

Big Rock Parent Council Meeting

September 17th 2025

Call to order at 1804 MST

In attendance: Sarah (Chair), Roxy (Vice Chair), Krysta (Treasury), Natalyia, Jodine (teacher), Tammy (Vice Principle), Rebecca (Principle), Sharon (Trustee), Chelsea (parent), Amber (teacher), Amy (parent), April (parent), Tammy (Society Chair), Charlotte (parent).

1. School Board Trustee – Sharon

- Curriculum changes underway; teachers adapting with new resources.
- Board theme: Community and Unity.
- Financial pressures noted but strong teacher commitment.
- Upcoming: Orange Shirt Day (Sept 29), School Council meeting (Oct 6).
- Trustee elections: incumbents running again; Voting is Oct 20th
 - Council may host candidate forums at the school for parents

2. Report from Teachers – Jodi and Amber

- Wish list has been given to council for the year

3. Report from Principal - Rebecca

- Enrollment: ~305 students.
- Focus on positive behavior supports with new focus on Indigenous “Seven Teachings.”
- Professional Learning Communities relaunched, starting with writing and curriculum alignment.
- Teacher’s wish list highlights: sensory room (\$3,600 ask), music program equipment, Grade 6 farewell, busing support, sports gear, and math program renewal.

4. Council Report - Sara

- Leadership & Mission
New chair (Sarah) and vice chair (Roxanne) introduced. Council adopted a mission statement focused on positivity, inclusivity, and bridging parents, teachers, and students.
- Budget & Finance
Outstanding invoices from last year still pending due to centralized services.
Discussion of priorities: sensory room vs. annual Badger shirts. Budget approx. 14K
Fundraising ideas explored, including Elks Hall volunteer commitments and apparel store sales.

- Events & Community
Planned: Turkey Trot, Christmas celebration, sports day, teacher appreciation lunches, hot lunch program.
Teacher's lounge refresh and parent lunch-supervision program proposed.
Possible new school spirit merchandise ordering site.
- Decisions & Next Steps
Approve new secretary role – Chelsea voted in.
Newcomer Natalya will shadow treasurer for the year.
Council to meet separately to finalize wish list funding priorities/budget next week.
Explore volunteer and fundraising commitments (Elks Hall, shirt fundraiser, potential field trip subsidies, Society for AGLC).

Actions/Responsibilities

- Council to review teacher wish list and set funding priorities (Sarah & Roxanne).
- Confirm budget carryover and outstanding invoices with centralized services (Krista, Treasurer).
- Plan fundraising strategy
- Finalize sports day date and book facilitators (Principal Rebecca & staff).
- Organize Turkey Trot prizes and logistics (Charlotte & team).
- Organize Halloween Dance – tentative date Oct 23rd (Roxy and Tamara)
- Prepare Christmas celebration plan (Events Committee).
- Launch parent volunteer sign-up for lunch supervision (Sarah).
- Design and launch Badger shirt/sweatshirt fundraiser website (Merch Committee).
- Organize teacher appreciation lunches and parent-provided food for conferences (Hospitality Committee).