

Agenda: Sarah Thompson School Council

Date: March 17, 2025, at 1:15pm

Location: Sarah Thompson School

In Attendance (In person or via zoom): Lindsay Grindle, Lisa Gilchrist, Betty Peddle, Jenn Olsen, Chelsey Burnett, Nicki Black, Shelley Kinley, Jennifer Yersh, Chris Sidorenko

1	Call Meeting to Order	1:16pm
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 Lindsay and second Jenn O
4	Approval of agenda	Approved by Lindsay and second Jenn O
5	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Exemplary Practice – 1a) A student at Bert Church High School used her passion for Computer programming to start a Coding Club. Grades 9-12 participate and get together weekly. They develop websites and write Javascript and Python video games. The club is modeled on similar ‘Hack Clubs’ in schools around North America. This is a student led program that is supported by staff, and we are all very proud of Reese for starting the club. 1b) Grade 6 students from Windsong Heights had an opportunity to experience the Alberta Legislative Assembly when they held a simulation with all students contributing by taking on roles such as Premier, Speaker of the House, leader of the Official Opposition, clerk, page and media. Students introduced a bill which was then debated, voted on and passed.2) New locally developed courses were approved. They are used to accommodate student needs and interests, encourage and support innovative learning and address local community priorities. New LDC’s can be added each school year. Ex. Guitar, media and cinema, portfolio art, positive psychology, study of well being, yoga fitness, Arabic language and culture, drawing and

		<p>introduction to Canadian studies for English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners.</p> <p>3) Education Funding in Provincial Budget – Items listed by AG – Adjusted funding formula (2 years instead of 3-year WMA) is better but not full funding every year for every student (Supplemental enrolment grant eliminated), more school builds, increased funding to trades and dual credit programming, increased Education property tax, almost 10 billion in Education funding. We are waiting for our Funding Profile from the Alberta government.</p> <p>4) Two new schools were approved as part of the School Accelerator Program – a K-9 in Dawson’s Landing and a new high school for Airdrie in Southwinds. As well on Friday, we received more exciting news, design funding for a High School in Chestermere (Chelsea) and a K-9 School in Airdrie (Lanark).</p> <p>5) Horseshoe Crossing Grand Opening was held on March 7th, 2025. It was well attended and was a great opportunity for dignitaries, local community, and staff to tour the new school. Approximately 400 people were in attendance.</p> <p>6) A delegation shared feedback on busing and transportation with the Board for Cochrane Christian Academy.</p> <p>7) The Alberta Schools Council Association will be hosting their Spring Symposium and AGM virtually on April 25th and 26th, 2025. RVS will be covering the cost of this conference. Information will be sent out directly. Reminder if you are unable to attend you are allowed a proxy vote.</p>
6	Admin Update	Swimming – has gone down in price and families will be paying \$30 per child. Bussing has stayed at the same price. Lessons will take place the week after Easter break. Grades 3 – 5 will participate.

		<p>Kinder update – very low registration numbers. Encourage anyone with kinder age child to please register.</p> <p>Sub shortage update – Mrs. B is in the Grade 3 class, which leaves a shortage of subs in the rest of the school to cover. The shortage of subs is a problem right across RVS.</p> <p>Fees: https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/download/467929 A motion to increase the fees by 10% for 2025/26 as reported – motion made by Lisa, second Nicki</p> <p>FoSTES requests – the school has made a few requests from FoSTES for the following items which have all been approved: Saa’kokoto - \$630 per day x2 Battle of the books - \$500 Makers space / studio supplies - \$405 Swimming – Approx \$3600 Grade 5 supplies for next year - \$1060 Agendas for next year - \$1500 Chromebooks - \$362 each (looking to replace 50-60) Approximately \$22000</p> <p>Next Casino would July / August 2026</p>
7	Chair Update	ASCA grant for \$500 – Lisa will look into the price for magnetic calendars.
8	Treasurer Update	
9	Upcoming Events	<p>March 27 – Spring & Kinder Grad Pictures</p> <p>March 31 – PD Day</p> <p>April 3 – Spring Concert (1L, 1W, 3B & 3H)</p>
10	Old Business	
11	FoSTES Update	
12	New Business	<p>Staff appreciation lunch</p> <p>May AGM</p>
13	Adjournment	2:14pm
14	Next Meeting	April 14, 2025, at 1:15pm