Old Rochester Regional Jr. High School
School Council
FY25-26

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 11. 2026
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Place: Community Room – JHS

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 10, 2025
3. Budget Update
4. School Improvement Plan
5. Student Handbook
6. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday – March 11, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m.
7. Future Agenda Items

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Present: Principal Silas Coellner, Assistant Principal Kelly Chouinard, Linda Deveau (school nurse), Eugenia Tilley (teacher); Jennifer Eames (Marion Parent Representative); Cristin Cowles (Mattapoisett Parent Representative).

1. Greetings and Welcome.
2. Approval of meeting minutes from December 10, 2025
3. Budget:
   Principal Coellner updated the Council on the Budget; he reported two anticipated retirements (PE and Health teachers) and discussed the possibility of one PE block and restructuring of Exploratories. He also shared the projected number of students in the upcoming class.
4. School Improvement Plan:
   Mr.Coellner presented an updated Strategic Plan. The district leadership will continue to come up with drafts which will be discussed in June 2026; the final draft will be created then; it will go for approval in front of the School Committee in the fall. Mr. Coellner updated the School Council on the implementation of the FlyFive Curriculum.
5. Student Handbook:
   Updates on the following topics were discussed:
   - teen dating violence
   - physical restraint of students
   - discipline despite parent disagreement
   - responsible and authorized use of AI
   - tobacco, nicotine, and vaping policies
   - Chromebook responsibility and care policy
   - taxonomy of restorative actions
   - absence and dismissal policy

Mr.Coellner noted all the suggestions of the School Council members; we will continue to discuss the updates. The handbook will need to be ready for approval by June 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
Next meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Silas Coellner, Principal
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