

ST. LORENZO RUIZ MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNCIL

January 2025 Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 15, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Venue: St Lorenzo Ruiz School, Red Deer.

Attendees: Melissa R., Monica N, Connie S., Stephanie D., Ashley H., Monica W, Pamela T, Kelly M.

Staff Representation: Mr. Coumont, Principal and Anne Marie Watson - Trustee

1. Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Lands

2. Review of agenda

- a. APPROVED Ashley H, Melissa R.

3. Principal Report:

- a. Attached.

4. Trustee Report –

The Court of King's Bench has upheld the Board's decision to dismiss former Trustee Monique Lagrange. The Board dismissed Lagrange in Nov 2023 due to violations of board policies and the Education Act. Lagrange requested a Judicial Review (appeal) of that decision, which was heard by Justice Cheryl Arcand-Kootenay in May and July 2024. Justice Kootenay found the Board's decision reasonable, and she confirmed it in every detail. Her decision can be found [here](#).

Nominations are now open for the next RDCRS Board of Trustees election. The City of Red Deer manages the election for RDCRS, so check their [website](#) for the appropriate forms and more information. Watch for information sessions to be held this spring. The election is Oct. 20, 2025.

There are upcoming changes to transportation eligibility. The government of Alberta had previously announced a change in eligibility for K-6 students, from 2.4 km to 1 km; and for 7-12 students, from 2.4 km to 2 km. RDCRS implemented these new distances this past September. The government has again changed the eligibility distances, however, for K-6 students, from 1 km to 1.6 km (7-12 students remain at 2 km). This will be in effect for the start of the 2025/26 school year. Watch for communication from RDCRS about this change.

Trustees have an upcoming meeting with local MLAs as part of our regular advocacy work. Topics of discussion will include transportation changes, class size concerns, budget concerns and pressures, new early learning testing, and a new school in Sylvan Lake.

2025/2026 school calendars have been approved; find them [here](#).

5. Chair: Nothing to report

6. Vice Chair: Thanks to Barb H for arranging Privilege Day.

7. Treasurer: Nothing to report

8. Faith Rep. – Faith Rep has been introduced to Sacred Heart Church
9. Fundraising / Events: Privilege Day raised 589.80. Possible to do another one or a staff one.

10. Old Business – n/a

11. New Business

- a. Valentines Day – Candy and pop sales at lunch hour.
- b. Shrove Tuesday will be Tuesday March 4th. Pancakes will be cooked by volunteers.
 - i. Set a budget of \$800.00 for Shrove Tuesday.
- c. No applications were submitted yet to Daytrippers for the field trip grants. Reminder will be sent.

Next Meetings:

February 19, 2025

March – unknown

April 16

May 21

Meeting Adjourned.