



RT Alderman Parent Association
In Person & Virtual Meeting
 March 11, 2026
 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Attendees: Ashlin Russell, Lindsay Otterson, Brenda Lewis, Kirk Newman, Anirban Ghosh, Cara Polujan, Jennifer Laight, Roz, Crystal Schatz, Pam

Agenda Item	Presenter
Call to Order/Quorum (1 minute): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:53am 	Ashlin
Welcome and Introductions (2 minutes)	Ashlin
Review/Approval of the Agenda (1 minute) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: Lindsay Otterson ● Second: Lisa McBain 	Ashlin
Review and Approval of last meeting minutes (1 minute) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion: Lisa McBain ● Second: Cara Polujan 	Ashlin
Treasurer Report (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Treasurer Jennifer Kidd was unable to attend the meeting today due to illness so Ashlin provided the following update on the accounts as provided by Jennifer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General Account Balance: \$22,151.43 (once settled with the school) ○ Casino Account Balance: \$91,947.92 (once settled with the school) 	Jennifer K
Old/New Business (10 minutes) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundraising Opportunities/Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Canteen/Concessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. In-school vs. events b. Spring event - Carnival 2. School Funding requests 3. CTF/Band directed funds <p>At prior meetings, discussed some opportunities to increase funds in the general account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Canteen/Concession - could be possible but is easier outside of school hours as during school hours further oversight is required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sporting events, such as the volleyball tournament, that is occurring at this school this evening. 	Lindsay/ Ashlin

- Square pay with an adult overseeing the students would be the best way to make that happen to avoid needing to have cash on hand
- This would be a great opportunity for the leadership class.
- This would be a fall initiative with the new sporting season
- To consider:
 - Advertising
 - Having the square for payment
 - Sign up genius for a parent supervision
 - Activities that occur on a scheduled day with a scheduled time
- Pam from online has a company that provides POS services. Request for her to provide details through the RTA email.

Community Building Events:

- Upcoming school events:
 - Upcoming PI day event - March 13th
 - Will be live streamed in the classrooms this coming Friday
 - Student in the homeroom who has memorized the most digits in PI will have their name in the hat to pie Mr. Newman
 - Neon Dance for Grade 9s - inspired by leadership class
 - Did a vote through Grade 7, 8 and 9 about who would want to have a dance.
 - Grade 7 and 9s had the most interest with Grade 8 having very few.
 - After the review of the numbers and to avoid an age gap between Grade 7s and 9s, the school will be trialing just a Grade 9 dance.
- When is the next STEM Challenge ?
 - April 23rd
 - Final one will be end of June.
 - Parent association is available to help support as needed.
 - Feedback from students and teachers has been gathered after each STEM challenge to ensure they are continuing to improve.
 - This has been a great support towards building school community.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ STEM challenges and how they are run this year has received positive support from staff as one of the things they are most proud of. ● Acknowledgement from administration and staff that given the large draw area for the school a lot of the community building has to occur within the school. ● Parent Association has been talking about a school carnival type event but acknowledge that it can not be done within this school year. This is something that will need to put together a committee to help set this up and make it run. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interested parents are encouraged to email rtparentsociety@gmail.com ● No school funding requests at this time. ● CTF/Band directed funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent Association is currently supporting CTF activities. ○ Parent Association wants to ensure that the administration is aware that Parent Association is willing to support the band's fundraising efforts. ○ Parent Association will review the casino rules and provide some guidance on where we might be able to provide support. ○ Jennifer Laight clarified that the fundraising is assigned to a specific student and used to offset their specific trip costs. ○ Items like music stands would be something that Parent Association could support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brenda indicated that stands are \$90 each and Ms. Gray would be looking for 10 of them. This will be voted on at the next meeting. ○ Important to note that some of the funds in the general account were historically from band fundraisers. <p>Motion to approve \$900+GST for the purchase of 10 music stands. Motion: Jennifer Laight Second: Lindsay Otterson</p> <p>Motion approved.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting: April 8, 2026 - Virtual</p>	
<p>Meeting Adjournment: 7:27pm</p>	

