



## Ecole Airdrie Middle School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

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### Welcome - Melanie Gaze

- A welcome message was given.
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### Approval of Minutes - Melanie Gaze

- A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from November 2024 and December 2024. The motion was seconded and passed.
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### School Trustee Report - Melissa Bowen

- Highlights from her Nov 14 meeting: they celebrated the students who scored 100% on their diploma exams. There was one student who scored 100% for the fourth time. There was a student from Airdrie who also scored 100% and this was their third time getting 100% on their diplomas.
- The trustees approved the annual education results from the 2023/2024 school year. Included in this was the school surveys from students; goals set for the coming year; there will be a focus on career based learning next year; there was growth in math and reading; and learning was maintained or improved. These results can be viewed on the Rocky View Schools website.
- On a side note Rocky View students' Math diploma results have increased from 49% up to 73% over the last 3 years
- On November 28 the trustees audited their financial statement, they have 2.4% in reserves ( most of this amount is set aside for transportation)
- 2025 trustee election review was completed. They decided to implement a \$100 fee (new this year) and require 20 signatures (up from the previous 10) to run for trustee. They also can receive donations for elections (new this year). The motion to require a criminal records check on trustees wanting to run was voted down - the logistics of

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this was not nailed down just yet. It's important to know how that information would be used. Trustee's do not work with students so it is not a requirement.

- They approved the 2026/2027 calendar year: it can be viewed on the RVS website
- They had a January 9, 2025 meeting where they went over the first quarter financials. Enrolment has been down and therefore there is a deficit of 2.5 million dollars. They still have 1.6% in their reserve (transportation will require most of that amount). To conclude, they are on track with their spending.
- Regarding the Balancing Airdrie Spaces: Prairie Springs families concerns have been heard, this paused some decisions made by trustees. Currently the Muriel Clayton school is operating under 100% capacity, but is projected to be at 115% when the balancing takes place. Also, currently, Croxford High School is operating at 127%. The original plan was to send students to Muriel Clayton and then on to Croxford. After the balancing spaces, Nose Creek will also be over capacity. Discussions are still in the works.

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### Administration Report - Principal Erhayat Ozcan

- Grade 8 French Immersion Trip: Will take place Feb 11- 15 during carnival with lots of fun activities for students.
- French Culture Week: The first week of March. It will include Poutine from Flavours of Montreal, Folkfolie performance, and croissants from La Table.
- Lunch Box Talks: We had 6 parents from Nov 6 to Dec, but we have no parents signed up as of yet for this year. Please let us know if you know anyone who would like to present.

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### Parent Council Report - Melanie Gaze

- Discussion was had regarding: a big thank-you to the teachers and staff going to Quebec and to the teachers staying to cover their absence. We appreciate you!
- Financial Update: We have a balance of \$9766.77 some of these funds we have committed to certain items (please see previous meeting minutes) with a balance of \$5031.77 remaining.
- Items to Discuss: \$1500 for foods labs (includes a new mixer, insta pots, utencils, and air fryer.

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\$300 for Battle of the Books swag (Matching T-Shirts, bookmarks...)

\$760 for Belay devices - This is for an extra layer of protection. This climbing unit starts the end of this week, so the devices might not arrive in time.

\$600 for Matific website was not approved, so removed from the asking of funds.

For a Total ask of \$2560

Discussion was had regarding the allocation of these funds. A motion was made to approve all requests, it was seconded and passed.

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### Fundraising Update - Shawna Timms

- We are exploring the idea of having a family movie night in the gym, in Mid March, 2025

- Timing: 6pm - 7pm Food to purchase (pizza, popcorn, juice, water)

  - 7pm - 9pm Movie (this would not cost anything as the school has the licensing and projectors)

- Exploring having Kernels Popcorn provide the popcorn as it works out the same as or a bit cheaper than making it ourselves, but it would need to be pre-ordered.

- Planning on surveying both the parents and students to help choose an appropriate movie

- March 20, 2025 is open. This is a Thursday.

- Cost would be \$10 per person with 200 tickets available the expected gross amount raised would be \$2000

- Discussion about the quality and operational status of the school equipment was had. A motion was made to test out the equipment prior to approving the fundraiser. Motion was seconded and passed: the equipment will be tested so a decision can be made at the February meeting.

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### Remaining Meeting Dates - Melanie Gaze

- Feb 4, 2025

- Mar 4, 2025

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- Apr 1, 2025
- May 6, 2025
- Jun 3, 2025
- Motion made to approve these dates, it was seconded and passed.

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Questions:

No further questions.

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Next Meeting

- Next Meeting: February 4, 2025 @ 6:30pm.

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Meeting Adjourned @ 7:30pm