

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL OF EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING
MINUTES OF BOCES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

In Attendance: Emma Ershow (PEBC), Angela Christensen (LPS), Anne Keke (APS), Tiffany Almon (Ex. Director - RMSEL), Kimberlee Sia (DPS), Margaret Bierman (Finance Director - RMSEL), Kandice Wheeler (Enrollment Coordinator - RMSEL)
Students: Ayden Fry (10th grade) Chandler Culbertson (11th grade)

Kimberlee welcomed everyone and called the board meeting to order. Those attending introduced themselves.

Approval of Agenda

Kimberlee asked for a motion to approve the agenda. 1st motion to approve the agenda and 2nd motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Kimberlee asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2025 and August 26, 2025 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes together and there was a second motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved for June and August.

Executive Director Report

Student Presentation on the first month and a half of high school (Ayden - 10th and Chandler - 11th)

Reviewed the high school crew trips and where they went.

Humanities:

9 / 10 : Learning about Government

11 / 12 : Learning about US History from the 1920s and The Great Depression, WW1 impact on the US and just starting to learn about WW2. Students worked on posters representing comparisons from the 1920s and 2020s.

Math:

Review on Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Statistics.

Geometric Construction Projects Overview

English:

9 / 10 : Reading 1984

11 / 12 : Reading All The Light We Cannot See

Science:

9 / 10 : Learning about Cellular Biology. This Friday they will start a project on baseline data on day to day life. Once they hit week 3, they will change up their "routines" to see how that impacts the body.

11 / 12 : Newtonian Physics

Both students went on a crew trip and discussed what they liked about each trip.

Celebrations

We have successfully completed crew trips already. Grades 4 and 5 are on a crew trip now. They shifted to go to Buffalo Creek due to weather.

The 2 open positions for Academic Secretary and Enrollment Coordinator have been filled.

RMSEL received the highest ratings on District Performance Framework and State Performance Framework. The District Performance Framework Rating is BLUE and increased from 79.8 to 81.3%. The School Performance Framework Rating is GREEN and increased from 79.5 - 81.1%.

- Academic Achievement overall rose by 3.8 percentage points.
- Academic Achievement increased at the elementary school level by 8.7 percentage points and increased at the high school level by 2.7 percentage points.
- Growth stayed steady except for a slight drop at the high school level by 0.7 percentage points.
- We improved by 0.8 percentage points in the postsecondary and workforce readiness category.

Student participation in Athletics is increasing. Fall sports include boys' soccer, cross country, and girls' volleyball.

Student led conferences occurred last week on Thursday and Friday. The students focused on their goals for the year.

2nd annual Carnival was a success.

RMSEL is trying to provide the Seniors with the same experience as other High Schools. All Seniors painted their parking spots in the parking lot.

Strategic Plan

District Performance Framework - Academic achievement overall rose by 3.8.

8.7% increase in Elementary

2.7% increase in High School

Academic achievement is above the state mean scale for every grade assessed.

Areas for growth: 7 / 8 Math and ELA and 9th Math. Math dropped significantly due to a new teacher who previously taught a different grade.

Positive Discipline: leaning into having students owning classroom environments and creating routines. We will start to move into class meetings where they gather as a crew (or class) and identify issues and then work together to find solutions to these issues.

Working to figure out why High School enrollment is down. Tiffany would like to create a High School task force. (Will do the same for Middle School too). The goal is to increase enrollment.

Eli, Jamie and Tiffany plan to attend the EL Leadership cohort conference to learn more about expeditionary learning.

Enrollment numbers

378 currently enrolled (375 projected)
Denver Public Schools: 222
Aurora Public Schools: 35
Littleton Public Schools: 17
Out of District: 104

Wants and Needs

Tiffany asked if there are High School nights or other events / fairs hosted in other districts. She also asked about Middle School events.

Can anyone provide Tiffany with events they know of so that she can reach out?

No questions or comments

Open Forum

Nothing

Budget Report

Working on the audit. Auditors will be here from early to mid - October. Goal is to have this information for the board November 18, 2025.

The PPR money we received for the 1st 3 months was at a different rate and for a different amount of students so we will see a revision in the upcoming months PPR.

We also only received funding for 1 designated adult for kids with needs but we actually have 3 designated adults, so we will see a revision here too.

We still have \$38,000 in financial aid available. 14 students are receiving aid. 7 are full benefits and 7 are 1 / 2 benefits.

We do offer a 10% fee discount on tuition for families that may need it.

LINKS TO FINANCIAL SPREADSHEETS

[Comparative Profit & Loss](#)

[Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual](#)

[Comparative Balance Sheet](#)

[Balance Sheet](#)

[Management Summary](#)

No Questions

Items for future agendas

DAC makes a recommendation for next year's field work fees. This will be added to the October agenda.

Kimberlee asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angela gave 1st motion, Emma 2nd. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned.

END OF MEETING

Kimberlee Sia, President

Emma Ershow, Secretary/Treasurer