

Agenda: Sarah Thompson School Council

Date: February 24, 2025 at 1:15pm

Location: Sarah Thompson School

In Attendance (In person or via zoom): Lisa Gilchrist, Coralee Vinish, Chelsea Burnett, Lindsay Grindle, Nicki Black, Jared Featherstone, Nicole Porquet-Seitz, Bailee Comstock Chris Sidorenko, Jennifer Yersh, Shelley Kinley, Betty Peddle

1	Call Meeting to Order	1:17pm
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 & second Chelsea
4	Approval of agenda	Lindsay & second Chelsea
5	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<p>1) RVS' Mechanics Training program celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. This unique program, located at Cam Clark Ford in Airdrie (and open to students throughout RVS), allows high school students mechanics trade training through hands on instruction. Students learn the theoretical side of the business and emerge equipped to pursue a career in the trade, if they so desire. Staff and former students (now journeyman in the trade) presented to the Board about the history of the program and their experience. RVS values partners such as Cam Clark Ford which assists us in bringing our Building Future Ready Students Goal to life.</p> <p>2) Chestermere Grade configuration and accommodation has now been decided. With a 262% rise in population over the last two decades, Chestermere is experiencing significant enrolment growth. The Board approved changes to East Lake School's grade configuration by making the school K-9 which adds a second middle school to the area. The Christian and French Immersion programs for K-6 will remain at East Lake School and the Christian and French Immersion programs for Grades 7-9 will continue on at CLMS. Several communities have also been redesignated to different schools resulting in more students learning closer to home. The changes go into effect for September of 2025. Families impacted by the changes will be notified and</p>

		<p>supported through the transition. Thank you to all who participated by providing feedback.</p> <p>3) BASS Accommodation – Today school designations for students residing in the Prairie Springs neighborhood were addressed due to higher than had been projected utilization at Muriel Clayton School. Beginning in the 2025/2026 School year, students residing in Prairie Springs will attend K-9 at Windsong Heights School and Grades 10-12 at WH Croxford High School. This is a change to their original designation. Please check the website for all changes that are scheduled to be implemented in September due to the Airdrie Accommodation.</p> <p>4) Education Plan Update – RVS' Education Plan includes nurturing skills in numeracy, literacy, global citizenship, collaboration, and problem-solving, and inclusivity and healthy and safe environments to equip students for academic success.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Provincial government mandatory literacy and numeracy screening and assessment results were shared</li><li>- Based on the results, RVS is targeting government provided Learning Disruption Funding to provide additional support to 10 schools while other schools may reach out for additional support and each request will be considered</li><li>- RVS administered a new numeracy assessment aligned with the curriculum for Grade 4 – 10 students</li><li>- The OURSCHOOL survey was implemented for the first time in the Spring of 2024 for Grades 4-12 students. The survey asked students how they feel about their school, their learning and skills, themselves and their future aspirations. More than 15000 students participated. Schools are at the early stages of understanding the data and planning for implementation in the spring of 2025. We also intend to expand the survey to parents.</li><li>- A Career Learning Practice Guide has been developed which provides guidance to all schools for advancing career learning and planning for Grade 1-12 students</li><li>- RVS is expanding and deepening PBIS implementation across all schools and on school buses</li></ul> <p>5) An ad hoc committee has been created by the Board to guide development and delivery of the</p>
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6	Admin Update	<p>Alberta Assurance Survey – which is the best way to communicate with parents to have the most participation. Teachers will be reminding parents at 3 way conferences and sending codes via email and print out.</p> <p>3-Way Conferences – next week Wednesday &amp; Thursday. Book fair will be taking place in the Learning Commons too.</p> <p>General admin update:</p> <p>Swimming – looks to be going ahead, just waiting for final approval from RVS. Lessons will take place at YMCA Seaton the week after Easter Break (Monday – Thursday).</p> <p>Kinder registration – going very slowly. Need registrations sooner to be able to secure staff.</p> <p>Writing / learning – learning specialists will be coming to the school to do a 6-week cycle.</p> <p>Staff – Ms. Healey is on leave until April. A post for a full-time sub has been open but have not received qualified applicants. Long term subs have stepped up to cover the class.</p>

		<p>Assessments – are now complete. Results will be available March 6<sup>th</sup> and sent to parents. Results will be updated in Powerschool.</p> <p>Pink shirt day – Synergy will be coming in to facilitate events in the gym.</p> <p>Immunization catch up – this is for any child that has missed immunizations. Parents will be notified, and approval will need to be received to go ahead. Ms. Sidorenko will touch base with Nicole to bring the therapy dogs in to help.</p> <p>Ms. Yersh is going to start a principal’s message email to go out the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.</p>
7	Chair Update	<p>Resignation of current chair – Sandi has unfortunately had to step down from her role as chair. Lisa has kindly stepped up to cover the roll until the end of the school year.</p>
8	Treasurer Update	<p>Additional line item to the budget – Staff dinner for 3-Way conferences.</p> <p>A motion was made to add \$600 on one line item for teacher appreciation over 3 way conferences. The amount will be split over the 2 events. Motion by Lisa and seconded by Nicki. Motion carried and all in agreement.</p> <p>Current balance of \$2085.81 and expenses so far totalling \$1831.79.</p>
9	Upcoming Events	<p>February 26 - Pink Shirt Day  March 3-7 - Scholastic book Fair  March 5 &amp; 6 – 3 Way conferences  March 5 – Grade 1 Immunization catch up  March 10 – PD Day</p>
10	Old Business	<p>School dance – was a great success! Approximately 340 tickets were given out. Had a great turnout of parents to volunteer and help at the event.</p>
11	FoSTES Update	<p>\$9040.93 in the main account  \$41309.55 in the Casino account</p>

12	New Business	Swimming
13	Adjournment	2:04pm
14	Next Meeting	March 17, 2025, at 1:15pm