

AGENDA

Robert Thirsk High School (RTHS)

School Parent Council April 14, 2026

Online: Kate C, Tammy S, Abidemi O, Keri B, Marilyn B, Sarah M, Somaya, Nadia A, Wendi L, Mashudu K.

In person: Moses, Claudia, Frank, Chris, Jenny, Principal Hambidge

1. Call to Order 6:39

2. Welcoming remarks

3. Land Acknowledgement

The CBE acknowledges the traditional territories and oral practices of the Treaty 7 Nations, including the Siksikaitsitapi Nations, Tsuut'ina Nation, and the Îyârhe Nakoda Nations. We acknowledge the Métis Nation within Alberta, and all the people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

As a learning organization, we are committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action focused on Education for ReconciliACTION.

4. Approval of Agenda – motioned by Moses C. Second by Claudia C.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February, 2026 (available on school website) - motioned by Moses C and second by Wendi L.

6. Reports:

a. Principals' Report

i. Update from Engagement Meeting: School Planning feedback. Feedback was all positive with responses mostly in the 'Strongly Agree' category, and some in the 'Agree' category. A number of online participants noted that closer attention to the comments in the chat would be appreciated.

ii. Resource Allocation Method Updates – Schools receive their budget, April 15th. Student numbers are down currently for next year. If this remains the same, the school will be in a position where they will need to surplus teachers. Chris will speak further to timetabling.

iii. Assessment weeks in June - Last day of school June 9th. Diplomas, reassessments and interventions opportunities will continue until June 26th. During this time, staff will be supporting transition meetings, students registering for summer school, etc.

iv. Graduation - Volunteers are needed to support organization of caps and gowns, as well as certificates.

v. Athletic update -Potential winning division city finals in Badminton. Soccer, Rugby, Field Hockey, Track and Field delayed due to weather

b. Other Staff Reports – Assistant Principal, Chris Siegle

i. Comet Council

- a. Voice and leadership voice, different solutions. More support with academics - (6) students tutoring - learning a second language peer lead. Amazing!!!
- b. Racism and depression
- c. Wellness boxes - connection and belonging to mental and well-being. Positive culture, seek help, it's ok to struggle.
- d. New voices for next year.

ii. Moses introduces Trustee, Jenny Regal

Introduced herself and her background in education. Webpage available.

Questions? Second Language students, why are they not considered, and our students are noticing the need for adaptation and learning. Contact MLA as the government has made so many cuts and this is the reason why the need of programs like this are not in the planning or funding. She encourages all parents to be informed about the bills 23 and 28 that are being presented for approval as it affects education as whole. Jenny will continue to advocate for public education in her role as trustee.

Events - Keri i. Pizza and Dirty Soda-May 8th (\$800+ from last pizza day)

7. School Council Update:

a. School Council Elections:

- i. Chair – Moses Chidemo
- ii. Vicechair – Pia El-Borno
- iii. Secretary – Claudia Calderon Segura
- iv. Treasurer – Vicky (Transition planning)
- v. Fundraising Director – Vacant
- vi. Casino Director – Cindy Ly
- vii. Grad/Events Committee Director – Keri
- viii. Director at Large – Frank C

8. Old Business

9. New Business

10. Announcements

a. Proposed Upcoming Meeting dates for 2025-26 school year

i. May 12th, 2026

11. Adjournment 7:30