

RSPC Royal School Parent Connect

January Meeting Minutes

Date: January 21, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Royal School

Attendance (In Person): Kara, Stef, Jessie, Jani, Leanna, Monica, Heather, Tricia

Attendance (Online): Robyn, Sara

1. Principal's Message

Tanis provided an update on school initiatives and programming.

- The school is celebrating the **Artemis II launch**. A PDF with details is available ([view here](#)).
- Discussion was held regarding the use of **artificial intelligence in classrooms**. Several parents expressed concerns about students being taught AI concepts. Tanis reassured the group that at this time, AI-related learning is limited to teachers and professional development.

Technology Use in Classrooms:

- Jessie asked whether divisional or provincial guidelines exist regarding the amount of classroom time dedicated to technology use.
 - Tanis explained that the divisional budget provides **five iPads per early years classroom** and **five laptops per older classroom**, allowing technology to be used as an augmentation tool (e.g., learning stations), rather than replacing traditional instruction.
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2. Review of Action Items from November Meeting

All action items from the November meeting have been completed.

3. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Motion: Leanna

Seconded by: Stef

Decision: Motion carried; November meeting minutes approved.

4. Financial Update

Tricia presented the RSPC financial update.

- Financial statements are available for review in the **financial drive**.
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5. Fun Lunch Update

- The most recent fun lunch generated **\$155 in profit**.
- Transitioning to **pizza-only lunches** was successful.
- The event ran smoothly, and lunch supervisors reported that the simplified process was easier to manage.

Monica proposed planning several fun lunches in advance to consolidate reconciliation and administrative work.

Decision: Group agreed this was a strong approach moving forward.

6. Playground Coordinator – Bylaw Update

Kara noted the need to formally add the **Playground Coordinator** role to the RSPC bylaws, in accordance with the constitution.

- An updated constitution including the proposed Playground Coordinator role and responsibilities has been drafted ([click here to view proposed constitution changes](#)).

- A vote to add this role to the constitution will take place at the **February meeting**.

Jani requested that any feedback or suggested changes to the role description be submitted within the next week to allow for proper community notice prior to the vote.

7. Playground Update

Jani presented the playground update.

- A copy of the update is available [\(view here\)](#).
 - Members with ideas for playground **stencil designs** were asked to email Jani directly.
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8. Future Fundraising & Community Events

Discussion regarding the **Future Fundraiser Survey** and remaining community events for the school year was deferred to the **February meeting**.

- Kara asked members to share ideas in advance so they can be added to the February agenda.
 - It was noted that anyone interested in leading a **St. Patrick's Day Bingo** may proceed without requiring a formal vote.
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9. Triple Ball Hoop Vote

Information related to the vote was reviewed (link to be inserted).

- The vote concerned using funds from the general balance to take advantage of a **supplier Black Friday discount**.

- It was reiterated that funds raised were designated specifically for the **triple ball hoop**, and that this purchase should be prioritized.
- Kara noted that an amendment may be required regarding playground funds now that divisional responsibilities are clearer.

Motion: Jani moved to approve the purchase and installation of the triple ball hoop.

Seconded by: Heather

Decision: Motion carried unanimously.

Approval: Tricia (Treasurer) approved the expenditure.

10. Succession Planning Discussion

- All executive positions conclude in **June**.
- The following members announced they will not be seeking re-election:
 - Kara – Chair
 - Tricia – Treasurer
 - Monica – Fun Lunch Coordinator
 - Heather – Secretary

Election Timing Discussion:

- Kara suggested moving elections to **June** instead of September to allow early September events to be better organized.
- Jani agreed, noting the first week of school is challenging for communications.
- Monica raised concerns that this timing may exclude kindergarten parents.

It was noted that:

- A **June meeting** would be required if elections move earlier.

- With many executive members leaving, transitioning leadership earlier could help ensure continuity and support for the incoming team.
 - A change to the by-laws ([view here](#)) would be required.
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11. Meeting Adjournment

Time: 7:31 p.m.