

BCSC Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2024

Attendance:

School

Jennifer Gervais (Principal)
Joe Reina (Assistance Principal)

Council

Terri-Lynn Finck (Chair)
Andrea Krill (Secretary)

Parents/Community Members

Terri
David

Call to Order: 7:08pm

Modifications to Agenda

Review of minutes from last meeting:

Motion to accept minutes as presented by David, Andrea seconds.

Student's Report: (no student report)

Teacher's Report: Yvonne Paschalis – Full Time Highschool Counciler (grade 7-12)

- Observe behaviors in the classrooms, group work, personal work.
- Peer relationships and healthy boundaries.
- Safety on-line with the local constable.
- Career planning, scholarships, correct courses for post-secondary education.
- Indigenous Committee – literacy
- Bell Let's Talk Day – What are your strategies for wellness?
- Kindness Week – Pink Shirt Day, buddy groups being lead by the older kids, shirts
- Families in need, grief programs in Airdrie, local support for babies on the way.

Trustee Report:

- Norma Lang

WGM / BCS February 2024 School Councils

PARENT FUNDING FOR APRIL ASCA CONFERENCE

- The Board values the work of school councils and provides all RVS school councils with a membership to the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA).
- Each year, ASCA hosts a conference and AGM for their members that offers development sessions, information sharing, provincial advocacy and the opportunity to connect with other school councils from across the province. The 2024 event takes place in Edmonton, April 26 – 28.
- The Board will sponsor school council members to attend. Funding applications accepted until Mar 8

JOINT COUNCIL MARCH 14

– Thurs. March 14, 5:30-7:30 pm – dinner provided. Agenda under development. Invites will be sent by email to school admin and council chairs by end of Feb.

BALANCING AIRDRIE STUDENT SPACES ENGAGEMENT

-The four open houses for the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces (BASS) engagement on proposed options for alleviating space pressures in over-utilized Airdrie schools have now wrapped up.
-The Board appreciates the time and effort of area administrators who acted as facilitators at the open houses and to all those who participate in this important engagement. Decision will be made late April and implemented over the course of 2 years.

FEB 15 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Discovery Trails Online School Provides Unique Approach to Supporting Students

- Staff from Discovery Trails Online School presented information to the Board of Trustees (the Board) of Rocky View Schools (RVS) about how staff have engaged with parents/guardians and students to provide enhanced social and emotional supports in an online environment.
- Staff have reimagined how they approach teaching and focused on building strong relationships with

their students online. They have had greater interactions with families, building their capacity to provide social/emotional supports and built closer synergistic professional relationships, all of which benefit the 214 Grade 1 – 9 students at Discovery Trails.

Board Sets 2024/25 Budget Process and Priorities

- The Board is responsible for approving the Board budget development process and budget priorities annually. The 2022 – 2026 RVS Strategic Plan, approved in December 2022, sets the priorities, goals and outcomes for the division.
- In alignment with the Strategic Plan, the Board approved these 2024/25 budget priorities:
 - o Provide direct resources to schools to support for numeracy and literacy;
 - o Support student and staff wellness;
 - o Enhance facilities and technology infrastructure; and
 - o Target an operating reserve balance at the end of 2024/25 fiscal year – excluding Transportation – at 0.5 per cent to 1 per cent.
- The Board also approved the 2024/25 budget development process. . The budget must be submitted to the Government of Alberta by May 31, 2024.

New School in Langdon Officially Named Horseshoe Crossing High School

- RVS' newest school, a high school in Langdon, is currently under construction and set to open for students in September 2024.
- A naming committee was formed in December 2023 composed of parents, community members, a student and Administration to determine a short list of two options for the name of the new school to be presented to the Board for approval.

Principal/Assistant Principal Report:

- Staffing update – Shauna Sheldon our CDA has resigned.
- Facebook is up and running.
- Assurance Survey Parents in Grade 4, 7 and 10 (small handful of parents who have completed survey)
- March 29th – WGM Career fair – grade 11 and 12
- Study Block (new initiative) – Wednesday at lunch for students who are below passing and behind in course work, and test/quizzes.
- Wrestling – Owen placed 2nd, Tim place 3rd at Rundall College Tournament, Cash place 1st, Owen placed 3rd and Tim placed 4th at Church Hill Tournament, at Rural Provincials, Boys Team Curling – Sr. Girls 2nds divisions went on to zone, SR boys lost their bronze medal game at division, grade 9 boys 2 and 2.
- Basketball – 2 games left, currently in 3rd, then playoffs.
- Planning for next year already
 - o New to Grade 9 students/families
 - o Parent Meeting April 10th (tentatively)
 - o Grade 8 Shadow Day April 25th (tentatively)
 - o Active Living Day – May?
 - o Potentially Time in June
 - o Grade 10 Orientation – Mar. 20th
 - o Course Selection forms
 - o Course Fee
- TEPT – The Educational Partnership Foundation – Program that helps support students to explore trades at an earlier age. They partner with several off-campus training facilities, with classes taught by Red Seal Journeypersons. Geared toward students in Grade 11 and 12 who want to explore the trades. The program is part of the school curriculum and allows students to simultaneously earn credits in high school and hours towards apprenticeship.
 - o Introduction to Ironworker
 - o Introduction to Boilermaker
 - o Introduction to Insulator Heat and Frost
 - o Introduction to Electrician
 - o Introduction to Carpentry
 - o Introduction to Pipe Trades
 - o Introduction to Culinary

Parent Advisory Association (Fundraising Society) Update: (no update)

Chairperson's Report:

- **Old Business:**
- **New Business:**
 - **Treasury Report: Opening and Closing Balance: \$1546.44 (unchanged)**

- (Norma) When is Grad?
 - Mother's Day weekend in May. Jen will add it to the school calendar, but the website is being updated in the near future. The school has held off posting lately.

Question & Answer:

Next Meeting: March 19, 2024

Adjournment: 8:09 pm