

Agenda – Sarah Thompson School Council

Date: October 23, 2023 at **6:00pm**

Sarah Thompson School

In Attendance: Jen Olsen, Tonni Ollenberger, Devin Ollenberger, Kendra Tickel, Chantelle Everett, Amberly Clayton, Brandy Manistu, Jared Featherstone, Dawn Mok, Brenda De La Mare, Kristi Mackie, Adria Warner, April Rydon, Betty Peddle, Chelsea Burnett, Shelley Kinley, Carly Kurta, Kaleigh McLellan, Chris Sidorenko, Ryan Siemens

1.	Call Meeting to Order at	6:05pm
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, Brenda 2 nd
	Approval of Agenda	Jen, Chantelle 2 nd
4.	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<p>1) Congratulations to our new Chair Fiona Gilbert and Vice Chair – Judi Hunter.</p> <p>2) The Board has been addressing Policy changes as part of their Annual Review. Board Policy 29 – Ward Structure Policy 22 – Community Use of School Facilities and Equipment Policy 19 – Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environment Policy 23 – School Attendance Area</p> <p>This resulted in minor changes to wording for clarity and to ensure policies align with new legislation and regulation.</p> <p>3) The Board supports Trustee Shali Baziuk’s run for Vice President of the Alberta School Boards Association once again for the 2023-2025 term. She has served as director for Zone 5 since 2019 and is the current incumbent.</p>

		<p>4) RVS Teachers were recognized on World Teachers’ Day. We thank the 1048 RVS teachers for the important and exceptional work they do every day to support our students. You are appreciated!!</p> <p>5) An Ad Hoc committee has been struck to plan, develop and deliver our proposed presentation ‘Onboarding for School Board Success’ at the National School Boards Association conference. A proposal was submitted, and we were chosen to present at the National Conference in April.</p> <p>6) The Board approved their organization wide strategic plan in December of 2022 and part of that process is annual reporting on the defined performance measures tied to the priorities. It is part of our ongoing accountability commitment. The report is available at www.rockyview.ab.ca .</p> <p>7) For our first exemplary practice presentation, we had the winners of the Level Up Calgary Season 2 Competition which ran from February to June 2023. Over 500 participants were involved from Rocky View Schools, Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School Division. The students took part in the competition which involved designing virtual sustainable real-life public spaces in Calgary using Minecraft. Our RVS students came home with numerous medals. They enjoyed the experience immensely and gained a lot from this real life yet virtual experience.</p> <p>For our second exemplary practice, we had Jander Talen, a Grade 10 Teacher at Cochrane High School, present. He was selected to be Grosvenor Teacher Fellow the National Geographic Society and go on expedition to the Galapagos Islands. He shared his trip with us, and how he uses connection to the environment and outdoor education with his students in a program called ROAMS (Rivers, Oceans and Mountain School).</p> <p>8) Space for students continues to be a Board Advocacy focus. Together with the RVS’ Communications team we are still setting our goal at securing full construction funding for four schools that have received planning and design funding in the 2023/2023 school year.</p>
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9) RVS' 2022/2023 Space for Students Advocacy Plan has been honored by the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) with a BRAVO! Award. The award recognizes exemplary work and will be presented during the annual CACE conference in Montreal at the end of October. A huge congratulations to our Communications team.

10) Significant enrolment growth in Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere – 990 more students or 3.5% increase from 2022/2023. The overall utilization is 93% up from 87% last year. Of the new RVS students, 50% are in Airdrie. The current utilization in Airdrie's High School is 110%. Chestermere schools are at 98% utilization overall. Cochrane has 100% utilization at both of their high schools as well.

11) The Board provided an orientation session on September 27th for school council members. The session is intended to support school councils by providing information and engaging in dialogue. The presentation is available on the RVS website. School Council executive are invited to join us October 26th at 5:30 – 7:30 at the RVS Education Centre to connect and learn from each other. Please RSVP.

12) A multi-faceted Public Engagement has been launched to Balance Airdrie Student Spaces. We will begin a consultation plan this fall – Phase 1 – to provide stakeholders with information, resources and an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed solutions. Phase 2 begins in 2024 and will offer stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback, both in person and online. Changes to come into effect in the 2025/2026 school year. Some may be implemented as early as the 2024/2025 school year.

13) Langdon School Consultation - Public Meeting held October 17th
Online Feedback October 17th – November 13, 2023
RVSEngage.com
Delegations to the Board November 16th, 2023

		<p>Board Decision December 14th, 2023</p> <p>Three Options have been provided for families to discuss.</p> <p>14) A naming Ad Hoc committee will be formed for the new school in Langdon. AP 5402 – Naming of Facilities. The committee will put forward two names for consideration to the Board by February 1, 2024. As your local trustee, I will be a part of this committee and we will be looking for members of the community to be on the committee as well.</p>
5.	<p>Admin update:</p> <p>-School Education plan 2023-2024</p> <p>-Alberta Education survey results</p>	<p>Grade 3 students presented on their “Peace Path”</p> <p>-School education plan shared. Goals moving forward that will be focused on are around math, writing, mental health (focusing on attendance), and PBIS (positive behavioral intervention and supports).</p> <p>-Bike racks – looked into putting bike racks at the front of the front of the building. Discussion regarding need of a bike rack at this time and the placement. Will revisit in the future.</p> <p>-Breakfast program – changes to funding for the program. The funding has been decreased substantially from RVS. Now utilizing a partnership with the Langdon food bank and BuyLow. Will be looking in the future for volunteers to support the program, anyone interested please reach out to Ryan.</p> <p>Important Dates: November 8 – Photo Retake Day 9 – Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:20 11 – No School for Remembrance Day Holiday 13-17 – Scholastic Book Fair Week 15 – 3 Way Conferences 4-7 16 – 3 Way Conferences 3:30-6:30 20 – PL Day – School Based 27 – School Council 8:35</p>
6.	Chair Update:	-Currently looking for vice chair

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -School council grant -Joint council meeting -School council roles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -New school council email sarahthompson-schoolcouncil@rvschools.ab.ca -Swimming lessons this year? -Will be putting together a staff appreciation this fall, looking for volunteers -ASEG grant (Alberta School Education Grant) \$500 to all school councils, looking for ideas on presentations parents want to see -The Joe's are presenting in Chestermere, topic is social media safety on Nov 2nd from 6-8pm
7.	Treasurer Update	No update at this time
8.	Old Business	
9.	Society Update	<p>New vice chair and two new directors. Continuing to look for new members.</p> <p>Working on getting new signs for the bottle shed and the bins at the bank</p>
10.	New Business	
11.	Adjournment at	7:14pm
	Next Meeting	November 27th at 8:35am