

AGENDA

Robert Thirsk High School (RTHS) School Parent Council

February 10, 2026

People in attendance: Moses, Mandy, Kerri, Marion ,Frank, Mariana Adonis, Amelie, Claire,

Online attendees: Monique C. and Jackie O.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Moses

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 Reconciliation.

4. Approval of Agenda – motioned by Moses C. and **seconded by Claudia** , motion approved

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2026 motioned by Moses C and **seconded by Claudia Calderon**, motion approved.

6. Reports:

a. Principals' Report

i. Start of Second Semester

Students seem to be settling in to their second semester

Counselors will visit all feeder schools

One on one for students to choose or line up their choices, future beyond high school

Meet with families to provide the next step to help do some upgrading to get into their program (4th year option-those who came in later, language or new to Canada, away from school)

ii. Athletic update

Basketball - Jr. and Senior boys next games Feb 19th at RTHS and Sr. Girls Feb 23rd at Bowness.

Rugby, soccer (jr. Boys soccer), Track and field could use experts to support the school team.

iii. Tours and Open House

700 people visited the school. Senses to get number projection.

RTHS is a closed school -only designated who live in the area. We are full with a

few

exceptions.

iv. Course selections for 2026-27 school year

7. February Learning

a. Second semester

i. Students have settled into S2 classes, although a difficult transition – 2 days away – 2 days of learning – 1 day away

b. 2026-2027 Planning

i. We will receive our projection in the next week or two

ii. Letters with regards to graduation

iii. Returning 4 year

c. Visits to feeder schools – meeting this evening

8. Tours and Open House

a. Roughly 500 students over the course of the morning, with many students returning with their parents in the evening. Certainly. Natural Resources and Culinary were highlight in the complimentary course field

9. School Development Plan

a. Continue to work on our school goals

i. Student academic achievement will improve through the implementation of fair, transparent and equitable assessment practices.

ii. Students' sense of belonging and connectedness will improve

- Learning Leaders, Feb 27 professional learning

10. Athletics

a. Basketball season is in it's last few weeks of regular season play! Last home game for the Sr Girls is Feb 23rd at 5:30pm and last home game for the boys teams is Feb 19th. Our Sr teams will also be participating in the Bowness Tournament on Feb 20/21. Playoffs begin the first week of March. Basketball select's game is March 10th.

b. The Badminton season has started and the team has been made. Congratulations to all who made it.

c. Spring Sports start the week of March 9th! Stay tuned for specific dates and times for sports. Hopefully the weather holds out and they can be outside!

d. If anyone has any experience in Track & Field, we are looking for some more community expert support! Let me know if you have any questions.

e. Other Staff Reports

i. Claire MacGillivray (Social Studies/Grad)

What's goin on? Room 209. Very strong representation students.

Successful fun raising-fresh water conservation Canada.

Pop up shop- last class friday of every month. (friday in the middle of the month)

Ceremony- Banquet- theme:masquarade vive ballon arch

Tail gate- only staff as special event

Grad hoodies- Lynsay

Banquet- Songs

Volunteer- parents! Organizing gowns, caps, certificates, setting up for the banquet.

Grade 10-11 parents please.

Funding tickets - 10 tickets in total to make sure all kids attend \$1800

May 27th help settin up banquet.

1st week May to get things organized.

Social studies-goals

literacy - reading and writing

Grade 10 to graduation-

Challenging level text, vocab, work to build that in students. Program od studies, vocab test...

Grade 12 more independence

Authenticit: used them in the real world. Building porgram of studies.

Annotated maps: identity, backgrounds, religion, family orgin-favorite team.

Social 20- Nationalism

Collective consciousness

Apply it to the building

How can we improve by students to include all students.

Comet connection board-moment of celebration

Social 30- cover all skills that have been learned. What did you learn? What do you still need to learn. Student choice!

One project- a text book chapter for specific topic that was chosen (Black history, Chinese Canadian Woman)

Meeting Tuesdays at lunch in Room 209 (accepting new members always!)

Selected a grad charity! Coming up...

Some very successful fundraisers, some not-so-successful fundraisers but excellent learning opportunities

f. Student Council Report

i. Updates from 2 Comet Council students

Adonis grade 12- Sea sack: council meets once a month with chief superintendent for how our education is. Feedback and receive advice from other schools, how they are doing and how it can benefit our school. Take the lead- plans of action. Learn about all high schools of Calgary. Leadership.

Mariana- what do we focus on: peer tutoring and mental help.

We Tutor to help other students learn. Specially for those with English as a second language. Allow grade 12 students to volunteer to tutor. They get volunteer hours. Also make a group of students and support each other. Upper LC during tutorial times after school.

Connect sub group- we connect with other students, grade needs. This year's goal to connect with other students in other grades. Name that tune- fun activity to connect with others.

Mental Health committee-powerpoint presentation.

Mental health tool boxes-fidget toys, unwind and relax.

35 tool boxes- solo activities resources or sensory, breathing exercise. \$675.

Kerri proposed: \$3500-4K

Coloring pages, (books mini)

School pays and they reimbursed.

**advertise-how to get to the students.

Legacy plan- next year

Feedback from students

Binder idea- BOX

Two rooms connected to specialized centre.

g. Chair Report

i. Moses (Council of School Councils and Jenny Regal's visit (Trustee)

Cbe meeting -council of school councils - ideas and brain storming. Group in our Wards. Next meeting in April. Jenny will attend in April. (what is her role and how She can help?)

A handbook for all things discussed

11. 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

12. Old Business

- a. Discussion of positions not filled – Still require a Director of Fundraising and helping Vicky.

13. Announcements

- a. Proposed Upcoming Meeting dates for 2025-26 school year
 - i. March 10th, 2026
 - ii. April 14th, 2026
 - iii. May 12th, 2026

14. Meeting was called to adjournment at 7:50pm