

Agenda – Sarah Thompson School Council

Date: September 18, 2023

Sarah Thompson School

In Attendance: Chantelle Everett, Chris Sidorenko, Ryan Siemens, Sheena Noppen, Chelsea Burnett, Nicole Lorquest-Seitz, Lori Selanders, Jared Featherstone, Adria Warner, Jen Olsen, Brenda de la Mare, Shelley Kenley, Dawn Mok, Karen Groen, Betty Peddle

1.	Call Meeting to Order at 8:36	
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 1 st , Dawn 2 nd
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4.	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<p>1) Welcome back to the 2023/2024 School year. Preliminary numbers are in, and we are growing on average 3.8% which is approximately another 1052 students. Total enrollment as of Sept 6th is 28,664 students. As the provincial government uses a WMA model, almost 800 RVS students will not be funded by the Alberta Government this fall.</p> <p>2) The Langdon Junior/High School accommodation dates will be made available before the end of September. I want to encourage everyone to attend our in-person consultation, then participate on RVS Engage when it comes available. RVS has come back with more accommodation choices based on responses from participants in the first section of the engagement. These accommodations affect the grade levels of the other schools in our catchment area as well as inform which grade levels might be in the new Junior/Senior High School.</p> <p>3) Transportation – even though the government has made changes to bus eligibility, the changes will not be in effect until the 2024/2025 school year. RVS and the rest of the province will need to address driver shortages, new route challenges and prepare for student growth. Presently there are limited buses and</p>

		<p>limited drivers. With the new service levels, RVS will need approximately 30-40 buses. Has everyone downloaded the new Bus app?</p> <p>4) The Board of Trustees had an exemplary practice presentation by the Rocky View Schools Leadership Academy at our first Board Meeting. Students have been busy rebooting the program which was affected by Covid. Students shared impact statements as to how they have grown from the program. It was a fantastic presentation. I would encourage you to have your high school students investigate this accredited program. (Students can earn up to 15 credits in this program)</p> <p>5) RVS takes great pride in their facilities. Many projects were completed over the summer including in our area: half of the roof at Indus School, new BMS at Langdon School, completion of the washrooms at CHS along with the addition of another classroom at Chestermere High in the South Social area.</p> <p>6) The Board approved their self-evaluation completed in June. More information will be coming forward in the Accountability Report once approved by the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>7) The Board will be submitting their 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Engagement process to the ASBA for an award as an example of community engagement. Thank you to all who participated.</p> <p>8) The Organizational Meeting is set for September 21 – Chair and Vice Chair will be elected, and Committee appointments selected.</p> <p>9) Save the Date! School Councils Orientation will be held on September 27th - 7:00 – 8:00 pm on zoom. Please register for the evening to receive the zoom link. Open to all and any members of your Parent Council. https://rockyview.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwkceqqrT8rHdOCrhaSNICDKm4UGmMnIUZA</p> <p>Our Joint Board School Meeting will be held on October 25th at the RVS Head Office 5:30-7:30 pm.</p>
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<p>5.</p>	<p>Admin update: -School Start-up -Volunteering</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -School start-up. The Welcome back BBQ was very success, thank you to all the volunteers and school council for funding it. -Staff met to discuss our focus for this year. Continuing to focus on PBIS (Positive Behavior Supports), continuing to focus on math and literacy, will also add in a writing focus. -Currently 332 students. Addition of a third class in Kindergarten to make the class sizes approximately 17 each from 26/27. Class sizes in the Grade 1-3 classes are approximately 21 each. Grade 4-5 around 27 each. -Learning disruption funding has been discontinued this year from the government. This means we are not able to bring on another learning assistant. -New music teacher, Mrs. Johnston is filling in for Mrs. Pawluk. Mrs. Wycoco is back from leave and Ms. Healey is back for the ¾ split. Mrs. Benhia has moved to Langdon school this year. -New Curriculum – new science this year in the lower grades. Grade 4-5 will be implementing the new curriculum in LA and Math -Elder Sa'Kokoto – will be here this Friday for the second time this year. Supporting learning across all grades. -Terry Fox this coming Friday, starting at 8:30am -Milk starting soon -Year books from 2022-2023 – still available -Orange shirt day orders are in for shirts. -Volunteering – Google Form survey set out. Survey still available if anyone is looking to volunteer. Volunteer orientation session hosted at the school. Will be having another one end of October/early November to coincide with interview night.

6.	Chair Update	<p>Questions regarding cleaning at the school and protocol.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During COVID- extra funding was provided have additional cleaning, do not have this anymore. - Rocky View has reduced funding for cleaning staff and building operators. Currently managing with the current staff adjustments. <p>Looking for a Vice Chair – anyone interested please let Chantelle know</p>
7.	Treasurer Update	<p>Hot lunch has not begun yet Last year school profits were \$4529.61, spent \$2140.21. Currently Balance is \$11000</p>
8.	Old Business	<p>Staff appreciation done in June 2023, did not require funds from council, food and funds were donated.</p>
9.	Society Update	<p>Casino made \$62335.93 Next casino date is 2026 AGM is Wednesday the 20th at 7pm at Sarah Thompson School– Looking for new members Community account \$10282. 85 Casino account sitting at \$64412.41</p>
10.	New Business	<p>-Proposal to have \$1000 each for Mr. Knight and Ms. Healey to purchase new books -Chantelle proposed to provide \$1000 to each Mr. Knight and Ms. Healey. Brenda 2nd – all in favor – approved -Can we plant trees to provide shade on the south side of the school to keep the school cooler during the summer months. Jared proposed council works on this a project for council.</p>

		-Jared proposes a project to plant shade trees around the school – Betty 2 nd – approved
11.	Adjournment at	9:41
	Next Meeting	October 23, 6:00pm