Agenda for R.F. Staples School Council Meeting
Tuesday November 17, 2026
6:00pm

Attendance: Rilayna Pidsadowski, Kathy DesPaul, Krystan Properzi, Kendall Wojciechowski, Jennifer Beamish, David Truckey, Maureen Schnirer, Mallory McNelly, Robin Horricks, Katana Jestin-Monteith.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order 6:01pm
2. Welcome - Rilayna
3. Land Acknowledgement - Rilayna
4. Approval of Agenda - Consensus was reached
5. Summary of minutes from previous meeting - Katana Jestin-Monteith and Rilayna Pidsadowski - Consensus was reached.

6. Trustee Report - David Truckey - Dunstable has put in a request for Small School Funding which requires 55 students in attendance, $189,000 is what the small school funding would provide. Dunstable currently has 54.5 students. Pembina Hills is growing its communication tools. Discussion regarding bussing will be continued at the next board meeting, the discussion will be surrounding the fees for in town busing. The board has reconfigured the advocacy portion so that all trustees can be in attendance.

7. School Admin Report - Mallory McNally

Junior high dance and activities took place which were very memorable.

Junior high volleyball has wrapped up and now we are wrapping up the high school season.

Basketball season has begun with practices beginning this week, junior high has six teams, and high school has both senior and junior teams for both girls and boys.

Senior high awards took place and there was a reasonable amount of students and families in attendance.

Weightroom equipment and a tire machine were purchased for the school and donated by Parent Council.

The Senior Varsity Girls Basketball team is preparing to go to San Diego over the Christmas break.

There is fundraising going on for the 2028 Italy trip, band, girls basketball, grad (parent committee). The Convocation Committee is exploring in house opportunities for fundraising such as cafe sales.

Dream Merchant theatre is currently running the Aladdin Play.

8. Fundraising Report - Maureen Schnirer

Bank account transfer has been completed.

Maureen was able to connect with a vending machine company and they are able to provide us with a machine that needs to be placed in a high visibility area, and we would get a small profit depending on sales.

9. Old Business - Rilayna Pidsadowski

a. Speaker or presentation to student population - discussion regarding using the

$500 grant money for bringing in a speaker.

10. New Business - Rilayna Pidsadowski

a. Communication to parents especially the 7th grade - Parents are still struggling with communication because there is the school website facebook page, instagram, and some find the newsletters are hard to access, there is also an inactive calendar on the school facebook page, and they receive student information via powerschool and there was Discussion regarding making an information package for the students and families prior to the new school year.

b. New High School graduation requirements for 2028-29 school year - Rilayna Pidsadowski - The government rolled out data and studies from other provinces, there was very little consultation regarding these changes, and policies are currently changing and shifting over the days and weeks. David suspects that things will change over time. Mallory stated that they are all waiting to hear updates from senior admin and that leadership meetings have not happened at this time. Parent discussion regarding these changes occurred. Rilayna would like to send a letter to our local MLA to discuss these changes. David would like the letter to be sent to the board as well.

11. Next meeting Monday Jan 18, 2027 6PM

12. Adjournment - 6:40PM

Fundraising meeting to follow.