



RT Alderman School Council

Virtual Meeting

January 21, 2026

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Attendees: Kirk Newman, Mary Jane Armitage, Ashlin Russell, Lindsay Otterson, Judy Knee, Jennifer Laight, Dawna Sagi, Crystal Schatz, Kari Iwaniuk, Jennifer Kidd,

MINUTES

Agenda Items	Presenter
Call to Order/Quorum (1 minute) @ 6:33pm	Ashlin
Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)	Ashlin
Review/Approval of the Agenda (1 minute) <i>Motion: Jennifer Laight</i> <i>Second: Judy Knee</i>	Ashlin
Review and Approval of last meeting minutes (1 minute) <i>Motion: Jennifer Laight</i> <i>Second: Lindsay Otterson</i>	Ashlin
<p>Principal Report (25 minutes)</p> <p><u>School Results Reporting and Implementation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kirk Newman thanked the school/parent council for all the treats that were provided on the last day of school before winter break - STEM challenge was done on the last day of December, trying to design a helmet from landing on its 'head' - Paul Davis was well received, and he provided 3 different presentations that were tailored to each group; it was in-line with the digital citizenship SDP - Survey results showed well-being and academic showed strong results; report card data is indicating good results; PAT results from 2025 were also excellent - Assurance Survey (through Alberta Education) indicated that students would like greater diversity in text that represent a wider range of diversity and interest; providing supports to students with needs (with or without an Individual Program Plan) was indicated as needing growth - June 2025 report card data showed an overall increase in students moving from an indicator from 3 to a 4; students in grade 5 and 9 saw an increase in the percentage of students that moved from an indicator of a 3 or a 4 - Only a small number of parents have filled out the Assurance Survey (grade 7 families) which can skew the results of how things are being 	Kirk

received either way; school citizenship remains **low**; despite having high levels of achievement on report cards however, the overall quality of education was reported as **low**; welcoming, caring and respectful was also reported as **low**; student support was reported as **very low** (Kirk reminded meeting attendees that RT Alderman is still a public school that works within the restraints of the funds provided by the province)

- At the March meeting they will be sharing more information found on the school website

School Updates

- 30 volunteers will judge the science fair and from that judging students selected will move to the Calgary Science Fair
- The school has been recently repainted, and the school is looking for volunteers to create bulletin board displays to prepare for the open house; please reach out to the school if you are interested

High School registration

- Students will be informed about their choices around which program meets their needs with the five designated High Schools
- South schools are very full and there is limited opportunity for movement that is decided on based on a school-by-school decision

Open House

- Open house will be open on Thursday, January 29th from 6 – 7:45pm
- Science program information for new families will be in the main gym 6 – 6:45pm

Lottery

- Applications are open; first round of applications close at noon on Tuesday, February 10th
- Wednesday, February 11th, lottery will take place; **one school council member will need to join us to oversee the process**; Jennifer Laight has stepped up to volunteer

Follow-Up Questions and Comments

- Jennifer Laight asked about the number of grade 7 families that filled out the survey; a second question was asked about making the survey mandatory – Kirk followed up by stating that it is a survey provided directly by Alberta Education and is sent to Calgary Board of Education; he indicated that at a school level all that can be done is remind families to please complete it; the timing of the survey was difficult due to the political climate and the answers may have been reflective more of the perception of the government and not just the school in mind
- Third party organization providing support for some newcomer families; which students/schools are eligible can be dependent on certain criteria; does the school know about the programs or organizations that are available

<p>Chair Report (5 Minutes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recap and what's to come! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Davis – feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – had approximately 72 parents attend the evening presentation 2. RTA Open House - January 29th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – school/parent council will be in the front entry way with a smart board with a slideshow to represent the work that is going on behind the scenes; Ashlin Russel will prepare the slideshow 3. We encourage families to connect with us: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rtaparentsociety@gmail.com or instagram @rtaschoolpta 	Ashlin
Next Meeting: March 11, 2026	Ashlin
Meeting Adjournment: 7:19pm	