Rennie's River Elementary
October 6th, 2026
Meeting #1

...learning together with love & laughter

In attendance: Jennifer Lee, Shannon Goldsworthy, Angela Rees, Amanda Tzenov, Kimberly Hurrell, Justin Taylor

Regrets: Ann Blackmore

Review Minutes of Last Update (June 15th) meeting canceled on June 8th. There were 2 updates provided to council members on June 15th & September

Business Arising (updates on items requiring follow-up from previous meeting)

- Barriers to attending Curriculum Night were identified last year; this year's collaboration with the McSheffery Center provided a bus, allowing 16 families to attend. Excellent feedback means we will consider the same collaboration for future events.

New Business

- Smooth start to 2026-2027 - the majority of the staff have returned
- Enrollment - has dipped since June - currently at 305.
- RRE Demographics - ⅓ are newcomers, receiving EAL - a significant percentage of the school population from a lower socio-economic bracket - important to understand this dynamic

as we plan for fundraising, etc.

- Staffing - lost EAL Chris White because of our dropping enrollment - he was not attached to RRE due to his status as an itinerant -

- Explanation of EAL Servicing: LEARN program is for students who have not previously attended school and/or who have significant gaps in their schooling - other EAL programming is to assist students whose first language is not English as they gain oral and written English proficiency - we currently have 3 full-time EAL teachers

- EAL Pilot Project - based on our demographic - intention to 'fill the gaps' and support classroom teachers as they serve ELL students as well as the rest of the class - there is a pilot teacher and an EAL TLA working with us.

- Reimagining Space - in June we opened up a new copy-prep room in the former band storage room - the former copy room is now a special needs room - the former Kids Eat Smart room is now a learning space - the former furnace room is now the Kids Eat Smart room as well as a storage room. We hope to continue our momentum of reimagining spaces to develop optimal learning environments that respond to our student needs.

- Attendance and tardiness - global issues - we are trying to problem-solve how to convey to parents and students the importance of being on time and being present in school. This will be an ongoing campaign throughout this year. Memo sent home on Sunday with tips for academic success.

- Upcoming PL Days - October 9 FOS 10 - Dec 9 FOS 10 - FOS days are Dept. of Education scheduled

Nov 16 - report card writing day

- Busing - there has been a change in Gonzaga buses parking on the main lot in the afternoons - this caused issues during the first few weeks of school, but it has alleviated

- Indigo Grant - we have received our $35000. We are currently in the planning stage - figuring out how and where the books will be stored. The grant included $1200 for storage and shelving

- School Development - our goals haven't changed; the focus is on explicit instruction. The results of the surveys are being reviewed, and the School Development team will be meeting this week to plan for the this year

- Breakfast Program - lots of new volunteers - running well

- Fundraising - optimal learning environment focus, Rennie's Community Make-Overs - improve the sense of community and optimize learning spaces -

- Making connections: Community Partnerships - McSheffery - our goal is to strengthen our partnership with McSheffery - possibility of having a council meeting there, and other activities that make the school and its services accessible for all - meet people where they are, literally and figuratively -

- Trunk or Treat - teachers planning to set up a trunk or treat station at McSheffery's event on October 30.

- School Council Training - November 3 Patricia Emberly - all Council members need training

Next Meeting: Monday, November 3rd