

Roslyn Governing Board
Minutes
June 9th, 2025
In person Meeting



Minutes prepared by M. Daniel

In Attendance

Scott Pringle (parent)
Paolo Ruscito (personal development animator)
Stephanie Iannelli (teacher)
Talia Hobe (teacher)
Marie-Laure Casa-Marin (teacher)
Robyn Schulz Peissel (teacher)
Joanna Birenbaum (Principal)
Fabiana Ciacciarelli (Vice Principal)
Miguel Burnier (alternate parent)
Amanda Henry (parent)
Sarah Rivest (HandS)
Jo-Ann Wong (parent / treasurer)
Kori Betsalel (parent)
Sarah Alvi (alternate)
Meg Daniel (parent)
Suzanne Wexler (Chair)
Debbie Stock (HandS Chair)

Regrets

Vanessa Campbell (parent / secretary)
Jennifer Maxwell (Tyndale Community Rep)
Yvette Salinas (Center Greene Community Rep)
Terese Fredrico (BASE)

1. Welcome

Motion: to start the meeting 6:19 p.m.
Scott Pringle, seconded by Marie-Laure Casa-Martin

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: to adopt the agenda

Paolo Ruscito, seconded by Robyn Schulz Peissel

Motion: to adopt the revised agenda, revised such that in the Chair Report, there will be the addition of Item 2, a report is given on the lunch provider
Marie Laure Casa-Martin, seconded by Scott Pringle

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes (with the revision that Paolo Ruscito was not present on April 29th)

Marie-Laure Casa-Martin, seconded by Amanda Henry

4. First Question Period

- No questions

5. Business arising from the last meeting

5.1 BASE Daycare: There have been 70 registrations of families, and approximately 5 educators will be hired. Final numbers are still to be determined but registration is healthy.

Q - There is some confusion about registration over the lunch period, people believe they must register with the daycare in order to obtain lunchtime supervision.

A - This is not true, but there will be an increase in the fees. There will be a further communication to parents explaining BASE.

Q – Who pays for supervision, in terms of salary of the employees?

A - This has yet to be clarified, but the determination is not made at the Roslyn level

5.2 Fundraiser for Classroom Furniture

The scholastic book sale was successful, thanks to everyone. The fundraised amount is \$3500. We are now looking at ways to raise money for classroom furniture.

One suggestion was a sponsored area on the monthly newsletter. We would have teachers and administration fill out a get to know you questionnaire with a photo. We would do administration as well. Could charge a suggested donation for \$200-\$500.

Another suggestion is vendor day, on parent teacher interview we have pop up sale, ask vendors to put up kiosk, they make profit out of what they are selling, but pay Roslyn rent. Could include a raffle as well. Parent teacher interviews are at the end of November, could dovetail this with early holiday season. We could rent a table for \$250-500. Curious if HandS wants involvement – as HandS has more flexibility than RGB.

Need to fundraise for Camelia to keep enrichment program next year. This budget was cut in half. JB suggests concentration on two causes, enrichment and classroom beautification. Camelia gets a certain amount every year, but this is being spread amongst more and more schools. The funding is a ministry issue, or a board issue if we want to do advocacy work around this.

6. Community Representatives Report

- none present

7. HandS report

DS: Term as Chair is up, will most likely be handing this off to Sarah. (Great thanks expressed for Debbie's work).

HandS report:

- had event May 30th for the school, portfolio night.
- Tomorrow, we bring in the ice cream truck.
- Have some accumulated funds in account, had money raised for a climbing wall in the gym, cannot do due to structural issues. HandS is going to be putting 40K back into the school (more detailed report to come in the fall.)
- HandS has AGM tomorrow night, 7:30 p.m. online.
- HandS extracurricular program is going to be operational and work in alignment with BASE. We will be working closely with Ms. Frederico, to work together with slightly more limited programming for extracurricular activities. This program has been around for 35years, and Chelle is only the 3rd coordinator (!)
- Going to be offering 4 awards to the Grade 6 graduating class.
- And the photo booth is coming back

8. Teacher's Report

Marie Laure – it is an exciting and tiring time of year with evaluations and report cards. For Grade 2, Mme Suzanne had a cultural lunch. The other Grade 2 classes are doing their restaurant project on Friday. It is a French activity where kids cook and serve and parents pay with real money. This money is then used to do fun activities with our classes.

Talia - We finished the novel *The Wild Robot*, and had a party to watch the movie. Have been doing other fun projects, i.e. made a recycled materials project for Earth day.

Robyn - Senior Grades had the Shakespeare Play, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, in Grade 4, doing storytelling, with oral presentations on the story they wrote.

Stephanie - Grade 6 is writing end of cycle math exams

Fabianna - K5s are having celebration at Murray Hill on Wednesday, and k4 is having celebration in the classroom in the morning on Friday.

Paulo – used to be spiritual community animator, now personal development and community development animator. Did presentations with Grade 4-6, and events with younger grades, planned speakers for Black History, do multiple other presentations in school assemblies.

9. EMSB Parents Committee Report

Got to hear what other schools are up to.

10. RGB Chair Report

We accomplished a lot this year, moved forward on many issues. It has been such a good year. Much gratitude expressed for the work of all participants.

10.1 End of Year Financial Statement

We took out \$1500 for the ad and used only a small amount. We could roll that forward with print advertising in the Independent, or use it for online advertising. Alternatively, we could use that to create a display of the newsprint to preserve that work in a beautiful /enduring way.

10.2 Food Service Provider

Our food service provider is le Doral. It was a unanimous vote, the change reflecting a desire for quality upgrade. Merenda people have been wonderful to deal with. There was an E-vote, which is appended to these minutes. The change will be communicated to the parents. Concerning food credits, FC will reach out to Merenda, to discover what happens with these.

11. Vice Principal's Report

- A number of activities in May, with regard to antibullying, considering a Roslyn anthem.
- Halo Race happened at the beginning of May, this was a run at Beaver Lake.
- There was a climate march in early May.
- Battle of the Books was hosted.
- Grade 3 went to the theatre to see a play.
- May ended with Portfolio night.
- June many activities still going on, field day for Junior and for Senior students.
- Shakespeare Canada presented today.
- Ice Cream truck is coming tomorrow.
- Next week is a dance presentation for K4 to grade 3.
- Grade 6 is having a grad trip.
- On the 17th, Flavi de Ponfonai (sp? Apologies), going to present Métis culture and dancing to younger grades, in Grade 3-4 doing a presentation of culture. On 19th, MC Snow is coming to do presentation on Iroquois traditions, teaching dance, bringing culture teachings for older students. We are trying to recognize Indigenous culture throughout the year.
- June 18th is grade 6 graduation, at 5pm at 7th Day Adventist church, prom continues in gym at 6:30 p.m.

11.1 Enrichment Report for 2024-2025

Camila will send report in two weeks, she is in transit from Indiana as we speak. This will be shared with the RGB, and it can be discussed in September. Battle of the Books, held on May 16th, hosted here. The youngest team in the school grades 3-4 won. On Thursday have celebration for Destination Imagination, parents will be coming, GIBS on their way back, and it is planned to have them talk to the school. Enrichment doing well, teachers are now nominating students for next year.

Q – what grade is enrichment for?

A - Destination Imagination for K-3; Caribou for 3-6; Battle of the Books for 4-6; Let's talk science – didn't run but for 4-6; Debate, public speaking, for 5-6; GIPS, for 4-6
A student can be part of multiple groups but must be an independent / autonomous learner.

Q – the criteria for enrichment is 90 percent in all subjects, this is maybe not helpful for all kids, is a new criteria?

A - Criteria came from Camelia, helpful to ensure capability to keep up with regular work

12. Principal Report

Expressed appreciation for RGB and in particular Chair, HandS, parents of the student body, and staff

13. New Business Arising

13.1 Budget

JB presented the budget, including school fees which include sums related to workbooks, by grade, for example. Also explained Lunch fee increase, payment of school fees as balanced against collection.

Passed by Resolution that the RGB approve the school budget (resolution appended to minutes)

Moved by Paolo Ruscito, seconded by Scott Pringle

No nays or abstentions

13.4 School Fees, Workbook and Lunch Fees

Motion: to accept the school fees and workbooks

Marie-Laure Casa-Martin, seconded by Robyn Schulz Peissel

No nays or abstentions

Motion: to approve the increase in lunch fees for grades 1-6, from \$290 to \$315.

Marie-Laure Casa-Martin, seconded by Scott Pringle

No nays or abstentions

Q – why is there a physical agenda still?

A - It is useful for improving student accountability. Also, the code of conduct is in the agenda. This will be used as a form of communication. Although this may be teacher specific, especially in the younger grades.

13.5 School Supply List

School supply lists were reviewed by grade.

Motion: to accept the school supply list for 2025- 2026

Robyn Shulz-Peissel, seconded by Marie-Laure Casa-Martin

No nays or abstentions

13.7 Children's School Agenda

Cover is very well done.

14. Good and Welfare

As we took out money for the advertising budget, which is unspent, we could use it to display the article in the school.

15. Question Period

- no questions

16. Next Meeting Date

AGM September 18th, 2025

Motion: to close the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
Miguel Burnier, seconded by Scott Pringle