

**Rockton Elementary School
Parent Council Meeting
Thursday September 18th, 2025
6:30pm**

Attendees: Tanya Brouwer, Kim Albers, Melanie Cassan, Robin Tilbury, Bre Paszkat, Jen Krebsz, Abby Somerville, Jessica Seaton, Lindsay Robinson, Tasha Mauer, Lindsay Plumstead, Cassi Brunsveld, Jenny Hutchenson, Rachel Smith Wendt, Niki Gerritsen, Bill Forrester, Leanne Tovey, Leanne Halford, Ashlie Ferguson, Katey Vermeulen

Nominations & Elections: Tanya Brouwer & Danielle Ciccarelli were nominated and accepted the positions of Co-Chairs. Melanie Cassan was nominated and accepted the position of Treasurer. Kim Albers was nominated and accepted the position of Secretary.

Co-Chairs: Tanya Brouwer & Danielle Ciccarelli

Treasurer: Melanie Cassan

Secretary: Kim Albers

Approval of Agenda: Jenn the approval the agenda and Niki 2nd the approval.
Approval of May 2025 Minutes: Jenny Approved the May Minutes.

Treasurers Report

Last year fundraising total - \$28,828.85

\$20,283.38 in purchases

\$8545.48 surplus

Voted and approved to spend \$4250.00 on

More GaGa Balls for outside Pit - Approx \$100

DPA Equipment for grades 1-8 - Approx \$100 per room - \$1700

Kindergarten Outdoor equipment (new bikes etc.) - Approx \$2000

Recess Guardians Equipment (Grade 5) - Approx \$250

Corn Hole Boards and Bean Bags - Approx \$200

Remaining \$4295.48 will now be put over to another line for larger capital purchase.

Open house Oct 2nd

Chairs Report

Subway - Cost \$6 per sub, on SCO now and first sub day will be Oct 30th

Pizza- Will be on SCO first week of Oct and first Pizza Day will be end of October.

Pumpkins- Partnering again with local farmer, \$5 per pumpkin on SCO, pick up with be Oct 1st. Please Pick up on this date.

School Spirit Wear - forms will com out around Nov 1st for information to come.

Water Bottle Fundraiser – More information to come about this fundraiser.

Poinsettias- Will run in December.

Food Fundraiser – Fundraising committee to discuss.

Cobbs bread fundraiser- Fundraising committee to discuss.

Fundraising Committee – meeting date TBD

Committee

Danielle, Jes, Jen, Tasha, Jenny, Bre, Jaime

Nutrition Program – Tastebuds funded for 2 days

Will be Monday and Friday.

Melanie and Sandra plus a few Grade 8s help out

Lots of options for everyone.

Dec 3rd or Dec 4th for turkey skate - To be confirmed

You will need a Vulnerable Sector to volunteer.

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Teachers Report- Lindsay Plumstead

Three pitch - Up and running teams have been picked and practices are running at nutrition breaks.

Senior boys - Monday September 22nd (Nichols)

Junior boys - Thursday September 25th (Nichols/Schulze)

Senior girls - Monday September 29th (Burgess-Hertner)

Junior girls - Tuesday September 30th (Nichols / Plumstead)

Junior swim team is coming up for grade 3-5

Dates:

September 24th tryout/first practice

October 1st - second practice

October 8th - 3rd practice

October 15th - 4th practice

October 22nd - 5th practice

Final swim meet date - TBD (might be oct 27th or 28th)

Junior and Senior cross country tryouts and practices have begun, meet is October 8th

Soccer tryouts have started

Student council voting has taken place and will start next week

Robotics club has started

Kindergarten is hoping to visit the apple orchard on October 10th

Grade 7&8 students are going to camp Ki-Wa-Y for team building.

October 6 grade 8s and October 7th grade 7s

Principals Report – Leanne Tovey

Welcome Mr. Forrester our new .5 Vice Principal!

Staff has stayed the same with some changes, Mr. Schultz moved from kindergarten 5/6, Miss Bentham took over Mr. Schultz kinder class. Mrs. Loughridge is back teaching Grade 2, New Junior French teacher Miss Comber as well as primary music.

Ms. Kurtz went off on maternity leave and Ms. Westby has taken over her class. She is also teaching 5-6 French. And Madame Prentice went down to grade 6 to grade 8 French.

New EA Ms. Wall and itinerant EA Ms. Dincer.

Caretakers - Ms. Graves and Mr. Williams they're so currently with us but afternoons and evenings and now have a new head Caretaker.

No Re-Organization!

What is Reorganization is when all the sudden are numbers drop too much or they grow too much and the board comes back and says you have too many kiddos in this area and so we're giving you a new class or you've lost/ you didn't have the registration, so you're losing 1/2-time kindergarten. That is worst case scenario.

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Recess Guardians – Chance for our Grade 5s to take a leadership role in the school, they have all met with Mr. Forrester and Mrs. Tovey, They've talked to them about what it is, they will have yellow vests and the staff have orange vests. They each get their own individual whistle, putting them in team, there will be 10 teams they do one nutrition break a week. They go outside 1st, 1 or 2 at the Gaga ball pit, 1 or 2 on the playground, a couple referring a soccer game, if they see someone on the buddy bench alone, they could go over and chat with them, if someone gets hurt help them get to a teacher.

Grade 6,7&8s get a lot of opportunities we feel the Grade 5s are ready and looking for things to lead.

To start all Grade 5s are giving it a try after a couple of weeks students can decide if they want to continue.

GaGa Ball pit has been a huge hit! Students had to learn how to play during their gym and DPA classes before they can use at recess, a schedule has been made.

Bus Patrollers application put in last year CAA runs the program, Mr. Forrester working on getting 7 and 8 who are interested on each bus, they go and get trained for a day at the Ancaster fairgrounds, which is the first week of October. If your child is interested, you'll be hearing more about that soon.

Busing is going well, a lot of new drivers. Seating Plan in the works.

Next Meeting Dates:

Wednesday Nov 12th at 6:30pm

Thursday Jan 15th at 6:30pm

Wednesday May 20th at 6:30pm