

Agenda: Sarah Thompson School Council

Date: June 16, 2025, at 1:15pm

Location: Sarah Thompson School

In Attendance (In person or via zoom): Lisa Gilchrist, Chelsea Burnett, Bailee Comstock, Lindsay Grindle, Jared Featherstone, Nicki Black, Jennifer Yersh, Chris Sidorenko, Shelley Kinley, Sara Roth

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 Lisa
4	Approval of agenda	Approved by Lindsay and second Lisa
5	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Modular Classroom approval – We are awaiting approval for our request for modulars to be placed at Nose Creek (4) and one modular and a wet unit at Rainbow Creek. If you have been watching the news, Ecole Airdrie School mentioned that they will have to use spaces like their learning commons, maker space, etc. for classrooms. The government has said more modulars will be sent. We have had no specific information as to when these modulars will arrive or where they will go. We had a list of our own for 22 modulars.2) Students moving into two new communities in Airdrie and South of Airdrie in the Goldwyn community in RVS have been designated to new schools. Vantage Rise in Airdrie is designated to schools in Airdrie and Goldwyn (RVC) has been designated to Kathryn School (K-8) and Beiseker (9-12). Both areas also have French Immersion designated schools.3) Gratitude was expressed by our Board Chair on behalf of the Board for our RVS Administrators for their excellence in leadership and their significant contribution to schools. In recognition of Volunteer Week, RVS volunteers were celebrated for their important role in

		<p>supporting student success in our school communities.</p> <p>4) Board Policy Updates. The Board approved changes to the following Policies: Policy 2 – Role of the Board, Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee, and Policy 12 – Role of the Superintendent. Policies have been revised, updated and modernized along with rewriting the background sections describing the high-level role of each.</p> <p>5) Staff who gained a professional certificate or completed post secondary degrees over the last year were recognized by the Board of Trustees on June 5th at a special ceremony. Congratulations to 25 staff members who were recognized and who exemplify RVS’ commitment to lifelong learning and leadership in learning.</p> <p>6) Technology for learning enhances classrooms with modern tools and dedicated support. Bolstering RVS infrastructure is a goal in the division strategic Plan and approx. 1.5 million was allocated for additional WIFI access points and network switches as well as more than 2200 new devices for use by students, teachers and staff. Additional training and supports were provided by Ed Tech – ie. Use of Generative AI, assistive technology, in class implementation support of many applications which support RVS goal of improving literacy and numeracy to help build future ready students. Cybersecurity remains a top priority with changes and enhancement to RVS’ systems to ensure we stay secure and minimize potential system outages.</p> <p>7) An analysis of student suspensions in 2024/25 has shown the rate is trending downward. We were provided trend data on various categories of suspensions. An increasing number of families continue to access a number of supports for their children who may be struggling. The Board will continue to advocate for an increase in funding for mental health and</p>
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		<p>well being supports to meet the evolving needs of our students.</p> <p>8) As a Board we participated in the provincial Spring General Meeting held by ASBA – June 1-3. We gathered for meaningful dialogue, professional learning and policy debate. Our participation in the meeting reflects our ongoing commitment to the advancement of quality public education in Alberta. The Minister of Education and Childcare spoke to the assembly.</p> <p>9) As a Board we received a response from the Minister of Education and Child Care regarding our advocacy for more equitable funding for kindergarten to Grade 12 students. In his response, he highlighted the shift to a two-year average enrolment funding model.</p> <p>10) The Board congratulates Murray Besenski on his upcoming retirement. He has been a valued member of RVS since June 2004 serving As Associate Superintendent of Schools for over 21 years. He leaves behind a legacy marked by integrity, service and a genuine dedication to student success. Thank you for your commitment and years of distinguished service to RVS.</p> <p>11) Council chairs will have received a letter from our School Councils Committee letting you know of next years' dates for our Bylaws and Orientation and Joint School Council Meeting.</p> <p>12) Parents have received information from the superintendent regarding the ATA Strike Vote. "Today it was announced that the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA), which represents teachers and school administrators across the province, voted in favour of a strike. A strike vote is a step in the provincial bargaining process which could lead to labour action. If the ATA took labour action, they would need to provide 72 hours notice. They would have up to 120 days from now to begin labour action. We do not know if labour action will be taken or how long it could last. "Superintendent Luterbach</p>
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6	Admin Update	<p>Extra money for Grade 5 BBQ – need to relook at the budget for this event</p> <p>Welcome back BBQ (booths) – we should have booths set up for both School Council and FoSTES</p> <p>School Council dates for next year Breakfast program – Mrs Fitz will no longer be at the school to run the program. A few parents have said they will volunteer, working out the details of how this will work.</p> <p>Survey – more parents completed the survey so happy with the participation</p> <p>Terry Fox Run – will be early September. Always looking for volunteers.</p> <p>Staffing – review of which teachers will be returning and leaving</p> <p>Weekly Roar – this will be a snapshot of what is happening in the next week or two at the school and will come out on a Sunday evening.</p> <p>SEP – School Education Plan at a glance is now updated on the website</p> <p>Back to school BBQ – September 12th 11:45 – 12:45</p>
7	Chair Update	<p>The School Council report to RVS is due by the end of September</p>

8	Treasurer Update	<p>Review of the current budget and line items and the following was voted on:</p> <p>Jared made a motion to remove the line item for gift cards – Approved by Nicki, 2nd Bailee and all in favour.</p> <p>Jared made a motion to remove the Staff appreciation line items – Approved by Bailee, 2nd Lindsay and all in favour</p> <p>Jared made a motion to remove the 3-way conference staff appreciation line items – Approved by Bailee, 2nd Lindsay and all in favour</p> <p>Jared made a motion to increase the Grade 5 farewell BBQ line item from \$150 to \$460 – Approved by Lindsay, 2nd Bailee and all in favour</p> <p>Ms Yersh made a motion to cover the cost of \$48 for a field trip for a student that wasn't going to be able to attend due to family money constraints – Approved by Jared, 2nd Bailee and all in favour</p> <p>2024 / 2025 budget was \$6300. Now removed \$1200 on line items and increased the BBQ budget. Review budget and all line items at September's meeting.</p>
9	Upcoming Events	<p>June 19 – Splash party (some grades)</p> <p>June 20 – Anything but a backpack</p> <p>June 23 – STS Day</p> <p>June 24 – Grade 5 Field trip</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Glow Party in the gym</p> <p>June 25 – Final school assembly and last day of school</p>
10	Old Business	
11	FoSTES Update	
12	New Business	<p>2025 / 2026 Meetings:</p> <p>September 8th</p> <p>October 6th</p> <p>November 3rd</p> <p>December 8th</p>

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13	Adjournment	2:25pm
14	Next Meeting	September 8 th , 2025