

Agenda – Sarah Thompson School Council

Date: November 27, 2023

Sarah Thompson School

In Attendance: Chris Sidorenko, Ryan Siemens, Chantelle Everett, Shelley Kinley, Nicole Porquet-Seitz, Betty Peddle, Lori Selanders, Chelsea Burnett, Sheena Noppen, Jared Featherstone, Jen Olsen, Kendra Tickel, Stacey Everett, Sonja Baldock

1.	Call Meeting to Order at	8:39am
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, Jen 2 nd
	Approval of Agenda	Jen, Chantelle 2 nd
4.	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<p>1) Exemplary practice Nov 2nd: students who had achieved 100% on one of their diploma exams during the June 2023 sitting. Two Chestermere students achieved this milestone – Rashveer Sandhu – Chemistry 30 and Baltroop Toor – Physics 30 along with two other students from Cochrane High School and George McDougall High School. Congratulations to these students on achieving excellence!</p> <p>2) Exemplary Practice Nov 16th - RVS specialists David Moore and Jane Roberts presented to the Board. To assist schools, the specialists come to the school, rather than the teachers come to the Education Centre. They attend specific schools for four-to-six-week cycles, helping teachers with instruction. The specialists offer PL, team teaching, co-planning, modelling, one to one conversation about overall practice, small group work with department or grade teams – all to explore different approaches to pedagogy and build teacher capacity.</p> <p>3) The Board approved an Ad Hoc naming committee for the new school in Langdon. AP – 5402 Naming of Facilities. The committee is tasked to put forward two names for consideration to the Board by February 1st, 2024. As the local</p>

		<p>trustee, I will be a part of this committee. Please watch your local paper, school newsletter, and use RVSEngage to suggest a name.</p> <p>4) RVS has requested an additional 22 Modular Classrooms, as well as the relocation of 12 classrooms and one wet (washroom) unit. (Indus and Langdon modulars will likely be moving) In addition, five surplus units were awarded to RVS from Alberta Education which the province will pay to deliver and set up. We are likely to find out this decision about modulars in March.</p> <p>5) Last month, I shared information on the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces (BASS). BASS seeks stakeholder feedback to help inform the Board's decision. Due to the size and scope of this engagement, the Board has added an extra Board Meeting date to handle delegations. Please check RVS Engage to see how this engagement is taking place.</p> <p>6) The Board welcomed School Councils to our joint meeting on October 26TH. An excellent presentation from staff about Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (PBIS) discussed how RVS intends to create safe, positive, predictable, inclusive cultures. We also provided information to assist new chairs, new Chair packages, and provided information for schools as to how others have used their ASCE Grants. Our next Joint School Board Council meeting will be held March 14th, 2024.</p> <p>7) Given the high population growth in man of the communities within RVS, the Board determined a review of the current ward boundaries be completed. The last Review occurred in 2016. The review will include consultation with all communities within RVS and will be completed by December 2024.</p> <p>8) The Annual Education Results Report highlights RVS' accomplishments, Initiatives and Stories.</p> <p>Highlights include - Majority of students in Grades 1-4 demonstrated growth in literacy and numeracy skills; students feel they can get the help they need in school but also indicated they could use support in developing conflict resolution</p>
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		<p>skills. Overall diploma exams are at the provincial average while our high school completion rates are better than the provincial average.</p> <p>The report lists the progress of specific actions taken the year before and identifies new actions to be taken in 2023/24.</p> <p>9) The Board has ratified the mediator’s report and awaits information from ATA local #35 to determine if they will agree to the mediator’s report and previously agreed items.</p> <p>10) The Board continues to move forward with the new Airdrie SW High School site. RVS’ portion of the land will be used for a future Airdrie High School site.</p>
5.	<p>Admin update: -Performances update -2B student presentation on Lunch Box Talks -SEP progress</p>	<p>-Performances update: Winter concert will involve Grade 2 & 4, <i>The Mice Before Christmas</i>. On Monday, Dec 11, we will have a school performance. December 12 will have an afternoon and evening performance for parents. December 14th will be caroling in the gym. Spring concert will be Grades 1&3s. Grade 5 students will either join the spring concert or will do a farewell concert.</p> <p>-School Education Plan goals are around writing, attendance, PBIS, and numeracy. Professional learning day was focused on writing as well as PBIS and how we can support students with self-regulation to be successful. Also, discussions around attendance and how to support students to increase theirs.</p> <p>-Therapy dogs have been attending the school to support students with anxiety. We will also be hosting the Just Like You program from Variety Alberta to present to all grades in December. This program helps students build understanding and acceptance of those with a disability or difference.</p> <p>-The milk program will be moving to 4 days/week.</p> <p>-Ambrose University student teachers have been attending the school every Wednesday since September. We appreciate our partnership with Ambrose.</p> <p>-Book fair was a large success this year.</p> <p>-2B attended to present on Lunch Box Talks. Lunch Box Talks are to support students in increasing their confidence and communication skills in having conversations with</p>

		adults. Community members are invited to the school to meet with students and have a conversation.
6.	Chair Update: -Looking for vice chair	-Still looking for a vice chair if anyone is interested, please see Chantelle. -Still looking for a date for staff appreciation lunch
7.	Treasurer Update	\$1585.67 balance
8.	Old Business	
9.	Society Update	Currently looking for volunteers. -Gift fundraiser currently running -Looking for a treasurer and secretary
10.	New Business	
11.	Adjournment at	9:26am
	Next Meeting	January 15, 2024