

Agenda – Sarah Thompson School Council

Date: September 24, 2024

Sarah Thompson School

In Attendance (in person or via Zoom): Chris Sidorenko, Ryan Siemens, Shelley Kinley, Nicki Black, Andrea Jefferson, Lisa Gilchrist, Dawn Mok, Jared Featherstone, Chelsea Burnett, Jenn Olsen, Lindsay Grindle, Sandi Harrower, Coralee Vinish, Bailee Comstock, Danielle Greggain, Amber Bishop, Amanda Thompson, Betty Peddle

1.	Call Meeting to Order at	8:32 – Ryan will chair in absence of a Chairperson
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	-Minutes are found at https://sarahthompson.rockyview.ab.ca/get-involved/school-council No June, 2024 minutes available.
	Approval of Agenda	Jared, and seconded by Dawn
4.	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Welcome Back to the 2024/2025 School year. This is Year Two of our four-year Strategic Plan. Progress has been made on each of our goals: Improving our Students Learning, strengthening our Workforce, bolstering our Infrastructure and Connecting with our Community. Please check the RVS’ website for more details. 2) New Guidelines for Use of Mobile devices and social media – the G of A consulted with parents, teachers and the public regarding their beliefs on the use of personal mobile devices and social media in schools. The goal is the preservation of instructional time in the classroom by encouraging students to focus on learning. For more information, please look at Administrative Procedure 148 and Admin Form 148A to meet the G of A standards. The policy was communicated to staff, parents/guardians and students via parent letters, direct emails and ‘social media’.

		<p>3) RVS is growing. Numbers are not submitted until Sept 30th to the G of A, but so far, we have grown by approximately 700 students already this year. As of Sept 4th, RVS is 29,307 students. We have predicted growth of approximately 750 students this year.</p> <p>4) Horseshoe Crossing High School Community Open House along with Meet the Teacher Evening was held on September 19th from 5-8 pm. It was very successful. The school administration feels there were about 1000 people who walked through their doors.</p> <p>5) Save the Date for our Joint Board School Council Meeting which will be held in person at the Education Centre on October 24th @ 5:30 pm. Council members are invited to attend – supper, updates and a session will be provided along with an opportunity to share with other School Councils. An email will be sent to your Administrator in the next few weeks. Please RSVP.</p> <p>6) The Ward Boundary summary was presented from the consultant who was engaged to conduct a review of the current boundaries of the wards within RVS. This was the result of the population increase of 32 % from 2015. Board Policy 29 – Ward Structure requires this review to ensure effective and equitable representation by population.</p> <p>7) Modularity relocations to support ongoing enrolment pressures – Four Airdrie schools, two Cochrane Schools, Springbank, Chestermere and Crossfield will benefit from the new and relocated modular classroom units approved by the G of A July 23, 2024. RVS will receive 12 new modulars and relocation of twelve modulars: Four – Indus School and Eight – Langdon School. These schools are not experiencing the same levels of overutilization.</p> <p>8) Q3 Financial update for the 2023-2024 fiscal year shows the division expenditures and revenues are on track with target projections. There is a 2.5% reserve balance (7.6 million). Presently we are required to maintain a reserve balance of between 1 – 3 %. The projected surplus in transportation will be used to cover the 2.1 million budgeted deficit in 2024/2025.</p> <p>Questions: Shelley Kinley - Board of Trustees - Rocky View Schools - skinley@rockyview.ab.ca</p>
5.	Admin update: -Reflecting on Start up -Assurance Survey Results	Excited to see new faces with us for our 1 st School Council Meeting

<p>-School Priorities -Future meeting/times/executive</p>	<p>Ryan gathered feedback about what time of day and day of the week works the best for meetings. Majority of attendees like afternoon meetings before school ends and Monday was most popular. Ryan and Chris will talk with Trustee Kinley and decide. It also must work for whomever is the new Chair and Secretary.</p> <p>Start-up has gone well. Terry Fox Run and Welcome Back BBQ were great to get together. 332 Students and 14 classrooms. Have experienced some staffing challenges with several Leaves of Absences. New staff are fitting in great! Next meeting - election for Executive spots - explained spots - chair, vice, secretary - and time commitment.</p> <p>AB Ed Survey Results (Grade 4-5 students and Grade 4-5 parents and all teachers take survey)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Citizenship, Safe And Caring and Education Quality still very strong - Access to supports and supports for at-risk are students has dropped mostly among parents – Some disruptions in staffing last year prior to survey completion may have been a factor <p>School Education Plan (SEP)</p> <p>Areas of focus - Writing and Numeracy Instruction, PBIS</p> <p>Chris provided an overview of our PBIS framework and new developments such as acknowledging good behaviour with 'Tiger Tracks'. Kids love hearing name on intercom!</p> <p>Looking forward to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sept 27 – Orange Shirt Day – parents invited to assembly at 8:30 - Oct 1 – Wild Robot Field Trip for many classes - Oct 2 – Photo Day - Oct 3 – First day with our Therapy Dogs visiting – Ruby and Lizzie - Oct 30 – Quest Theatre – “Snow White” 1:00 – parents invited - Nov 19 and 21 – Three Way Conferences
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		<p>Thanks to Jenn, Danielle and Andrea for picking up Buy Low on Tuesdays. We appreciate their support for our Breakfast Program.</p> <p>SC has budgeted money for classroom libraries. Teachers will be making purchases soon. Thanks Council.</p> <p>Thanks to Coralee Vinish for taking over Hot Lunch and thanks to Carrie McMullen for many years of leadership with this.</p>
6.	Chair Update:	Elections will happen at October's meeting. Presently no Chairperson, Vice-Chair or Secretary. Forms with explanation will go home in October.
7.	Treasurer Update	Hot Lunch is SC's big fundraiser. We budget about \$5000 each year for expenses. There is about \$18000 in reserves that helps fund classroom/teacher expenses and could be used for ideas deemed worthy from School Council.
8.	Old Business	NA
9.	FoSTES Update	AGM was the other day. Two new members were recruited. Hooray! Casino account sits at about \$41 307, and main account is approximately \$8000.
10.	New Business	NA
11.	Adjournment at	9:44 (we will try to have all meetings end in an hour or less)
	Next Meeting	TBD