

Agenda – Sarah Thompson School Council

Date: April 15th at 8:35am

Sarah Thompson School

In Attendance: Jared Featherstone, Jen Olsen, Chantelle Everett, Ryan Siemens, Chris Sidorenko, Sheena Noppen, Chelsea Burnett, Lori Selanders, Betty Peddle, Brenda de la Mare, Nicole Porquet-Seitz, Kayla Tierney

1.	Call Meeting to Order at	8:40am
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	Jared, Chantelle 2 nd
4.	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<p>1) The Board of Trustees had a presentation from the Chestermere High School welding students who participated in a Welding rodeo on February 24th. The group placed second in the competition which involved 45 students from six different school divisions who had to follow blueprints designed by Red Seal welders and then create welding sculptures. The sculptures were Mario themed, and the students were enthusiastic about their experience at the rodeo, their participation in Canada Skills competitions and their bright futures. Encouraging this type of skills ready learning is part of our building future ready students and one of the goals of our RVS Education Plan.</p> <p>2) Ecole Edwards Elementary School shared how they have embraced PBIS to help create a safe, caring welcoming and inclusive learning community. Posters, student designed expectations and PBIS sticker charts. Each month, students, , classroom staff investigate one aspect of the PBIS matric and include families an staff in the discussion at their Parent Council meetings. They are online and saved and parents can watch at their convenience.</p>

		<p>3) Budget 2024 announced by the provincial government Feb 29th, includes an overall funding increase of 2.7% not counting funding for Capital maintenance and renewal projects. We are expecting a 2.6% increase in student enrolment. Supplemental enrolment grant funding helps but does not eliminate the gap created by the Weighted Moving Average. Supplemental funding is projected at 1.5 million, however we would need 3.7 million to eliminate the WMA discrepancy. We will have challenging decisions to make even with this additional funding with growing complexities in classrooms, enrolment growth and inflating costs.</p> <p>4) RVS received funding for five highly anticipated school projects: Two K-8 schools in Airdrie, One K-8 school in Cochrane, Design funding for a High school in Airdrie and design funding for a K-9 school in Chestermere (Dawson's Landing)</p> <p>5) RVS' Capital Plan 2025-2028 requests funding for 10 additional schools across the division over the next three years. Despite approval of construction funding, school utilization is projected to continue to rise. RVS requested 22 new modular units and the relocation of another 12 classrooms and one bathroom unit; Nine new units and relocation of one washroom unit were approved.</p> <p>6) A letter from the Board will be sent to the City of Chestermere urging it to complete the purchase of the outstanding 7.01 acres required for construction of a high school. The public school in Chelsea is on the Capital Plan list but the City of Chestermere has not completed the purchase of the entire site from the developer – this could delay construction funding of the new high school. Even with Horseshoe Crossing High School opening, Chestermere High School will be over 100% capacity.</p> <p>7) BASS (Balancing Airdrie, Student Spaces) information was shared with the Board. Three potential solutions were presented and 1,316 surveys were collected and analyzed along</p> <p>with 500 attendees at open houses. A summary is available on RVSEngage. We expect to make a decision on April 25th, 2024.</p>
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5.	<p>Admin update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mr. Cove student presentation on Minecraft -School Update -Swimming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Presentation by Jax and Elliott from 4C on their Level Up Minecraft project. The project uses Minecraft to have students create a proposal for building a park in Calgary. The students are learning about economic, social and climate factors. -Update on swimming. Possibly for Grades 3-5 at Seton YMCA. Looking at May 13-16th. -Battle of the books. Pep rally April 26th. Students are hard at work preparing. BTB lite begins April 29th Battle of the books begins May 6th. -Community clean up begins April 22 until April 26th. -Caroline Buzanko will be here on April 25th at 6pm. The presentation will be on building resiliency. Hope to see you all there. Langdon School and Indus School parents are invited as well.

		<p>-Previously students filled out a survey at school called the SOS-Q. The data would be utilized in order to target supports. Rocky view will be doing the Our School Survey this year. The information will inform areas of strength from the student perspective as well as areas of need.</p> <p>-Kindergarten passport evening June 3rd</p> <p>-Budget was received last week. Admin will be reviewing it and looking at how this will affect next year.</p> <p>-Request put forward to school council to redirect surplus money in the milk program in the amount of \$1673.75 into our technology budget in order to cover the cost of 4 new laptops for support staff. Motion put forward by Chantelle to move the funds. 2nd Jared. All in favor.</p> <p>-Lots of upcoming fieldtrips for all grades. All are on the school calendar</p>
6.	Chair Update: -	<p>-Will be using \$335 from the ASCE grant from the government to pay for the presentation. Will look into other options to use the remaining funds on.</p> <p>-Babysitting will be provided at the presentation.</p> <p>-Staff appreciation lunch on June 6th. Previously volunteers provided supervision for students. Volunteers also provided food or funds to purchase food. Anyone wanting to help plan, see Chantelle</p> <p>-Draw for Firehouse this month, anyone who attends the meeting is in the draw. Winner is Nicole. Next month the draw will be for fieldtrip fees.</p> <p>-Next meeting is May 13th, this will be the AGM.</p>
7.	Treasurer Update	Expenses are \$2196.23 and revenue \$4472.84. A few expenses still to come out. Saving some money for classroom books for next year.
8.	Old Business	
9.	Society Update	Annual Garden Scents fundraiser coming out soon.

		Next meeting is June 9 th . Looking for new members. Community Account \$13068.04 Casino \$49669.62
10.	New Business	
11.	Adjournment at	9:35am
	Next Meeting	May 13, 2024 at 8:35am