



RT Alderman School Council
Virtual Meeting
 May 13, 2026
 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Brenda Lewis, Kirk Newman, Ben Lee, Jennifer Laight, Lisa McBain, Karen Lobsinger, Lindsay Otterson, Mary Jane Armitage, Tracy R, Stephanie Ross,

Minutes	Presenter
Call to Order/Quorum (1 minute) Call to order at 5:34pm	Lisa
Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)	Lisa
Review/Approval of the Agenda (1 minute) Motion: Jennifer Laight Second: Jennifer Kidd	Lisa
Review and Approval of last meeting minutes (1 minute) Motion: Lindsay Otterson Second: Jennifer Kidd	Lisa
Principal Report (30 minutes) 1. Ben Lee speaking about the learning in grade 6 and Maple Ridge School collaboration Mr. Lee introduced the Social Wellbeing Action Team (SWAT) made up of 8 students from Grade 8 and 9. This team is a new initiative driven by CBE CBE held a well being symposium in December with the SWAT groups from each middle school in the city. During that symposium the RT group took the data from the RT Alderman Our School survey. Students evaluated the strengths and areas of growth. Safety at school was identified as the area the group was going to target for this school year. Team put together a survey for the school to help identify improvements for safety in school. In the survey the word bullying came up 172 times. From that, the group is currently working on an initiative to identify what is actually bullying and how can that behaviour be changed. Another topic identified was the desire for further connection between grades. This led to STEM challenges being completed across grade levels rather than just in single grades. Ani to Pisi - Story was introduced at the well being symposium in December by Elder Roy. - The idea in the story is that in a spider web when there is a vibration the spider goes to that location. Translated to the school community, this involves having students looking for	Ben Lee

students who are having a hard time (creating a vibration) and seeking to help them. - Mr. Lee was inspired to do art work with his Grade 6s from this story. - Maple Ridge school was also working with Elder Roy and Elder Hayden on building an actual spider web. RT Alderman was able to coordinate with them to assist in the building of the web. - Event occurred on April 22nd. This has inspired further collaboration between the SWAT team. Next event is the science olympics on May 28th. Next events - Maple Ridge is in talks with Elder Roy for future events. Mr. Lee will continue to stay connected. Mr. Newman presented the Admin report which will be shared on the RTA website. Thank yous: - New Student Scavenger Hunt went very well on May 1st. - Most recent STEM challenge went really well. STEM challenges are not possible without Parent Council and Association financial support. - Multiple off site experiences remain for the rest of the year. Not possible without parent support of the field trips. Thank you! RTA May & June Countdown - lots of activities still to come this year. See the RTA website and week at a glance for all the details. Jennifer Kidd asked about the Teacher's Day out to Confluence that was discussed at the last meeting and held on the last PD Day at the end of April. Ms. Armitage shared that even though the weather was poor it was really nice to get off site together. Feedback from teachers has been very positive. Having the lunch provided so that the teachers could go out for lunch together was really appreciated.	
Chair Report (5 Minutes) 1. Ideas for school residencies, opportunities and learning sessions for students and families 2. We encourage families to connect with us: rtaparentsociety@gmail.com or instagram @rtaschoolpta	Lisa
Next Meeting: June 10, 2026 - In-Person	Lisa
Meeting Adjournment: 6:06pm	