

DR. ROBERTA BONDAR SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL *CONSENT AGENDA*

TUESDAY, February 11, 2025, 6:45-8:15 pm - Dr. Roberta Bondar School Launch Pad

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Meeting ID: 252 981 323 973

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6:45	Call to Order	Jamie-Lynn Leci (1 min)
6:46	Land Acknowledgment	Evelyne Lamontagne (2 min)
6:48	Chair Welcome and Opening Comments • Reminder to sign attendance sheet • Check for quorum Approval of previous meeting School Council Minutes Approval of School Council Consent Agenda	Jamie-Lynn Leci (2 min)
6:50	Principal's Message • Gr 6 teachers to present • Next Year's Projections • School Development Plan • Musical • School Clubs	Evelyne Lamontagne (Principal) and Kim Howden (Assistant Principal) (20 min including questions)
7:10	Chair Update • The Alberta School Council Engagement Grant (785\$ to spend by June 13, 2025) for parent engagement activities. I have been in communication with Paul Davis (cyber security) on dates and logistics. Will coordinate with Evelyne on what date makes sense and hopefully have this finalized for our next meeting in March. • Bylaws number of meetings: under the Bylaws we are required to have 8 general meetings during the school year. We currently have meetings in each month except for December. Given the number of meetings and how close some of them are (less than a month) to one another, I believe that 8 meetings suffice and is more efficient than 9. • Succession Planning in Bylaws. • The date of the AGM going forward needs to be in September or October. • Reminder for Council Meeting Dates: ○ March 11, 2025 ○ April 15, 2025 ○ May 13, 2025 – AGM	Jamie-Lynn Leci (15 min)

	○ June 2, 2025	
7:25	Vice Chair update	Nick Berdusco (2 min)
7:27	Volunteer Coordinator Update	Nicole Leung (3 min)
7:30	Communications Coordinator Update	Diana Lasso (3 min)
7:33	Hug n' Go Coordinator Update	Miguel Urrutia (2 min)
7:35	Fundraising Coordinator Update	Sadaf Burhan (5 min)
7:40	Adjourn Meeting	Jamie-Lynn Leci (1 min)

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SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION *CONSENT AGENDA*

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7:40	Call to Order Chair Welcome and Opening Comments Approval of previous meeting School Development Association Minutes Approval of School Development Association Consent Agenda	Jamie-Lynn Leci (2 min)
7:42	Vice Chair Update	Nick Berdusco (2 min)
7:44	Special Events Coordinator Update Fundraising / Movie Event	Andrea Suarez (5 min)
7:49	Playground Coordinator Update Update on communications regarding deficiencies	Jamie-Lynn Leci / Carrie Plesuk/Chris Kozelj/Natasha Monk (5 min)
7:54	Casino Coordinator Update Discuss the recruitment of volunteers	Theresa Phan (10 min)
8:04	Fundraising Coordinator Update	Sadaf Burhan (5 min)
8:09	Treasurer Update	Natasha Monk (6 minutes)
8:15	Adjourn Meeting	Jamie-Lynn Leci (1 min)

Next School Council & School Development Association Meeting to be held on March 11, 2025.

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DRBS School Council Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Attendees in person: Nick Berdusco; Jamie-Lynn Leci; Evelyne Lamontagne; Kim Howden; Jacqui Lund; Nicole Leung; Natasha Monk; Theresa Phan; Rob Cuculea; Roni Gorrie; Lydia McLeod; Jenn Lowry; Lauren Ling and Chris Kozelj. **Virtual attendees:** Jenny; Abiola; Lisa Tran; Panahi; Andrea Suarez; Miguel Urrutia; Carrie Plesuk; Nicky Palmer; and Diana Lasso.

Kim Howden presented the Land Acknowledgement.

Grade 3 Teacher's Presentation

Math:

- In Grade 3, math is taught using various hands-on activities and manipulatives, including morning math warm-ups, small group work, and digital resources such as Generation Genius.
- There is an emphasis on developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills through "productive struggle" where students work through challenging problems.

Art:

- The art curriculum focuses on studying famous artists and replicating their technique. Students learn about artists' lives and important works, then try to recreate the artists' styles using different mediums like paint, yarn, and paper.
- Students analyze the emotions and meanings conveyed through the artwork by reflecting and critiquing.

Science:

- The science curriculum starts with a focus on matter and the water cycle, with hands-on experiments and activities.
- There is an emphasis on the scientific process, having students make hypotheses and observe results.
- The hands-on experiences help prepare students for assessments, as questions draw directly from the in-class activities.

Motion to approve the previous meeting School Council Minutes made by Jamie-Lynn Leci and seconded by Jacqui. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting made by Jamie-Lynn Leci and seconded by Nicole. Motion carried.

Principal's Update

Overall, provided an update on several operational and logistical changes impacting the school community, and the need to adapt to new guidelines and policies. The government has changed how walk zone distances are being measured. This will likely result in more students qualifying for bus transportation.

To accommodate any increased bus needs, the school will be changing bell times, which could shift the start and end of the school day by up to an hour. The bell time changes may impact schedules for parents and students. The school will not know anything more until late spring.

There have been severe parking and traffic issues in the school's parking lot, leading to the suspension of student patrols and parking guards for the month of January. The lower light levels make it more dangerous. Evelyne suggests installing flashing lights to help manage the traffic.

Chair Update

The group discussed ideas for a cybersecurity education session for parents, including potentially involving students and offering virtual options to increase attendance. Tech literacy is a suggested focus. Paul Davis was offered as an option and will be looked into.

The council discussed the limitations on communication and promotion of the parent council, such as not being able to share contact information for council members.

Vice Chair Update

Currently awaiting an email confirmation from the government acknowledging receipt of the submission for annual registrations.

Hug n' Go Coordinator Update

There is a need for more volunteers for the next couple of months, February and March, as some of the regular parents will be away. The volunteer commitment is just 1 day per week, for about 25-30 minutes per day, from 8:10 to 8:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

DRBS School Development Association Minutes

January 14, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:29pm

Attendees in person: Nick Berdusco; Jamie-Lynn Leci; Jacqui Lund; Nicole Leung; Natasha Monk; Theresa Phan; Jenn Lowry; Lauren Ling and Chris Kozelj. **Virtual attendees:** Jenny; Lisa Tran; Abiola; Panahi; Andrea Suarez; Miguel Urrutia; Carrie Plesuk; Nicky Palmer; and Diana Lasso.

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on November 19, 2024 was made by Jamie-Lynn Leci and seconded by Jenn. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting made by Natasha, seconded by Jamie-Lynn Leci. Motion carried.

Special Events Coordinator Update

Andrea has been in communication with Landmark and Cineplex to organize a movie event for kids. She is leaning towards booking the event at Cineplex due to capacity and pricing. More details on the event date will be provided in the February meeting.

Casino Coordinator Update

The discussion focused on recruiting volunteers for the upcoming casino fundraising event. The council is trying to fill 16 remaining volunteer positions.

Strategies discussed for getting more volunteers include:

- posting sign-up information in parent chat groups;
- sending the volunteer sign-up link to the council members and volunteer email list;
- considering adding a "backup" volunteer role in case of last-minute cancellations; and
- designating an alternative General Manager role to ensure coverage.

Communication Update

The council discussed the communication challenges as a result of the CBE communication change regarding what the school can share on behalf of the council. The group wants to ensure that parents stay informed about the latest updates, especially regarding fundraising efforts, and discussed the importance of remaining compliant with the policy.

Action: Jamie-Lynn will send the CBE comms rules to the SDA membership for review.

Fundraising Update

Natasha provided an update on the school's finances and recent activities. The council raised approximately \$2,900.00 through GoFundMe fundraising efforts. This exceeded the original fundraising target for the year.

Playground Coordinator Update

A plaque is being created to commemorate the playground, it forms part of the final documentation for the related grant.

School Clubs

Jenn brought up the idea of creating some clubs for the students. Jacquie noted there used to be various clubs at the school before COVID-19, such as a coding club, polar bear club, and choir, that were run by teachers. The Leadership Club is currently the only club running. School scheduling makes it difficult.

Jacquie suggested that Jenn follow up to get more information on how the Leadership Club was started and see if that model could be replicated for other clubs. Jenn will follow up at the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.