

RI BAKER SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, September 09, 2025

September 2025 AGM

1. Call to Order 6:32pm

a. Welcome/Introductions

2. Approval of agenda approved- Tamara Vaselenek and Nora Chomistek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Approval of May school council minutes- Elizabeth Dietrich made the motion , Brent Seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Reports

a. Trustee

b. Chairperson -Suzi Neufeld read a statement regarding Baker's performance last year. It was very positive and well received.

c. Mackenzie Ginther elected chairperson. Brent nominated her. Tamara Vaselenek seconded the motion. It passed.

d. Nominated for vice chair- Nora Chomistek

e. Secretary- Remains Brent Ginther

f. Review of School Council Bylaws - No concerns

g. Scheduled AGM for 2026- Sept 8th 2026

h. Adjourned- at 6:43pm

Motion by Nora and Fallon to begin First council meeting

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Sharon Rutledge-

Welcome to the 2025-26 School Year

At our Sept Board Meeting new senior administrators were recognized:

Tom Hamer Superintendent

Audrey Kluin Deputy Superintendent

Jackie Kark Associate Superintendent of Learning Services

Jason Kupery Associate Superintendent of Learning Services,

Alternative Programming

Kris Van Wieren Director of Learning

Carmen Larsen Director of Learning

Important Updates to Administrative Procedures

AP 134: Emergency Health Issues Response to include at home
learning

AP 135: At-Home Learning created to meet new requirements of
Ed

Amendment Act, 2024

AP 150: Dispute Resolution edited to meet Ed Amendment Act 2024

AP 207: Instruction on Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation and Human Sexuality Topics

AP 322: Student Identity Affirmation to meet Ed Amendment Act 2024

AP 381: Fairness and Safety in Sport in the Sport Act

September 22, 2025 is Nomination Day for candidates for Palliser

School Board Trustees. Required forms are available on the Palliser website.

The Organizational Meeting of the new Board will be held Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Debbie Laturnus- No Report

b. Chair persons - No report

c. Principal Report

Enrolment and Classes

- We currently have 260 students enrolled, which is more than originally projected.
- Each grade has three classes, with larger class sizes averaging 30 or more students.

Staffing Updates

- New staff members include:
 - **Mr. Havinga** (from Jeess)
 - **Ms. Serbu**
 - **Mrs. McGee** (School Counsellor)
 - **Ms. Easthope** (CASA classroom teacher)
 - **Megan Hamilton** (former school counsellor)
- The **CASA program** is designed to support student mental health. The current focus is on literacy and numeracy, with students set to transition back in January and new students entering the program. Early feedback has been very positive.

School Updates

- Jason expressed appreciation to our trustees for their support.

- There is interest in changing the school's name from *R.I. Baker Middle School* to *R.I. Baker School*.
- The school is pursuing the addition of an electronic sign at the front of the school to improve communication.
- Jason highlighted the importance of Edsby as our parent communication and reporting platform, and reiterated how grade reporting works through the system.

Library and Learning Resources

- The school library has been reviewed, with no inappropriate materials found.
- Teachers are also checking classroom collections, and nothing inappropriate has surfaced to date.
- The government is restructuring the program, and we are inventorying classroom books accordingly.

Job Action and Activities

- Due to uncertainty around job action, some extracurriculars (such as cross-country) have started, while others will wait until October.
- This precaution is to minimize disruption should job action occur.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities for parents to get involved, including:

- Classroom support
- Picture Day assistance
- Walkathon fundraiser (October 3rd)
- Annual Turkey Dinner
- Field trips

Fundraising – Walkathon

- Our annual 8 km Walkathon is the only fundraiser of the year.
- Students collect pledges; last year, we raised \$50,000.
 - Funds supported the playground fund and student activities.
 - This year, \$1,000 will be set aside for Parent Council discretionary spending.
- Prizes have already been purchased for participants.

Upcoming Events

- **Meet the Teacher Night** – Tomorrow, 6:30 PM
 - Begins with a short assembly in the gym.

- Families then move to the child's area:
 - Grades 4–5: group sessions
 - Grade 6: homeroom visits

Parent Council Initiatives

- Future meetings will include a “Student Showcase” – short video clips highlighting student success stories.

5. Business arising-none

6. New business- Eating at tables only on canteen days in the foyer. Due to supervision this is what we could manage.

7. Bouquets-

- Brett recognized Mr. Ross and Mrs. Wahl for their work in maintaining the condition of the school.
- Suzi expressed appreciation to Baker staff for their ongoing support.
- Jason thanked Jodi Pilling in the library for her dedication to the book inventory project.
- Mackenzie recognized Suzi for her commitment in staying for the meeting.

8. Next Meeting- November 18, 2025

9. Adjournment- 7:26 pm