

Parent Council Meeting February 3, 2026	
Welcome and Introductions	Christine - Principal Erin - Teacher Rep Vince - PAL/Rideau Tribune and Archives Club Teena - Co-Chair Rebecca - Chair Alicia - Events Organizer Leilan - Environmental Chair Kate - Secretary Cat - Library Committee Patti - PAL/Sewing Club Christian - Treasurer Haley - Communications Officer Paul - PAL Sarah - PAL Rachel - PAL
Approval of Agenda	Approved
Approval of last month's minutes	Approved
Business arising from last week's minutes	None
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cheque Requisition and Deposit Procedure (reminder)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ When there are expenses or cheque requisitions to be done, there are hard copies in the office in the PC mailbox.</li> <li>○ Fill out the form and then notify other PC members that it is there.</li> <li>○ When depositing money, two people need to count and then sign-off on it.</li> <li>○ Christian needs to be aware of money moving (Treasurer).</li> <li>○ Money stays in the safe, must be opened by office staff to count, but the paperwork can be done without involving office staff and left for PC members to sign to minimize burden on office staff.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● Shade/Playground Equipment- Rebecca to set a meeting with Christine</li> </ul>
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Two days in to a 5 day week with no snowstorms!</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rocks and Rings last week of Feb - almost all classes have signed up</li> <li>● Karate started last week - 5 scholarships available for students - notice of scholarships will be in the newsletter for parents next week.</li> <li>● Mme Kennedy to continue as Principal for another couple of weeks</li> <li>● Received a congratulations email from a parent regarding Rideau's position in the <a href="#">Fraser Institute</a> rankings - gratitude to teachers and support staff for their work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fraser Institute rankings are based on EQAO results, SES of the community and other metrics</li> </ul> </li> <li>● EQAO results are publicly accessed as an amalgamated score <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rideau is above provincial average</li> <li>○ The results from EQAO assessments help staff identify individual students who require more support</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Teachers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Food drive was successful - two big, grey bins to donate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 7 sets of Frontenac tickets raffled off</li> </ul> </li> <li>● A message was sent to staff about spending the money allotted to them for supplies from parent council</li> <li>● Teachers have been working on report cards - these go out on Friday, February 13th</li> </ul>
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Glow dance next Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Alicia to meet with student council this Friday to discuss available craft supplies</li> <li>○ Student council has gone class to class for song requests</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The dance is during the school day: 2-2:30pm kinder, 2:30-3pm junior/senior</li> </ul>
Fundraising Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What are we fundraising for? Kinder Shade, Library, Nutrition, Field Trips</li> <li>● FlipGive - making small to no gains and need to promote (Oct 35.50, Nov 120.72, Dec 201.87, Jan 216.10, Feb 227.11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Plan for a PC table at the PRO event to advertise</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Fundscript (Oct 197.59, 199.59, December 315.09, Jan 372.09, Feb 372.09)</li> <li>● Bingo Update and Volunteers</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Still need more volunteers - if we have enough people volunteers only have to do shifts every 2-3 months</li> <li>○ The school earns \$600 for every two-person shift</li> <li>○ The schedule is available from now until March 31st</li> <li>○ Need for a second volunteer for Feb 13th and 21st</li> <li>○ There is a <a href="#">form</a> to sign up for shifts or talk to Cat if you are interested in volunteering</li> <li>● Nevada Ticket update (295.80 for License, 238.20 for Box, 740.77 Tickets &amp; Mngmnt fee Total: 1274.77) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proposal that if there is money in the Nevada account, the bills should be paid - agreed</li> <li>○ Slow sales and we need to promote it</li> <li>○ Consider making a separate social media account for fundraising to promote Bingo, Nevada tickets, and other fundraising that cannot be advertised in the newsletter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Can a sign go into the store to indicate that purchasing Nevada tickets benefits Rideau PS? Rebecca will ask.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Dominos Pizza Fundraiser (Haley) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First fundraiser - March 22nd</li> <li>○ Second - May 24th</li> <li>○ Haley will start promoting and will send info to Christine so that it can be advertised in the newsletter</li> <li>○ Suggestion to share the image so that it can easily be re-posted</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Mitten Strings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suggestion for fundraiser to have mitten strings made for parents and kids - sell for \$2 each as a fundraiser - or just donate them and parents can contribute if they would like</li> <li>○ Rebecca to contact about email to kinder parents re: mitten ties</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Current Account Balance &amp; Available Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No change</li> <li>○ Library money needs to be moved into the Library account</li> <li>○ \$400 will be coming out for babysitting money</li> <li>○ We have \$2000-\$3000 that could be spent - \$1000 for yard upkeep, some for grade 6 transition -</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>\$1000 will be set-aside for yard improvement/kinder shade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion about yard upkeep/kinder shade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bingo money was earmarked for the library - but if enough is earned, some could be directed to the kinder shade</li> <li>○ What other yard upkeep is there? Hole around the kinder tree, green and yellow climber may be replaced now that the yard has been improved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Vince had ideas about a quieter or more natural area - plan to research with the kids what they would like - zone with more modular furniture - this was intended for the paved area between the portables, but this area is not supervised during recess because of limitations in supervision, and therefore could not be used as a play area because it is off-limits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There have been ideas for pavement painting activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Env Chair</p>	<p>No updates today - a few donations of plastic bottles and seeds have been received.</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PIC Update - meeting is this Thursday if anyone can attend</li> <li>● PRO Funding - application has been submitted for a kinder social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consider a movie night with popcorn, can have a PC table, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Opportunity for parents to connect and exchange contact</li> <li>■ Consider presentation on FlipGive prior to the movie to promote</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Will cost money to book the gym, pay support staff, etc</li> <li>○ Consider charging \$1 for chips and water, etc and a suggested donation for admission.</li> <li>○ Haley to find a date and coordinate communication for this event.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Student-Led initiative update - none</li> <li>● Website - Concerns about succession planning for website - can we ensure that there will be another council member who can take over website building and updates?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Would it help to have a social media position on the PC?</li> <li>○ Consider an official Parent Council FB page - the risks and benefits of this were debated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Overall benefit - ease of use and succession planning</li> <li>■ Risks - data collection and privacy</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Haley will ask what other schools are doing</li> <li>● TEAMS - updates pending.</li> </ul>
Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Library <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shelves should be here by end of February</li> <li>○ An order of books is pending</li> <li>○ Will need volunteers to help sticker</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Take-Aways	<p>Kate - send email re: parent council shirts - if anyone would like to purchase one there are still Large, XL and one Small available</p> <p>Haley - find out what other schools do for parent council website/social media page</p>
Adjournment and next meeting	March 3rd at 3:45pm