

Agenda – Sarah Thompson School Council

Date: March 27, 2023 at 8:35am

Sarah Thompson School

In Attendance: Chantelle Everett, Shelley Kinley, Jared Mok, Lori Selanders, Chelsea, Betty Peddle, Chris Sidorenko, Ryan Siemens, Sheena Noppen

1.	Call Meeting to Order at 8:36am	Chantelle Everett (Vice Chair)
2.	Introductions and Land Acknowledgement	<i>"Rocky View Schools would like to acknowledge the land and recognize all the Indigenous Peoples whose footprints have marked these lands from time immemorial. Together, we can learn and honour the ways of knowing of Indigenous Peoples for all future generations."</i>
3.	Approval of previous meeting minutes	Jared, Lori (2 nd)
	Approval of Agenda	Lori, Betty (2 nd)
4.	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<p>1) The Joint School Councils meeting went very well on March 23, 2023. Thank you to Sarah Thompson School, Chestermere School and Indus School for sharing their Agenda templates and Annual Reports. Participants were able to participate in three separate sessions: Advocacy, Engagement and Agenda Planning/Annual Reports. I was pleased to see representation from all of the schools in our area. Thank you.</p> <p>2) Attends have been approved to attend the ASCA Conference in Edmonton April 21-23, 2023. Any school Council not attending the AGM is able to send a proxy vote.</p> <p>3) Information regarding the community accommodation of both grades and boundaries for the new Junior Senior High School will likely be held the first week in May. Parents will also be able to provide their suggestions through RVS engage. Deadlines will be shared as soon as they are provided. As well, start thinking of a new name for the School!</p> <p>4) The Board has approved the 2024 – 2027 Capital Plan. As per the Budget announcement – RVS received four schools pre construction funding – Cochrane K- 8 and Chestermere K- 9 for Preplanning, Airdrie High School – Planning and Airdrie K-8 -</p>

		<p>Design. This is part of the Government’s new gated process to build schools. The Minister’s letter to the parents of RVS is posted on our RVS website. The Calgary Catholic Separate School Division also received design approval for a K -9 school in Chestermere.</p> <p>5) As part of the Capital plan request an Airdrie K-8, Springbank K-8 and a Cochrane High School are also on the Capital Plan list for this year. The Langdon K- 8 school previously slated for the list in 2025 has been moved to 2026.</p> <p>6) Our Alternative programs policy has also been updated - Board Policy 18. It will be renamed Divisional Programs of Choice to better represent programs of choice in RVS – ie French, Christian programming, Building Futures, etc.</p> <p>7) The Board approved a request for the superintendent to prepare a feasibility report (options and potential approaches) for eliminating all school fees for optional courses for the 2023-2024 school year. The report will be shared with the Board Budget Committee on April 20th prior to the Board making a decision in May.</p> <p>8) There were four delegations at our last board meeting regarding the Powell Street school attendance accommodation on March 23.</p> <p>9) Edwin Parr Nomination for RVS is Brandy Perry – teacher at Beiseker Community School. Congratulations, Brandy!</p> <p>10) Meeting dates for RVS Board meetings have been set for the 2023/2024 School year.</p> <p>11) The Budget has been announced and more money has been put toward education – additional monies for: enrolment growth funding, specialized supports for complexity in classrooms, additional funds for Operations, Maintenance and Administration, Teacher Salary Settlement and Transportation.</p> <p>12) Transportation – we await further details related to transportation as the government has implemented new service standards – 1 km for K-6 students and 2 km for High School. This new standard is not required until the 2024/2025 school year.</p>
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5.	Admin update: -School Fees -Grade 5 transitions	-Sarah Thompson is allowed to increase school fees by a maximum of 5%. Proposed to increase to the maximum. Kindergarten from \$109 to \$115, Grade 1-4 \$161-\$169, Grade 5 \$218-\$229. These fees are typically for field trips. -Jump rope for heart raised \$3700 -Currently taking Kindergarten registration -Grade 5 transition – June 5, small group tour to Langdon school. June 6, all Grade 5 student to watch spring concert. June 8, all Grade 5's do a school tour and have a picnic. -Grade 5 farewell, will have a graduation, need volunteers for the day (not Grade 5 parents). Friday June 16 th . -Book fair raised \$4335.32 for the school, goes to teaching resources, furniture, and books for the school
6.	Chair Update	-Joint council meeting. Discussed overcrowding in schools, community engagement, agendas and year end reports.
7.	Treasurer Update	Current budget is at \$2781.88. Budget for the year is \$3500.
8.	Old Business -Kindergarten passport evening	-Looking to have someone from school council and a few from FOSTeS to attend the Kindergarten passport evening on June 1 3:30-6:30pm to try and recruit some new members. Please let Ryan and Chris know if you are able to attend.
9.	Society Update	-Casino April 21 & 22 – looking for volunteers
10.	New Business	
11.	Adjournment at	9:21am
	Next Meeting	May 8, 8:35am - AGM

