

Parent Council Meeting May 5, 2026	
Welcome and Introductions	Val - Principal Teena - Co-Chair Rebecca - Chair Alicia - Events Organizer Leilan - Environmental Chair Kate - Secretary Christian - Treasurer Cat - Library Committee Haley - Communications Officer Sarah - PAL Vince - PAL
Approval of Agenda	Approved
Approval of last month's minutes	Approved
Business arising from last week's minutes	None
Chair's Report	Shade structure options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Before we move any further, we need to fill out a form for the LDSB to begin the process.</li> <li>● Need a date for the work to be done</li> <li>● Rebecca has quotes -               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inspire play 8x8 truck to Kingston and installation - \$29,000                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 10x10 - \$31,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Henderson 8x8 with 2 legs is &lt;\$20,000</li> <li>○ Also have prices for benches</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Rebecca to email the options for PC to review</li> <li>● Will also place a donation option for the kinder shade on School Day - but need to have permission from the LDSB before we do so.</li> <li>● May take some time to have this done - years.</li> </ul>
Principal's Report	EA allocation for next year - significant reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 469 students - started with 3 EAs</li> <li>● Now at 463 students - Christine has asked for more support given the needs in the school community and we now have 4.5 EAs</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This has been just enough but also not enough</li> <li>● Val had advocated to increase VP time because the VP already works 0.5 and 0.5 SST - this is low compared to other schools. Rideau is requesting 0.75 VP and FT IST student to help with exceptional students</li> <li>● This allows the VP SST time to focus on academics</li> <li>● We were provided with an EA allocation of 1.5 EAs for 475 students next year.</li> <li>● This has been rebutted by the school for safety concerns</li> <li>● It has been brought to the next level and we are hoping that we can continue to push for more support.</li> </ul> <p>Parents mentioned that If they wish to advocate for more EA support next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There was a link to reach out and offer support for advocacy posted on the Rideau PS unofficial FB</li> <li>● Reach out to the Trustee - Joy Morning: 613-449-2172, E-mail: morningj@limestone.on.ca</li> </ul>
Teachers Report	<p>Request from Grade 1s for \$5 per student for their end of year trip - \$260.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rather than this, we would prefer to fund the families who cannot afford to attend.</li> <li>● Suggest pushing to p/u more Bingo shifts to contribute to supporting field trips.</li> </ul> <p>Grade 6 - requesting funds to support the Gr 6 graduation - looking to have coverage for the trolley ride downtown - they have put in a proposal - they need \$350. They are also doing a trip to Toronto to go to the Aquarium and Little Canada (\$65).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PC will match what they can fundraise up to \$200. Suggest milkshakes and bake sales. Motion - Rebecca - Second - all.</li> <li>● We are doing class pictures in addition to any funds contributed for the trip.</li> </ul> <p>Recall that there are also opportunities to contribute toward families who might find the cost prohibitive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The LDSB makes \$1000 available to cover some of this cost.</li> <li>● Opportunities to contribute on School Day as well.</li> </ul> <p>Running, soccer, chess, etc - many extracurriculars happening right now.</p>
Events	<p>Pop Cycle (Isla) - ready to go, people have volunteered for both Friday and Saturday to help.</p>

	<p>Spring Bling (Alicia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will be done in June this year - with the BBQ</li> <li>● Alicia has posted on FB how it works and shared a sign-up sheet.</li> <li>● A direct email will go out to the people who have signed up.</li> </ul> <p>Track and Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teena has the confirmation for the pizza order - they will deliver and it will arrive around 11-11:30.</li> <li>● Has been posted on School Day - Teena will get the numbers before the date</li> <li>● Teena will shop for the rest of the food on Monday</li> <li>● Need freezer space from volunteers and can use the downstairs freezer space.</li> </ul> <p>June BBQ on 10th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Coffee cart - Rebecca to organize.</li> <li>● Kona Ice, Fryway, Pizza, etc.</li> <li>● 2 face painters coming</li> <li>● Could do a tattoo station as well to offset the facepainting - Cat and Vince pricing tattoos.</li> <li>● Archives Club would like to dedicate the time capsule at the BBQ - pick a time and it will be advertised.</li> <li>● Button maker table - just need someone to supervise the table - will be a small cost to cover the cost of supplies.</li> </ul> <p>Kinder Social May 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Haley has a floor plan</li> <li>● Will have coffee there</li> <li>● BGC bringing STEM activities for small children - \$250 covered by PRO funding</li> <li>● Maltby, Early ON, KFLAPH,</li> <li>● Craft tables - popsicle stick birdhouses</li> <li>● Pencil crayons and colouring sheets - Alicia to provide French sheets</li> <li>● Games - Lego station, Yard Games,</li> <li>● Snacks - Food Share and Costco</li> <li>● Parent Council - QR code for Flip Give. Kate to print copies of our presentation from last year.</li> <li>● KFLA booth</li> </ul>
Fundraising Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nil</li> </ul>

Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We did not spend as much as allocated for teacher re-supply because it was stretched from last year.</li> <li>● Tribune and Archives may return \$400-500</li> <li>● PC account sits just shy of \$10,000 - all allocated but not spent.</li> <li>● Need to clarify if curling has been paid for yet.</li> </ul>
Env Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No updates. The daffodils look lovely!</li> </ul>
Discussion	<p>Graduation Class Gift.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$565 for picture frames.</li> </ul> <p>PIC meeting this Thursday - 5:30 or 6pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Does anyone want to go with Haley?</li> </ul> <p>Popcorn and Cotton Candy machines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cotton candy - on sale at Best Buy right now - \$319 or \$339 - both come with a cart but neither has a lid, which we may need - lids cost \$40/\$50 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion - Rebecca, Seconded - Haley</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Canada Popcorn Company - without trolley is \$289 - with trolley \$400 - Motion - Rebecca, Second - Teena</li> <li>● Need to make sure that they get cleaned properly between uses.</li> <li>● Will order trolleys for both to facilitate moving them through the school.</li> </ul> <p>Board Game Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Needs an alternate storage space - currently in the staff room and the space where it was meant to go in the library will not work.</li> <li>● Could store the games somewhere and then put cards in the library with a picture of the game and a description of the game.</li> <li>● Looking for an accessible space for it.</li> </ul>
Committee Updates	None today.
Take-Aways	
Adjournment and next meeting	June 2, 2026