductions</b> b. <b>Approval of this Agenda</b>
	<b>Presentations:</b> Laura - CRPS Homestay Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 582 international students from 30 countries have gone through program</li><li>• Approx 50 students per year- 15 different countries represented this past year</li><li>• International students are highly motivated grade 9-12 students</li><li>• Students provide huge contributions to community in variety of ways</li><li>• Many attend to study and improve english language skills while seeking experiences in the outdoors with their host families (camping, skiing, hiking, etc)</li><li>• Partnerships with OLC and Lake Louise ski academy</li><li>• <b>Program seeking permanent and temporary host families:</b> Long term host families are moving on; however fewer new families are coming forward to host. Student demand consistently outpaces available host families</li><li>• 5 or 10 month commitment; ideally host families are located in Banff or Canmore (due to availability of public transport, as students are not allowed to drive)</li><li>• Students require private bedroom (shared bathroom ok) with 3 healthy meals per day</li><li>• Monthly stipend offered tax free (\$1375/month)</li><li>• Homestay community events planned throughout year</li><li>• Temporary/respite host families are available for unexpected emergencies or change to family situation</li><li>• Program is huge income generator for district and used to support CRPS students in various ways</li><li>• Can apply to be host family via CRPS website</li><li>• <b>Request Becky to add information and link on social media</b></li></ul>
	<b>Past Business</b>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grade 4 Legacy Project <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Brian planning project of painted framed tiles to be hung in library</li> <li>b. Will be presented at Council of Council as a wish: cost approx \$500 for supplies</li> <li>c. 80 students in grade 4</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Parent Resource Purchases <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Caitlin found a variety of online literacy resource options. She proposed a paid subscription would be better put towards an online resource schools manage vs being managed by parent council. Parent council currently funds RazKids.</li> <li>b. School sign up (vs teacher sign up) would allow all students across all grades in school to access a consistent online learning resource. This however would not qualify under the \$500 grant (funds must be allocated towards encouraging parents to be more involved in parent council)</li> <li>c. Caitlin provided list of top books we could consider purchasing</li> <li>d. Nicole (partnering with Banff) followed up with Tanya Keto re options for an executive functioning presentation. No response yet. Request proposed to board to extend grant money until fall- waiting on answer</li> <li>e. Caitlin proposed paying for boosting ads on facebook with grant money</li> <li>f. Brian proposed "Everactive schools" toolkit resource could be provided as a take-away post presentation by Tanya</li> <li>g. Options discussed- goal is to continue to try to plan to use grant money in fall for presentation by Tanya pending extension of grant</li> <li>h. Trevor to ask tomorrow at Council of Council meeting for how other school boards are using money</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teacher Retirement/School Assembly Attendance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2 teachers retiring</li> <li>b. School assembly date to be determined</li> <li>c. Caitlin available for potential proposed dates</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Council discussion on providing each grade (1 - 4 only) with \$500 per grade to be used for additional education resources <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approved for this school year by council as long as resources are aligned with school values</li> <li>b. Parent council would like this to be discussed at the beginning of each school year</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	<p><b>Information / Discussion</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Playground Chatter- none</li> <li>2. Principal Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. ASK: library book requests- Mme Pascale has currently spend \$1300 (max \$2000 will be supported by parent council)</li> <li>b. Ongoing OLC field trips, are well coordinated with Indigenous Knowledge Keepers</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

- c. Successful spring concert with large turnout
- d. School is moving forward with new school designs with Jason Carter, new funds outside of Parent Council have been allocated towards project. Design process starting in June with potential completion date of September. No current ask of funding from parent council regarding project
- e. Sandbox open and being well utilized!
- f. 2 teachers retiring
- g. Erika Groman unable to attend tonight to do reading presentation- Trevor proposed resources to be added online and in newsletter for parents to access
- h. School supply conversation:
  - i. Brainstorming with teachers ongoing. Nicole proposed to fund a classroom set of non-consumables (rulers, scissors) with classroom list limited to consumable items
  - ii. Trevor proposed kleenex added to standard school provided items (example same as paper towel, toilet paper, etc)
  - iii. Items would belong to classroom not teacher
  - iv. Caitlin proposed seeking grants for zero waste initiatives to support this
  - v. Nicole to email council next week with proposed costs to start project, so lists for next year can be finalized prior to next parent council

### 3. Treasurer Report

- a. Fundraising account \$6009.27
- b. Red rock fundraiser \$875- some confusion about when families could order pizza; to clarify timing and specifics for next fundraiser
- c. \$1010 pizza day
- d. \$18.26 movie night license
- e. 1 additional pizza lunch student added
- f. Casino \$2.43

### 4. Fundraising Report

- a. Thank you to everyone who helped with the flower fundraiser and for the support in getting more helpers- it made a huge difference. From the sales we made, approximately \$2200, including the extra flowers we had available, which are all now gone. 2 high school students were paid to help with handout. Proposed seeking high school students to volunteer with more notice in future
- b. Amy has the two planters that are for gifts
- c. Amy will sign us up for a fall colibri bag sale when they open the sign-ups in June.

### 5. Volunteer Coordinator Report

- a. feedback from the spring concert last week... Parent council could set up a stand with juice and bubbly's for sale! It might even be a good one for some older siblings to manage. To be discussed next year
- b. Last pizza day June 25

### 6. Grants Coordinator Report- none

### 7. Social Media Report and Requests

- a. We have 1 new follower this month (which is down 50% from the 2 new followers we had last month) 😊
- b. Our content interactions are down by 32%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Our Views are down 30%</li> <li>d. Top views this month were all about flowers</li> </ul> <p>8. Chair/Vice Chair Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bridgette bar does not have private space available; can allocate space but not ideal for meeting</li> <li>b. Trevor to book Iron Goat for AGM June 11</li> <li>c. Council of council meeting tomorrow</li> </ul>
	Adjournment 7:59 pm