

agenda

Principal Update

March 18, 2025
6:30PM

- Please see below a draft of the principal update. While some topics will be discussed during the meeting (noted below), as we seek to be cognisant of time, I have provided additional details for some items below. That being said, there will always be opportunity for questions.
- **Student Voice**
 - Group of Students from Robotics Club
- **Teacher Representatives**
 - Sarah Miller-Dorey | Robotics, Biology, Badminton Coach
- **Conferences**
 - All conferences transitioned to online due to the strike. Thursday evening 4:00 – 8:00, and Friday morning 8:30 – Noon.
- **Grad Updates**
 - <https://robertthirsk.cbe.ab.ca/graduation>
- **Registration**
 - Updates at the meeting
- **Indigenous Learning**
 - An increase in Indigenous students' accessing support in our Holistic Wellness Space. An increase in the number of staff who support this space.
 - Many students regularly attended our Gathering Circles, where Gloria Manitopyes, who works on the Indigenous Education team, comes in to support cultural teachings. We have also had Indigenous Mental Health lead one session, and we will have a knowledge keeper from Siksika join us in April to teach the Blackfoot Language.
 - Saturday, March 8, we took a group of students to Winsport for the Annual Miskanawah Friendship Round Dance. Students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in Indigenous culture and celebration.
 - Friday, March 14, we hosted Pearl Whitequills and Albert Goulet, who generously agreed to do Pow Wow teachings, including singing, drumming, and Dance demonstrations with the Grade 10s. The students were incredibly engaged and had the opportunity to join Pearl and Albert for a healing song and dance, as well as for a round dance at the end of the performance.

- **Athletics/FAPA Updates**

- Spring Season has started! Jr Boys Soccer, Sr Boys Soccer, Boys Rugby, Girls Rugby, Field Hockey have started and are into practices now. Field Hockey is still looking for a few more athletes (2-5).
- When we come back from Spring Break we will be having practices outside (hopefully!). Due to the ongoing strike, teams will not be permitted back into the school once they have left to go outside. Athletes must be prepared with all their belongings, water bottles etc.
- Track & Field will be starting practices the week we come back from Spring Break.
- Badminton is well into their season with divisionals happening on April 8th at RTHS.

