

Rolling Meadows Public School - School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

- Name of Meeting: Rolling Meadows School Council Meeting
- Date: March 2, 2026
- Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Format: Google Meet

Attendance

- **Rolling Meadows Staff**
 - Principal - Kristine Lukawecky
 - Vice Principal - Jeff Burrows
 - Staff Representative - Sonia Nalywajko
- **2025/2026 Council Members Present**
 - Co-Chair / Treasurer - Alexandra Newton
 - Co-Chair - Sarah Lawson (Absent)
 - Co-Chair - Paul Dunslow
 - PIC Representative - Erin Vandenbroek
 - Secretary - Krista Findlay (Absent)
 - Members at Large - Lyndsay Sellars

Timestamp	Topic	Details	Decision/Action Item
6:37pm - 6:38pm	Introductory Messages	• Land Acknowledgement	n/a
6:39pm - 6:40pm	Admin Updates	• Approval of March 2, 2026 • Need to meeting Secretary	• Motion Approved • Send Kristine / Jeff the minutes for posting on the new website. • Alexandra to fill in as Council Secretary.

6:40pm - 7:13pm	Principal's Report	● Community Mental Health and Well-being Session - Feb. 24 ○ Positive feedback ○ Resources available ○ Consider evening spot ● Science and Innovation Fair - March 9 ○ Intermediates - grades 7/8 ● Fashion Forward - April 21 and 23 ○ Collect gently used grad wear ○ CYC's for the board organize the event ○ Student from MM ○ 50% of grade 8s from RM ● Grade 7 Orientation - April 30 ○ Council representation ● Kindergarten "Grad" Pictures - May 13 ○ Edge cap and gown offering ○ All family will receive one printed photo ● Kindergarten Orientation - May 14 ● Arts Night - May 28 ○ Bands and artwork throughout the school ○ Book fair ○ Grade 1 - 3s performing first, but you don't have to stay to watch the whole thing. ○ They will perform 2 songs. ● Field Trips Update ○ See recent RM memo for details ● Dogs on School Property ○ Also in the RM memo ○ Something to keep on eye on / monitor ● Road Safety ○ Parent reported issue at the cross-walk ● EQAO Results ○ Across province grade 3 ■ On par for reading ■ Writing across province 65% ● 19.4% of students were at the cusp of level 2.9	● Kristine to send times for orientations to Alexandra and Paul.
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		■ Math levels down ○ Snapshot in time; we're a smaller sample; consider students with special needs ● Grade 6 results are stronger ○ Reading up ○ Writing up; 8% above province ○ Math is an issue across the province in general ● Literacy ○ We have the same students from grades 3-6 ○ We need to work on the primary years ○ Early years are not where they need to be ○ Foundations program; seeing good results; monitoring the data ● Math ○ Getting the staff aligned with common vocabulary / resources that we use ○ Going to be doing lunch and learn ○ Small constructs along the way ● EQAO specialist teachers; math coaches that work with students twice a year. ● Curriculum in changing for JK next year	
7:13pm - 7:16pm	Teacher's Report	● A wide range of intramural activities are currently taking place. ● Clubs are continuing as usual. ● A Buddy/Kindness event was held in recognition of Pink Shirt Day. ○ The kindness activity provided a positive experience for both junior and senior students. ○ Student work from the activity is being displayed in the hallways. ● The junior volleyball team has a tournament scheduled for next week.	n/a
7:16pm - 7:25pm	Financial Updates	Postponement of School Board Funding Realities Session ● Pro Grant Account: \$0 ○ We transferred the money in this account to the PRO Grant account to pay for part of the STEAM Night.	n/a

		● PIC Grant Account: -\$203.21 ○ Used account to pay for the STEAM night, when we receive the \$500-\$750 Grant money from the Board we will be back in the positives. ● Council Fundraising Account: \$2399.68 ○ The inflatable deposit has cleared and Movie Night revenue has been added; however, Movie Night expenses are still pending reconciliation with the credit card.	
7:25pm - 8:00pm	Fundraising Initiatives and Events	● Movie Night ○ Attendance and Feedback ■ Very well attended and received by the community ○ Sales: \$548.69 ○ Costs: \$292.71 (subject to final receipts to be processed) ○ Net Revenue: Approximately \$220 ○ Some minor issues with the concession, but good lessons learned for the next movie night. ● STEAM Night ○ Event Overview (Two Rooms; Grade 8 Robotics Showcase) ○ Attendance Summary ■ Also very well received ■ Lower attendance but it was also cold and last year's event was later into the Spring ■ We also split the activities between two rooms ○ Total Cost: \$1514.78 ● Dance-a-Thon ○ Day of Schedule: ■ Period 1 (8:55–9:55) - Primary Classes: 1-1, 12-1, 2-1, 3-1, 34-1 (Grade 3s only) - Approx. 95 students ■ Period 2 (9:55–10:55) - Junior Classes: 34-1 (Grade 4s only), 4-1, 5-1, 56-1, 67-1 (Grade 6s only) - Approx. 95 students ■ Period 3 (11:35–12:35) - Grade 7 - Approx. 100 students ■ Period 4 (12:35–1:35) - Grade 8 - Approx. 100	Movie Night: ● 2 events next year ● Fall and Winter ● Set dates in September ● Possibly sell more concessions. Dance-a-thon: ● Email communication will be sent out by Friday. ● Fundraising will support technology initiatives, including Chromebooks. ● Use school wide incentive again with a thermometer. ● SCO snack bags will include a bag of chips, a juice box, and two glow sticks. Each student will receive one glow stick. ● Kristine and Jeff will confirm the auditorium set-up the night before. ● Kristine and Lyndsay will connect further to coordinate next steps. BBQ

		students ■ Period 5 (2:15–3:15) - Kindergarten- Approx. 75 students ○ Glow in the Dark Theme / Event Decor ■ Neon balloons ■ Neon streams ■ Glow bracelets for all ■ Blacklight fixture ■ Neon tape on the floor ■ Glow in the dark “Let’s Party” banner ● Generously paid by Lynsday on a donation basis to the school. ● No concerns regarding the decor confirmed by Kristine and Jeff ■ Playlists ● Caitlin working on playlist ■ Equipment Rentals (Long & McQuade) (\$23) ● 3 glow in the dark lights ● 2 disco balls ○ Hang off basketball nets ○ Audio equipment ○ Also generously paid by Lynsday on a donation basis to the school. ○ School still needs invoices ■ Communications (Rolling Meadows Memo; Student-Made Banner; Classroom announcements; encouraging teachers to include language in their classroom updates) ● Use school wide incentive again with a thermometer. ● Specify fundraising is for Chromebooks ● We should not be using funds raised at the Dance-a-thon for the BBQ ■ SCO and Day-of Sales ● Glow sticks? ■ Petty cash coordination: ● We will need to set this up for the day of sales.	Vendors: ● Confirm current menus and pricing with Troy’s and Ontario Ice Cream. Sponsorship Email: ● To send post-Dance-a-thon. ● Alexandra to email Kristine with language. Fundraising: ● Amendments to the fundraising plan have already been submitted to the Board, and we are not in a position to make any further changes at this time. ● We can potentially leverage funds from COBS Bread, the Big Yellow Bag program, Freezie sales, and similar initiatives. ● We anticipate being financially stable without introducing an additional fundraiser. ● We will also continue to rely on sponsorships and existing funds. COBS Bread: Lyndsay will ask Terri whether RM is still participating in the bakery fundraising program, as Terri is friends with the owner.
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		■ Volunteer roles to consider - see agenda. ● End-of-Year BBQ ○ Confirmed Vendors / Community Partners ■ Niagara Inflatables ■ Troys ■ Ontario Ice Cream ■ The Rewynds ■ Burlington Fire Services ■ OMAC Martial Arts ■ Kids Play Sports ■ Monarch House ○ Recent Decisions ■ Not to include Henna due to cost ■ Lyndsay to manage purchase and sale of freezies ○ Fundraising and Sponsorship ■ Potentially run Kernels or Terra Cotta fundraisers to help with additional fundraising ● Amendments to the fundraising plan have already been submitted to the Board, and we are not in a position to make any further changes at this time. ● There are several other fundraisers planned for the spring, and an additional fundraiser could detract from those efforts. ● We can potentially leverage funds from COBS Bread, the Big Yellow Bag program, Freezie sales, and similar initiatives. ● We anticipate being financially stable without introducing an additional fundraiser. ● We will also continue to rely on sponsorships and existing funds.	
8:00pm - 8:17pm	Boundary Review Update (Paul Dunslow)	● Tom Thompson Public School is currently over capacity. A key objective of the boundary review is to reduce enrolment pressures and bring the school closer to sustainable levels.	n/a

		○ There is concern that boundary changes may result in a loss of staffing or program resources at Thompson. ● In 2017, the former Liberal government in Ontario implemented a moratorium on school closures, which was subsequently maintained by the Ford government. ● Enrolment in southwest Burlington continues to decline, with several schools operating significantly below capacity. It is estimated that up to four schools in this area may not have sufficient enrolment to remain viable in the long term. ● Lakeshore Public School is particularly impacted, with approximately 100 students enrolled. Due to low enrollment, the school faces challenges in accessing adequate staffing and program resources. ● Redirecting (or “feeding”) more students from southwest Burlington into Lakeshore to help stabilize enrollment and improve access to resources. ● Anticipated influx of approximately 60–70 additional students at Rolling Meadows over the next three to four years. This increase is expected to be gradual and manageable. ● Likely Grade 6 - 8 students, but this would balance the student population.	
8:17pm	Motion to Adjourn	● Motion to adjourn ● Last full school council meeting of the school year: ○ May 4th at 6:30	Approved