

Agenda – Sarah Thompson School Council

Date: October 17, 2022

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In Attendance: Amberly Clayton, Erin McCabe, Tiffany Couture, Jennifer Olsen, Chantelle Everett, Shelly Kinley, Sonja Baldock, Betty Peddle, Lori Selanders, Chelsea Burnett, Ryan Siemens, Chris Sidorenko

	Items	Motioned by 1 st and 2 nd
1.	Call Meeting to Order at	8:40
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	Chantelle Everett, 2 nd Tiffany Couture
	Approval of Agenda	Chantelle Everett
4.	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<p>School Council Report – October 2022</p> <p>1) At the organizational meeting a new Chair and Vice Chair were elected for the upcoming year. Norma Lang – Trustee for Crossfield - Chair and Shelley Kinley – Vice Chair.</p> <p>2) RVS Enrolment on track to surpass projection – Final number shows an increase of 990 students or 3.72 % which exceeds the projection made in February. RVS has a total of 27,612 students. These numbers are submitted to Alberta Education and are important for funding purposes. The overall utilization rate for RVS schools has increased to 91% from 87% in 2021/2022.</p> <p>3) This year’s enrolment increase is consistent with the trend of 750-1000 new students per year – 1 full school. With no new schools approved</p>

this year by the provincial government, pressure on students, teachers, and existing infrastructure continues to intensify.

- 4) Last Thursday, RVS hosted their School Council Chairs Orientation and Bylaws Workshop. It was well attended as there were just under 50 participants. Great discussion about the important role of School Councils and all the ways in which they help shape the delivery of education through ongoing feedback to school administrators. At the High School level, it is also possible to have a student advisor on the Council! The session was recorded and is available at:
https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/get_involved/school_councils

Joint School Councils Invitation – Board Chair Norma Lang

We look forward to seeing many of you at our face-to-face Board /
School

Council meeting on

October 27 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Education Centre in Airdrie. The
topics

being covered include:

- Alberta School Council Engagement Grants
- The draft Board Strategic Plan
- The need for advocacy in RVS on Space for Students and what parents and school councils can do to support the Board in their work advocating for more schools in our division

Dinner will be provided at the meeting.

We will also be debuting our “hot off the press” new school council chair packages. These packages will be distributed to all councils in attendance. Thank you for considering.

Please RSVP to Jennie Thompson at jthompson@rockyview.ab.ca so we can plan dinner numbers accordingly. Please let us know if you have any dietary concerns we should be aware of.

- 5) Public Engagement on Strategic Plan development for 2022-2026 is well underway. Significant input was received via the Education Plan Survey – approximately 10000 individuals responded, providing more than 27000 comments. A summary of the themes heard have been shared at www.rockyview.ab.ca . Please go to the website to participate in a survey to approve or disapprove of the priorities we have set out for RVS. The survey does not take long to complete – we want your feedback! It is important that we have feedback from all corners of our School Division. What do you want to see in your schools? What is important to you for your children? Thank you in advance for checking it out. **Survey closes October 17th.**
- 6) While you are there doing the survey you can also opt into receiving Text messages from the School Division and from your child's school. If you would like to subscribe, simply text YES to 978338.
- 7) The education minister has decreed that for the 2022/23 school year Diploma Exams will be valued at 20%.
- 8) Exemplary Practice Highlights Schoolwide Numeracy Games at Elbow Valley Elementary School – Last year, teachers introduced a variety of numeracy games in Grades 1-4. Each week, a new game was rolled out to students and an improvement in student learning was observed. Building on that success, the school has introduced daily numeracy games for all grades. Learning support and administration teams' model, teach and improve students' number sense. School has found this a sustainable, creative and effective way to maximize instructional time and gains in learning. All look forward to the daily math games, and parents have expressed appreciation for the engaging ways they can work on math with their children using dice and cards.

		<p>9) Bert Church High School embarked on a project to represent their community journey of reconciliation with their Indigenous neighbors. Students, teachers and local community members brought this garden to life. They have created a garden that will be a reminder of the work that must be done to nourish healthy communities and be a way to be together every year with students and the community. The Garden had its grand opening last week and was another example of a students and teachers demonstrating reconciliation in a meaningful way.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>Shelley Kinley Vice Chair Board of Trustees skinley@rockyview.ab.ca</p>
5.	Admin update: -School Workbook Update (formerly School Education Plan)	<p>Start up has gone very well! Lots of Committees meeting to get things beginning such as Indigenous Committee, Numeracy Committee, PBIS Committee, Student Leadership Committee to get things going. Getting back to normal and having parents at events such as Terry Fox Run, and Welcome Back BBQ has been great. New energy in the building. Clubs getting going. Chestermere Therapy Dogs is back. Great energy in the building.</p> <p>School Workbook Considering Survey results, student/parent/staff insights areas of focus for STS are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - numeracy instruction - PBIS - Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (consistency and Predictability of expectations and supports) - AB Ed/RVS assessments – using this data to improve learning - new curriculum

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PS reporting - diversity /inclusion - Student Leadership <p>Student Slideshow</p> <p>Dates to note:</p> <p>October</p> <p>25 – Grade 3 field trip to Airdrie (and later Bragg Creek and at Langdon)</p> <p>27 – Grade 2 to Blackfoot Crossing</p> <p>28 – Lunch Box Talks 2B and 3M</p> <p>November</p> <p>31-4 – Book Fair Week</p> <p>2-3 Three Way Conferences - opportunity to reflect on the first few months and set some goals.</p> <p>10 – Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:30ish Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10th - open to parents - Students beginning to rehearse.</p>
6.	<p>Chair Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -School Council Bylaws review -Alberta School Council Engagement Grant - https://bit.ly/3rRN1nk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$500.00 grant: possible ideas- bring a speaker in to talk about: Internet/Social Media Safety; Anxiety - Bylaws were reviewed/renewed 4 years ago and they should be reviewed every 3-7 years; looking for a group of council members to look at the Bylaws (Amberly, Chantelle and Tiffany are interested in joining the committee to look at Bylaws in the new year)
7.	Treasurer Update	Hot Lunch and Milk are just getting going; will be updated next meeting
8.	Old Business	NA

9.	Society Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actively seeking new members; perhaps piggy backing with Council Meetings to get new members - AGM: need a Chair - Current fundraising: Mabel's Labels, Gift Cards coming soon... in time for Christmas - Chantelle: Casino dollars may be lower... Casino in the process of moving so hopefully that will help - Thanks to Nadine for all her hard work over the many years she was the FOSTES Chair... best wishes!! - General Account \$17, 074 - Casino Account: \$954 - Raffle Account balance \$1122 - - Bottles: \$255 this past month - Clothing Bin \$243 this past month - Mabel's Labels: TBD
10.	New Business	A motion was put forward by Tiffany, second by Amberly to get a gift for Nadine to show our gratitude for her volunteering for FOSTES's and attending Council meetings
11.	Adjournment at	9:57
	Next Meeting	Nov. 28, 2022