

RJ TAIT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 19th, 2026

1. Call to Order - 6:39 pm

2. Adopt Agenda - We did not meet meeting quorum of 5

3. Adopt December 8th, 2025 Minutes We did not meet meeting quorum of 5. To be tabled for next meeting.

4. Administrator's report and questions

- Mural Celebration: Welcomed artist Ben Evelyn and celebrated the new mural with an assembly.
- Sockeyes "Hockey in School" Program presented to all 10 divisions. Two Sockeyes players came to visit and run hockey workshops. Donated 36 sticks and 50 balls, 100 tickets to Sockeyes games. Tickets are being given out to families/students that are interested.
- Core French Funds
 - Helped Gr 6/7 apply for Core French Program funding. Taking students to Francophone Carnival Day. Bus fee \$500 for bus to the Oval to be funded through grant.
 - Researching visit from The Maple Man to learn how to make maple syrup. The program cost does not fit within the funding allotment and will be considered for next year.
- Basketball season has started. Boys and girls teams coached by Mr. Imagawa and Ms. Young. Open gym basketball for Gr 5/6/7.
- Safety Drills conducted for emergency situations- 10 per year – make improvements each time
- New Volunteer Driver forms and Criminal Record Check: In addition to filling out the form, the new district wide policy requires a photocopy of your driver's insurance criminal record check.
- Student Learning Survey for Gr 4 and 7 will be sent home about school activities and opportunities. It is optional. One was also conducted for all staff.

- School Messenger: Parents are sent a text to opt in to receive district messages.
- School Story – “Making Meaning Together” Focussing on literacy. In house survey on Pro-d day to get feedback on each grade/group and how they feel about their level of literacy.
- Digital Citizenship - Responsibility - Talk to our children about access to digital media and their digital footprint.

Questions:

- 1) If you filled out a Volunteer driving form at the beginning of the year, are you required to fill out another one and conduct a criminal record check? No. This process will be used moving forward in 2026.
- 2) Do volunteers helping for hot lunch/movie nights require filling out this form? No.

5. Financials:

Account Updates

- PAC General Account balance: \$20, 476.34
 - Balance after Munchalunch \$11,930.46
 - Balance after adding back the Jess Dance payment from gaming account is \$15,549.96
- Gaming Account balance: \$5841.25
 - Balance after JessDance: \$2,221.75
 - JessDance Invoices \$1206.50 & \$2413 paid
 - Among the total balance, Prev year 2024-2025 balance \$1181.25. Need to prioritize the use
- JessDance

Invoice 1: \$1206.50 Paid for by General Account. Not eligible for gaming account.

Invoice 2 & 3: Paid for by General Account. Both cheques cleared. To be transferred from Gaming Account to General Account.

Teacher Allotment

- Treasurer asks to defer until March/next meeting to review available funds after term 2 fundraisers.

June Beach Bus fee

- Last year, covered as part of the field trip allotment. Other year(s), covered under

gaming account.

- To be discussed further at next meeting.

Questions

- 1) In past year(s) was the year-end bus fee considered as part of the field trip allotment budgeted per student or treated as a completely separate budget item? Will need to confirm how money was distributed for field trip allotment in 2024-2025 and make final decisions on how to allot or distribute money for budgeted items.

Cambie scholarship

- Historically spent from PAC Account
- To be discussed further at next meeting.

Fit & Fun Day Pizza Lunch

- Tabled for next meeting

Grad expense

- May be considered to be funded from the Gaming account this year.

Questions:

- 1) Can proposed budget items like the book draw be considered for funding through the Gaming Account (like we had previously for board games)? Will need to confirm BC Gaming grant guidelines. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- 2) Does the school have any ideas/events that they are hoping to execute this year that may require more funding? Teachers have put together a wish list of which some of them have been acquired with school funds. High dollar value request includes ceiling mounted projectors for each classroom. They must be acquired through the district, but are not provided.
 - a) Idea for PAC campaign to raise funds through donations to the school to help pay for purchase.

6. Fundraising and Events

Samosa fundraising update

- Order on Munchalunch

- Deadline to order Sunday, February 8th
- Pick up Date February 27th 2:45pm - 3:15PM
- Offering vegetarian, chicken and beef.
- Will send out reminders week of January 26th and final reminder before the deadline.

Movie night update

- February 20th at 6PM. Doors open at 6:30
- \$3 for popcorn and drink
- \$5 at the door
- The announcement will go out week of Jan 26th
- Deadline is Sunday, February 15th
- Notes in the announcement to stress that a parent/guardian accompanies their students and to ensure that the students are to clean up after themselves after the event.

7. Q & A

- N/A

8. Adjourn Meeting

- 7:32PM

ANNEX A - ATTENDEES

Karen Lin, Principal
Ava Zhou, PAC President
Alina Nguyen-Law, Treasurer
Naomi Inouye Hot Lunch Coordinator

Tina Thottingal

REGRETS

Kirsten Poulsen, Vice Chair
Hart MacKinnon, Secretary