

Agenda – Sarah Thompson School Council - **Annual General Meeting**

Date: May 13, 2024 at 8:35am

Sarah Thompson School

In Attendance: Betty Peddle, Chelsea Burnett, Nicole Porquet-Seitz, Brenda De La Mare, Shannon Storey-Heffer, Jenn Olsen, Ryan Siemens, Chris Sidorenko, Jared Featherstone, Sheena Noppen, Chelsea, Chantelle Everett

1.	Call Meeting to Order at	8:33
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	Approved by Jenn Olsen and 2 nd by Brenda De La Mare
	Approval of Agenda	Jenn Olsen
4.	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<p>1)The Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces (BASS) Accommodation Decision has been made. The summary is: No changes until the fall of 2025, all high schools become Grade 10-12, multiple communities are redesignated to other RVS Schools to maximize every possible space, all schools except for Cooper’s Crossing School adjust by one grade level, a small area in central Airdrie is designated to specific high schools (previously an open choice area). More information on RVSEngage.</p> <p>2) Long standing Transportation Exceptions will continue for students - Cochrane to Westbrook school, Langdon to Indus School and Prairie Royale area to Kathryn School.</p> <p>3) RVS will explore the potential of a new bus route from Chestermere to Horseshoe Crossing High School in Langdon for the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 school years. Logistics, costs and numbers will be a factor. A letter will be sent out next week to Chestermere area families who would like to consider attending the new school.</p>

		<p>4) School Fees have been approved for the 2024/2025 School Year. As a Board we recognize the increasing cost pressures impacting families and only minimal increases will be made to most school fees including optional courses, activities, programs and other non-curricular goods and services.</p> <p>5) 2024/2025 Transportation Fees/Services are to be maintained. Rates from this year will remain the same. The Board chose to use transportation reserves for 2024/2025 to offset increased costs by the transportation contractors. The incentive for early registration will continue – the date is June 23/2024.</p> <p>6) Community use fees will remain at current year levels for the 2024/2025 school year. The program is self sustaining. A portion of the proceeds from the fees goes to support schools and is intended to replace furniture/equipment used during community use.</p> <p>7) Crossfield Elementary School Community Development Project was presented to the Board about a project which focused on how community collective efforts can improve overall wellbeing of the place you live. Working together, Grades 4 and 5 students designed a hypothetical athletic centre for the Town of Crossfield. They then pitched the idea to the Mayor of Crossfield, the local trustee and Crossfield School’s School Chairperson. As a member of the Langdon Community Collaborative – we discussed the new Recreation Centre that will be built in Langdon and RVC will be looking for feedback from user groups over the next year.</p> <p>8) As a Board we had the pleasure of acknowledging outstanding achievements and we want to congratulate the 16 students who achieved 100% on their January 2024 Diploma, five of them were double 100% winners. Congratulations to Amanvir Dhaliwal of Chestermere for Math 30-1, Chemistry 30.</p> <p>9) RVS continues to advance the Goals of the first year of the Education plan. There has been growth in both literacy and numeracy skills, a writing assessment is in development for Grades 3, 4, 8, 9 and 11 and will be ready for next school year.</p>
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5.	<p>Admin update: -Langdon School Admin joining to talk about Langdon school and Grade 5 transition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shannon Storey-Heffer, Principal of Langdon School spoke about the transition of our Gr. 5's to their school. A small group of students who need a bit more support will tour LS followed by all students on May 30th. Students from LS will attend our Gr. 5 performance on June 14th. Students from both schools will have a picnic together on June 17th and do some team building. Students will

	<p>-Budget/Staffing Update for 2024-2025 school year</p> <p>-Volunteer appreciation May 23rd from 1-2:30pm</p>	<p>have more extra-curricular options next year with Gr. 9's leaving. Grade 6 has Volleyball, basketball, Badminton and Track. Kids get lockers. Phones stay in lockers. Music or Band available for Gr. 6. Kids stay on campus all day in Grade 6.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ryan shared budget has been reduced for next year. School will be surplussing one teacher, Ms. Healey, and reducing in several other areas. CDA time will reduce from 30 hours a week to 23 hours a week. To ensure class sizes stay reasonable, there will be several combined grade classrooms. - Volunteer Appreciation is May 23 from 1-2:30 - "Thanks for Helping Us Grow"
6.	<p>Chair Update:</p> <p>-ASCE Grant update</p> <p>-Staff appreciation luncheon June 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Buzanko presentation was a success. - Motion to use remaining ASCA grant money of \$165 with Langdon School to do a course to increase engagement with Council. - Could also buy parent resources such as books for parents to read with remaining ASCE dollars - Winner for random draw for attending of \$25 goes to Jenn Olsen!
7.	Treasurer Update	Balance of \$3046.82. Budget is strong. Did not purchase class library books this year.
8.	Old Business	
9.	Society Update	Balance of \$15 576. Casino Balance of \$49 673. June 9 th is next meeting at Tim Horton's at 6:30. Looking to add Directors. Bins at the bank have been challenging with unwanted items being disposed of there.
10.	<p>New Business</p> <p>School Council Nominations and Elections</p>	<p>Chair – no nomination</p> <p>Vice Chair – no nomination</p> <p>Secretary – no nomination</p> <p>Treasurer – Jared Featherston</p>

		Director – Betty Peddle, Jennifer Olsen, Dawn Mok We will have special meeting in Fall 2024 to fill open positions.
11.	Adjournment at	9:40
	Next Meeting	June 10, 2024 at 8:35am