

Agenda: Sarah Thompson School Council

Date: January 20, 2025 at 1:15pm

Location: Sarah Thompson School

In Attendance (In person or via zoom): Lisa Gilchrist, Sandi Harrower, Coralee Vinish, Chelsea Burnett, Lindsay Grindle, Nicki Black, Jennifer Olsen, Laura Ziegler, Jared Featherstone, Dawn Mok, Chris Sidorenko, Jennifer Yersh, Shelley Kinley, Betty Peddle

1	Call Meeting to Order	1:18pm
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	Lindsay and second Lisa
4	Approval of agenda	Lindsay and second Chelsea
5	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<p>1) Results of the Chestermere Student Accommodation engagement shows general support for the proposed solution. It is intended to mitigate the effects of Chestermere's rapid growth until new schools are approved by the Provincial Government. Sixty-seven people attended the accommodation in person and 204 completed online surveys. Those in favour support shorter distances to travel to school, providing Chestermere with a second middle school and easing the pressure off East Lake School. Those not in favour cite potential disruptions for students, location of middle school French Immersion programming and increased enrollment at Rainbow Creek Elementary School.</p> <p>2) The 2026/2027 School Calendar has now been set. Using feedback from community members, staff, and the Board, several options were created and the traditional RVS calendar was selected based on the majority of feedback.</p> <p>3) In December, the Board approved two bylaws which took effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Candidates for Trustee will need to pay a \$100.00 deposit and have 20 elector signatures when submitting their nomination forms. Trustees can file their nomination papers starting Jan 1, 2025.</p> <p>4) The Board of Trustees for RVS determined that it will not be moving forward with a bylaw that would have required any candidate for trustee to submit a criminal record check along with their nomination</p>

		<p>papers for the 2025 election. There was much debate on the implementation of such a bylaw.</p> <p>5) The Board continues to advocate for a new government funding model that fully funds every student every year. The Board believes a new model should be rooted on the principle that every student needs to be fully funded every year, including ensuring that the overall budget for public education spending continues to increase annually at a rate that keeps pace with enrollment growth and rising expenses. Over the years, increases in insurance, staff and benefits, and utility costs with a corresponding increase in funding has made for difficult choices as there has been no increase in dollars to go with these costs. We continue to advocate for equitable funding.</p> <p>6) A delegation came before the Board to share their feedback on the Chestermere Student Accommodation plan.</p> <p>7) Student Showcase: Grade 3 and 4 Nose Creek Elementary School showed off papier mâché models they made of the Earth and its systems. They made 3D models with the help of parent volunteers. They learned about Earth systems, how they interact and how natural events and human activity can change the surface and landscape of the Earth. They were also encouraged to create a video or Google Slide presentation. Working collaboratively, critical thinking skills, actively engaged – RVS education plan goal.</p> <p>8) Student Showcase: - Grade 6 Rainbow Creek Elementary students participated in the Telus Spark Prototype project during which they created games, models and other science centre and experience prototypes. Guided by teachers, Telus Spark staff and mentors from the STEAM (Science, Technology, engineering, arts and math) field – students showed off their work in early December and presented the prototypes at TELUS Spark on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. Building Future Ready students – RVS education plan goal.</p> <p>9) Financial support for the Ed Eggerer Athletic Park was provided by RVS. The field has already been opened and the request for funding came after the project was completed. The field is used by Bert Church High School and other Airdrie Schools. A one-time capital contribution of \$300,000.00 was provided from funds drawn from the employee</p>
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		<p>benefits reserve. The Board will ask the City of Airdrie to support RVS schools by providing expanded access to the field.</p> <p>10) Changes to the following Board Policies were approved – Inclement Weather, Community Engagement and Assurance, and Trustee Communication with the Public. The Board addresses policies on a regular basis to ensure they are up to date.</p> <p>11) A delegation came before the Board from the Prairie Springs community in Airdrie regarding the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces accommodation plan.</p> <p>12) School Councils will be receiving an email regarding a survey to be completed by School Council chairs and other School Council members. Please take the time to complete the survey as we are always looking at new ways to ensure we are supporting our School Councils. Link: <a href="#">survey link</a></p> <p>13) Please check the RVS website for updated information regarding the PowerSchool information breach that occurred over the Holiday break.</p> <p>14) I want to Thank Staff, parents and students for the holiday concert. It was so well done. It is always both heartwarming and funny. Truly a highlight to look forward to. I am always so pleased to be able to attend.</p>
6	Admin Update	<p>K-3 Literacy &amp; Numeracy Screening Assessments – are currently underway for all grades except Grade 4. There are a mix of assessments from Alberta Education as well as RVS. This is the first time the Kinders have been included. There is a lot of repetition over the different assessments and there has been no reason or purpose for these assessments yet.</p> <p>This all puts tremendous stress on the teachers and the support staff as well as Ms. Sidorenko and Ms. Yersh are supporting as much as possible.</p> <p>Pink Shirt Day contest – There will be a contest for designing this year’s shirt logo and entry’s need to be in by the 27<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Sidorenko is working on the agenda for the day.</p>

		<p>PBIS – the kids are all still excited to earn Tiger tracks and are now ahead of the schedule so on track to earn an extra outdoor recess! The next assembly will be on March 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a draw for everyone that has received tracks. All the staff have been very supportive.</p> <p>Battle of the books – The assembly to announce battle of the books was last week and kids can sign up for a team. Kids can start signing out books that are on the battle lists. Ms. Sidorenko will work on a communication to go out to parents to let them know more details.</p>
7	Chair Update	<p>March 3-way conferences – Will be taking place on March 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup>. Everyone agreed to support the teachers and supply a dinner.</p> <p>Sandi made a motion to spend up to \$300, to be taken from the “piggy bank” account to pay for the dinner for the teachers. Lisa seconded the motion and all in favour.</p>
8	Treasurer Update	<p>\$2754.55 has been raised through hot lunches this year, \$922.76 of which is profit.</p> <p>Add budget line item for discussion at next meeting.</p>
9	Upcoming Events	<p>February 17-21 - School break</p> <p>February 26 - Pink Shirt Day</p> <p>March 5 &amp; 6 – 3 Way conferences (book fair will be that week)</p>
10	Old Business	
11	FoSTES Update	Meeting tomorrow (January 21 <sup>st</sup> ) at 6:30pm
12	New Business	School dance – will take place February 7 <sup>th</sup> 1:30-3:30pm. Parents will be asked to sign their child up on School Cash so that there is an idea of numbers. Each child will get pizza and a juice box.
13	Adjournment	1:58pm
14	Next Meeting	February 24, 2025, at 1:15pm

