

RF Staples School Council Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2026

- 1) Call to order at 6:02
- 2) President Rilayna Pidsadowski welcomed everyone In attendance: Kathy Carnegie, Kathy Despaul, Robin Horricks, Cory Kubinec, Michelle Rigney, Jessica Stevens, Krystan Properzi, Victoria Kane, Brett Seatter.
- 3) Land acknowledgement.
- 4) Approval of Agenda – approved by all in attendance.
- 5) Rilayna gave a summary of previous meeting minutes- no adjustments- approved by all in attendance.
- 6) No student to give a report, but Jessica Stevens shared the Frosty Formal will probably be cancelled due to only 6 tickets being sold. The high school ski trip will also be cancelled due to lack of interest.
- 7) Trustee Report by Victoria Kane.
 - The 2026 - 2027 agenda approved by council.
 - 2026 - August 31st first day of school.
 - The 2026 fall break will be an extended weekend (Nov 11-15) NOT a full week off.
 - Spring break will coincide with Easter weekend.
 - 6% wage increase to EA's and support staff retroactive to Sept 1, 2025
 - To find the AERR report go to Pembina School Division website. Available in the minutes from the December 17 meeting.
 - <https://www.pembinahills.ca/2025/12/22/december-17-2025-board-meeting-news/>
- 8) Principal report - Brett Seatter
 - Frosty Formal - JH dance was enjoyed
 - Basketball season is underway - 7 teams representing the school.
 - The high school exams will be done differently, the intent is to get in as many instructional days as possible. The schedule will make sure students don't have two exams in one day and a weekend in between.
 - The school has a few temporary teachers until regular teachers return, they have been doing very well.
 - We hosted a Unified basketball event with BCHS on December 16th. It was a very successful event with many students participating.
 - Jan 29 - second semester first day.
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9) Fundraising report - Kathy Carnegie

- New washer and dryer purchased and being used in the cosmo lab. The old ones were moved to the mechanics shop.

10) Old Business

- a. Council of Councils was held Dec 5.
- b. ASCE grant report. We have \$1262.04 to spend by the end of 2026 school year.
- c. 2026-2027 calendar year.

11) New Business

- a. PAT grade 9 results - review - Brett Seatter - compared with Province of AB stats
 - i. Math - on par and above average
 - ii. LA - writing was the lowest area
 - iii. Science - on par
 - iv. New this year - Social Studies - on par
- b. Upcoming Principal Planning with the Board in February
 - i. The Education Plan report is on the school website to review.
- c. Any ideas for presentations for kids and/or parents
 - i. Parents unaware of when our kids should be applying for University/College. The website ALIS.alberta.ca was brought up to research types of careers and options. Parents mentioned we would all like more resources about timelines for applications, scholarships, etc. Where could this information be found? Could more open houses/presentations be available?
 - ii. Brett Seatter suggested proactive mental health (Soul Sisters foundation possibly willing to sponsor a speaker) during spring timeframe, Ahmad Jabbir is a speaker available perhaps April 6-10 and he is willing to do 3 presentations in a day (jr high, sr high, and parents in evening). Rilayna asked for a vote on whether we are willing to spend our ASCE grant money to help bring Ahmad in as a speaker. Vote was in favor of using grant money if Soul Sisters wouldn't be covering it all.
- d. Opportunity to donate - gently used dress clothes, newish shoes for students (Mrs. Stevens always has kids in need). They have a designated area in the school for kids to go look and take what is needed.

Next meeting will be on March 12, 2026 at 6pm.

12) Adjournment @ 7:06 p.m.