

**Minutes for R.F. Staples School Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

1. Call to Order 6:02 p.m.
2. President Rilayna Pidsadowski welcomed everyone.  
In attendance: Michelle Rigney, Kathy Carnegie, Philip Petkau, Michelle Rau, Robin Horricks, Rilayna Pidsadowski, Kathy Despaul
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Approval of Agenda - no additions, approved by consensus
5. Rilayna gave summary of previous meeting minutes. Everyone approved.
6. Student Council Report - no student present
7. Trustee Report - David Truckey
  - Meeting held in August
  - Board planning/policy committee provincial
  - Committee membership after election
  - Parade registration - attending
  - Negotiation between TBA and ATA board
  - Book bans from province
  - Career camp
  - Summer meeting in Red Deer
  - School start up
  - Education services - partnership w/Grant McEwan policing force
8. School Admin Report - Brett Seatter
  - Computer labs updates - chromebooks to arrive in October, new robotics kits to replace the outdated supplies, remaining dollars in the Microsoft grant to replace the Media Arts computer lab, budget significantly lower than last year.
  - Many events have taken place , golf in Drayton Valley. Volleyball has started, Cross Country running to take place sept 17, jr high soccer in fawcett Oct 2. Dream Merchant Theatre has begun after school practices in preparation for the upcoming production, "Seussical"
  - Truth and Reconciliation events on Sept 29. No school on the 30th.
  - Junior high and high school have the same lunch break this year due to a change in the JH timetable. The JH timetable went from 5 classes, 65 minutes long per day to 6 classes at 54 minutes each. This is on a 4 day rotating schedule.
  - Teacher strike - watch for updates from division office
  - Convocation tentatively planned for Wednesday, June 24 @ 1:30
9. Fundraising Report - Kathy Carnegie
  - Meeting will be held right after, no update yet.
  - Another meeting will happen in October.

## 10. Old Business

### a. Communication with School

- i. Orientation events in August - went well from Administration point of view. The evening open house on Aug 26 for students and parents was very well attended, many tours of the school given.
- ii. Places to get information noted by Rilayna: 1. RF website..."subscribe to updates" on the left hand side of the page. - make sure your email is listed and you have agreed to get School Messenger notifications, then can either look in the app or read the emails. 3. Powerschool - must get this set up both as an app and on computer/desktop for the best functionality 4. facebook page "RF Staples Secondary School News and Updates" is a private page you request to join 5. Instagram page "rftbirdsathletics" 6. Call or Email the school if they get enough of the same question they tend to send out a School Messenger notice  
\*\*\*Question from parents if notifications can be sent out through powerschool about when fees and permission forms are actually available to fill out. Many times kids come home saying we have to fill something out...but then it isn't posted yet and it is very frustrating as a parent to check every day.

## 11. New Business

- a. Book ban clarification - this has been revisited by the government, teachers are not having to submit lists of all books in classrooms at this point.
- b. School Fees - technology fee was discussed, it is a division/board set fee not RF fee. Those families that buy their own chromebook/laptop for their student are unsure why they need to cover the school's chromebooks. Discussion about a few places that technology fee will help cover many classroom needs.
- c. Volunteering at school - paperwork involved is a Criminal Record check, Vulnerable Sector check, and Volunteer Form. Kyla Alderman is a great contact person in the office for getting set up.
- d. PTS Goal Setting in October - we will plan to have a table promoting the School Council and likely the parent fundraising committee as well.
- e. Grad date - 1st Parent committee meeting did occur - they are thinking June 26, but did approach the school about trying to have Convocation and Parent Grad dinner and dance all on one day. One hard part is when are teachers still "on the clock" for doing cleanup etc. It is NOT Saturday June 27 as their official last day is June 25. In the past families/students have NOT helped with Convocation cleanup if it's on a Saturday and that can make it a very tough job.
- f. One negative experience about School Photos shared - a RAP student took time off his morning job to come for photos on photo day and the photographer wouldn't allow him to jump in line because "it wasn't his grade's time". Might be able to go on retake day...but that means more time off work.
- g. Nov 4 speaker about ADHD - Les Redick 6pm in multipurpose room

- h. Meeting dates for the year proposed: Tuesday Nov 18, 2025 /Monday Jan 12, 2026/ Tuesday, March 10 2026/Tuesday May 26, 2026 (AGM) - accepted by consensus.

12. Adjournment at 7:01 p.m.