# Elizabeth Rummel School Parent Council Wednesday, September 17, 2025 In-Person - 6:30 pm

Chair - Caitlin Miller
Vice-chair - Trevor Rogers
Secretary - Jaimie Beaton
Fundraising Coordinator - Amy
Osbaldeston

Pizza/Volunteer Coordinator - Laurin Duncan Grant Coordinator- Vacant Social Media - Becky Takahashi (School Admin) Treasurer - Adam Becker

Present	Absent
In person:	Jaimie Beaton
Caitlin Miller	
Sophie Pontone	
Shauna Filby	
Adam Becker	
Brian Wityshyn	
Brian Callaghan	
Shannon Ripley	
Breanna Temple	
Nicole Skwara	
Trevor Rogers	
Amy Osbaldeston	
Virtual:	
Jesse Gadon	
Bronwyn Van Zyl	
Meghann Brown	
Megan Cuthbertson	
Lora Oehlberg	
Laurin Duncan	
Camilla Medeiros	
Chesa Peter	
Nikki Patel	

<ul><li>a. Introductions</li><li>b. Approval of this Agenda</li></ul>
Presentations:
Brian Callaghan - School Board Trustee
<ul> <li>Discussion around running as a school board trustee, update on the candidates who have filed and where to find information</li> </ul>
- Information about potential labour action and how to find it on the <u>CRPS website</u>
Past Business

- 1. Parent Workshop Fall 2025
  - a. Workshop on neurodivergency in collaboration with Banff elementary
  - b. Will revisit scheduling after October 6
- 2. Follow up on reusable classroom supplies
  - a. Opportunity to find grant funding for future reusable school supplies
  - b. All classrooms have been ordered and inventoried, stays in the room (not tied to students and teachers)
  - c. **ACTION:** Shannon to research grant funding opportunities

### **New Business**

- 1. Fundraising Discussion Pizza 2025
  - a. Red Rock owners have had a family emergency, look for other options for 2025-2026
  - b. Good fundraiser for the school and should continue doing further discussion below

## **Information / Discussion**

- 1. Playground Chatter
  - a. Traffic light concerns report any traffic concerns to the Town of Canmore through the website at canmore.ca
  - b. School bus drop-off overwhelming for younger students, especially the first few weeks of school when they aren't used to it. Parent feedback that more supervision could be done at the front doors to assist kindergarten kids getting into the school.
  - c. Dead mouse by the grade 2 doors that caused a lot of student interest one afternoon and the following morning.
- 2. Principal Report
  - a. See Below for full principal's report
- 3. Treasurer Report
  - a. Ended August with a balance of \$5,973 in chequing
  - b. GICs investments are coming up for maturity in October will have to decide about what expenses are coming and what we want to do
  - c. Invoices for reusable school supplies has been received
  - d. Cheque from Mable's Labels will be picked up tonight.
- 4. Fundraising Report
  - a. First fundraiser happening now Apples order deadline is on Monday. Reminder email to parents in coming days. Will need help on delivery date -Thursday October 9 with unloading truck/sorting and helping to hand out boxes.
  - b. Next fundraiser in November Colibri reusable bag fundraiser.
  - c. Save-On Foods gift cards will be done in November
  - d. Mables Labels ongoing fundraiser, could send out a reminder about them in next newsletter.

Volunteer Coordinator Report - Pizza update - need to share some communication with families. Will get everything thrown together and ask LGMS what their contingency plan is. Wednesday October 1 is the first pizza day for LGMS.
 Grants Coordinator Report 
 a. Action: Lora has offered to help with grant writing and coordinating.

 Social Media Report and Requests - reminder to go through Becky for requests and posts on Social Media
 Chair/Vice Chair Report - nothing further to report

Words from Superintendent Chris McPhee

Adjournment

## Principals Report - Parent Council - September 17th, 2025

Open House last week and First Assembly on Sept 10th - great turnout.

First **Knowledge Keepers** visit today

FireDrill tomorrow - need to complete 3 of them

**Terry Fox Run** on Sept. 25th. (blue hair challenge); Will be a whole school event followed by a school picnic with buddy groupings.

**National Day of Truth and Reconciliation** on Sept. 29th. (As a school wide initiative we will be hanging ribbons on the fence - must stay on for four days...they were blessed by knowledge keepers). Classrooms have different activities to talk about Truth and Reconciliation and as a school we will read "The Orange Shirt Story" by Phylis Webstad. Orange Shirt Day.

As of today, we have a total **Enrollment** of 335 students (New families to the valley = 17 / Families that left 23 / 10 Indigenous students from the Nation.)

**Food for Learning Program** started and we also have snack bins in the classrooms (24 students)

Photo day completed yesterday.

**Logo** update: In the process of getting the final details and moving forward. Will have to talk to Cansign to digitize/vinyl graphics. We will cover the \$3000.00 and might need to ask the parent council for some of the vinyl graphics.

**PLN**: This Friday we will be looking at the Social Studies curriculum: Exploring resources and researching effective ways to engage students. Continue with our Shared Vision of Learning. Student Voice

Asks from Parent Council to help support initiatives: Invoice for the School supplies: (one time deal)

#### Other Asks:

\$500 per grade group (not kindergarten)
Number lines (\$250)
LST equipment (roller racer / trampoline - \$500)
Raz Kids (\$132 x 16 if all use it...\$2110.00)
4 square painting on the tarmac
Movie Licence

ATA and potential strike action - Deb McKibbon will join us and can answer questions.

There will be communication coming from CRPS in the coming days. As a smaller board, we have to navigate carefully and not get in between the ATA and TEBA. We only know what is on the news as well, with the exception of a letter yesterday afternoon informing us of the official strike notice.

It is very important to us to maintain our strong relationship with our teachers and support our families. I appreciate hearing the uncertainty and questions from families. Hopefully the webpage we have ready to go (the link will be shared with families next week) will help keep families and staff informed.