

Agenda: Sarah Thompson School Council

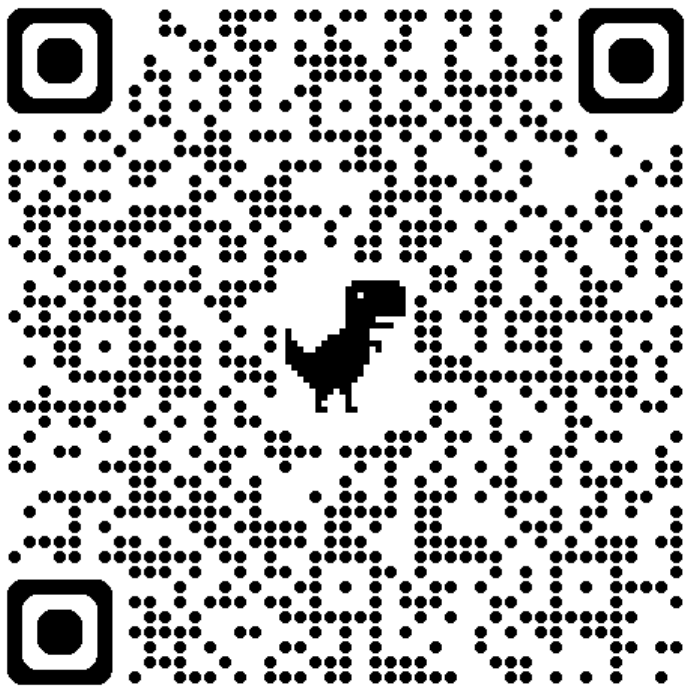
Date: September 8, 2025, at 1:15pm

Location: Sarah Thompson School

In Attendance (In person or via zoom): Lisa Gilchrist, Lindsay Grindle, Chelsea Burnett, Jenn Bocking, Bailee Comstock, Jenn Hutsell, Jaclyn Anderson, Betty Peddle, Nicole Porquet-Seitz, Nicki Black, Shelley Kinley, Chris Sidorenko, Jennifer Yersh

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 Bailee and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jenn B
4	Approval of agenda	Approved by Bailee and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jenn B
5	Trustee Update – Shelley Kinley	<p>1) Welcome back to the 2025/2026 School year. Preliminary numbers show that we have 29,617 students as of Sept 3, 2025. School Divisions need to submit their numbers by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> to the government. we are predicting 487 students to reach 29,730.</p> <p>2) We are in the third year of our Strategic Plan. Our third-year plan demonstrates that early literacy outcomes have improved significantly even as teachers adapted to new curriculum expectations, and Mental Health programming exceeded targets supported by extended government funding. Numeracy will continue to be a focus as well. Leadership Development advanced with more roles being filled internally. Staff participation in professional learning also increased significantly, underscoring a system wide commitment to building capacity despite challenges with teacher\substitute shortages.</p> <p>3) Infrastructure growth continued with approval of four new schools during the last year and additional modulars classrooms to expand student spaces in overcrowded areas.</p> <p>Renovations and modernizations have enhanced existing facilities. In our area painting, Chestermere Lift station and modulars moved to Chestermere area schools and Chestermere High Schools. Not all of the modulars have been completed to meet the state of the new school year.</p>

		<p>Community partnerships expanded through the Career Learning Practice Guide providing enriched career focused opportunities.</p> <p>The launch of the new school websites and strong engagement from thousands of stakeholders reinforced the importance of community voice in shaping the future of RVS.</p> <p>The new Board, elected October 20<sup>th</sup>, will begin the work to develop a new our new Strategic Plan and will again seek community input.</p> <p>4) Facility Maintenance Projects bolster infrastructure as completed by RVS' Operations department over the summer months. Projects such as washroom upgrades (Beiseker), flooring and roof replacements, HVAC upgrades and replacements, Chestermere High School Lift station, the installation of A/C units in modulars and the completion of the artificial turf field at Horseshoe Crossing High School. Not all projects have been completed due to permitting issues, waiting for parts and contractor availability. The Operations department is working diligently to assist schools to get students' classrooms completed as soon as possible.</p> <p>5) School Councils Chair Orientation Session September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 @ 6:30 online. Any member of your School Council is welcome to attend. Also, Save the date November 6th, 2025 – the Joint School Board Council Meeting will be held at the Education Center for Chairs and Vice Chairs of your School Council.</p> <p>6) Exemplary Practice – Grade 2's Hooked on Learning through Trout Program. Cooper's Crosssing students participated in the Fish in Schools (FinS) program. Students experience the life cycle of trout. Fish eggs are provided to students who hatch, care and then release the trout. Students learn empathy while caring for the eggs, draw pictures of them, write about them and use numeracy skills and math challenges, and ensure the feeding and growth schedules are kept up to date. Students loved caring for the fish and even named them.</p> <p>7) Revisions to Board Policy 27 – Trustee Compensation and Development were approved at our Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Changes to the policy include additional travel honoraria for trustees in large rural wards, as well as a transitional allowance for service as a Trustee along with wording clarifications.</p>
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6	Admin Update	<p>SEP Goals &amp; Results – Goals are very similar to last year with a focus on numeracy and literacy.</p> <p>Goals for PBIS are moving onto tier 2 which will require more parent involvement. Switched one goal from last</p>

		<p>year from Students have positive goals to more of a career goal, where we can bring parents and experts in to the school.</p> <p>Feedback from the “Our school survey” – positive and encouraging feedback. One common item that stood out was communication and we will be working on increasing that this year.</p> <p>Returned staff (2 from Mat Leave) – Mrs. Lamirande and Mrs. McLeod have both returned. The school is still looking for a learning support person.</p> <p>Student population changes and possible need for in class volunteers – as our school grows, so does the needs of some students. This year there are a few more children with additional needs and the school is trying to accommodate this as best as they can.</p> <p>General updates for back to school:</p> <p>Volunteers – the school is always looking for volunteers for many different activities, so please spread the word.</p> <p>Breakfast program – Bailee has kindly taken the lead on the breakfast program. Thank you Bailee!</p> <p>Threats email – please read over the email that came from RVS. It explains what happens if there is ever any threat against the school.</p> <p>Sexual Health – any parents with children in the older grades will receive a letter and consent will be required for children is participate in the class.</p> <p>AC Units – talks have started about having AC installed. Goal would be to have this installed and working by spring.</p>
7	Chair Update	<p>School council fundraising – brainstorm ideas (ie. Canteen Fridays) – a broader look at the fundraising needs to be done. Small group to meet next week.</p>

		<p>Facebook posts – goal is to have the STS Facebook page more active with reminders, etc.</p> <p>Donations for the school (from businesses or families) items needed: Kleenex, craft supplies &amp; other classroom items. Need to advertise current fundraisers – hot lunch &amp; milk</p>
8	Treasurer Update	Create a new revised budget and vote to approve – to be discussed and presented at the next meeting.
9	Upcoming Events	<p>September 12 – Welcome back BBQ</p> <p>September 19 – Terry Fox Run</p> <p>September 26 – Orange shirt day</p> <p>September 29 – PD Day</p> <p>September 30 – National Day for Truth &amp; Reconciliation</p>
10	FoSTES Update	<p>AGM to be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.</p> <p>Casino dates have moved up to April -June quarter, will know dates closer to the time.</p> <p>FoStES will also have a Facebook page. Chelsea will communicate once that is ready.</p> <p>Current balances:</p> <p>Community Fund - \$17976.83</p> <p>Casino Fund - \$14885.22</p>
11	Old Business	
12	New Business	
13	Adjournment	2pm
14	Next Meeting	October 6, 2025, at 1:15pm