

BCSC Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2024

Attendance:

School

Jennifer Gervais (Principal)
Joe Reina (Assistance Principal)
Norma Lang (Trustee)
Joanne Brown

Council

Terri-Lynn Finck (Chair)
Melanie Lichtenberger (Vice Chair)
Andrea Krill (Secretary)

Parents/Community Members

Terri S.
Hadia J.
Katrina S.
Joanne W.
David Ledoyen (Mayor of Beiseker)

Call to Order: 7:03pm

Modifications to Agenda

Review of minutes from last meeting:

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

Student's Report: No report Available

Teacher's Report:

Joanne Brown - Grade 2
8th year @ BCS

Buddies with Grade 8's - their favorite day of the week - Gr 8 LA, Gr. 2 Social Studies
Today was Twin Day - coloured paper characters to color as twins

Elementary made leprechaun traps - excitement was bonkers. Footprints all over the place, tried to trap them and delivered chocolate coins.

PL Day - 4 committees

Schoolwide expectations - Identify unsafe/unkind behaviours in school? Students see the same issues as the staff.

Numeracy - Buddy groups sharing in math games. Grey Eagle Casino donated cards - Grades. 3-9 take home cards to practice numeracy skills.

Literacy - Phonics in Gr. 1 & 3, with some older students.

Indigenous - brought in division resources to use in their classrooms. Students enjoyed reading stories.

Priscilla Boulay (Inuvialuit Carvers - 3rd generation Inuit Carver) may be able to provide carving kits as part of the indigenous curriculum. Are you interested in more information?

Trustee Report:

March 2024 School Council Report from Norma Lang, Trustee

BCS March 19 7 pm Zoom

Cancelation of the Joint Council meeting – 14 registrations – board looking to change the registration process and make it easier for future.

Ward Boundary Review –

public consultation coming in May and June – a strategy will be shared with the Board March 21 for dates and places for in person and online consultations in mid to late May – decision by Board will be Fall 2024. More details to share at your April meetings.

The standard variance applicable to an assessment of 'fair representation' is the standard used in municipal, provincial and federal elections, which is a variance of +/- 25%.

GOA Announcements

Capital – see below notes from March 7 meeting

Budget – a budget related education announcement was made on March 6 at our WH Croxford High School. Announcement was the portions of ed budget that will go towards funding enrolment growth and specialized education grants. School board funding profiles should come out this week – RVS has been growing by about 750-1000 students every year. Total education budget for 2024/25 will be 9.3 Billion, an increase over last year of 4.4%

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 7 BOARD MEETING

RVS Announces its Nomination for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award

- The Edwin Parr Teacher Award is given annually by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) to an exceptional first-year teacher. School divisions across the province nominate a deserving teacher and then the ASBA zones pick from these nominations to put forward their recommendation for the award.
- This year's nomination from RVS is Eeshnah Qureshi, a teacher at W.H. Croxford High School in Airdrie. Qureshi was nominated for her exceptional drive and commitment to support her students at Croxford, including those in her English as an Additional Language class.
- The representative of this year's Edwin Parr Teacher Award for RVS will be recognized at the Edwin Parr celebration in Langdon, May 24.

RVS Awarded Funding for Construction of Three New Schools

- The Province announced funding for new schools March 1 which includes construction funding for three new schools – two Kindergarten – Grade 8 schools in Airdrie and one Kindergarten – Grade 8 school in Cochrane – and design funding for a high school in Airdrie and a Kindergarten – Grade 9 school in Chestermere.
- The Board appreciates the government's recognition of RVS' critical need for additional student spaces. RVS has been advocating strongly for urgently needed new schools and is pleased students and staff will have some space pressure relief in the future.
- The Board and Administration will continue to advocate to the government for additional student spaces to ensure students have the much-needed schools as communities continue to grow. The Board is grateful to RVS staff, families and the community for their efforts toward advocacy.
- RVS also hosted the Education Minister, Demetros Nicolaidis and MLA Angela Pitt on March 6 at W.H. Croxford High School in Airdrie as he announced an increase in enrolment and complexities funding.

Principal/Assistant Principal Report:

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Principal Report

What has been happening?

Staffing Update: Lucy Hirayama is our new CDA, she starts Monday.

Staff Professional Learning on March 11, 2024

- 1) Blanket Exercise - Jen and Joe elaborated on their personal experiences with the exercise.
 - a. 95% of the staff have taken part in previous exercises
 - b. staff learned critical information they didn't know about before related to indigenous history
 - c. committee incorporated indigenous ways of knowing and being into the classes - using talking circles (community), cultural ways of being - techniques have high impact on students learning in a positive way
- 2) Committee Work
 - a. Numeracy, Literacy, PBIS and Indigenous - moving school goals forward and meeting some of those goals

Professional Learning for Mrs. Gervais

- Rural Education Symposium, March 4 & 5 in Edmonton
 - o Rural Divisions come together - learning based around being a school in rural Alberta
 - o Education Minister in attendance, fielding questions on an open mic
 - o Student panel - talked about experience in attending a rural school - positives and negatives, what they hope for and want; don't forget about us, create programs for learners in a rural setting (compared to what is happening in cities)
 - o Presentation on the death of rural schools - RVS rural schools are close enough to bigger centres to still feel connected and thrive - sell your school and make sure the school is noticed
 - o Invited Norma to attend a future event

Beiseker Community School Advisory Committee

- \$5000 for bussing
- \$3100 for sports plug in fees
- \$1000 for Camp Evergreen
- \$2300 for Clay for Kids
- \$1200 for SoundKreations
- \$5000 for new chromebooks
- \$2300 for lighting and sound equipment
- Total = \$19,900

Option Courses: Created a list of option courses we could potentially offer that are a bit different than previous years. These include:

- Criminology
- Child Care

- Agriculture
- Health Care

This survey was created to gauge interest, not a guarantee. Each option had a description and then how it links to potential careers. Grade 9's have completed the survey, we will be survey Grade 10 and 11 soon.

Senior Boys Basketball is finished, unfortunately we did not get the result we wanted.

Cash Friend placed 2nd at Provincials in Wrestling

Senior Badminton has started, Junior Badminton is starting shortly

Grade 6 Basketball has also started, with their first tournament on Friday.

What is coming up?

- New RVS Survey for students only, OurSCHOOL survey. This survey again is to help with school improvement, it helps us to collect data in order to set and/or adjust our school goals for our School Education Plan in the fall. (It takes the place of our old RVS survey). April 15th- May 5th
- Grade 10 Orientation tomorrow
- Student Led Conferences on Thursday.
- Elementary classes will all be attending Active Living Day @ Genesis on the
- High School students will be picking classes for next year soon, so that we can start planning our schedule for next year.

Parent Advisory Association (Fundraising Society) Update:

- Still looking to fill positions for the upcoming Casino on April 20 & 21

Chairperson's Report:

- **Old Business:**

- None

- **New Business:**

- **Treasury Report: Opening and Closing Balance: \$1546.44 (unchanged)**
- **ASCE Grant:** the Movie in the Park suggestion is ineligible for funding
 - The Fundraising Society is looking for Casino Volunteers and trying to increase their membership
 - Presented a motion to spend School Council budgeted funding and ASCE Grant on Workshops to enhance School Council and Fundraising Society knowledge in supporting each other.
 - Motion to spend \$210 of the ASCE Grant for Council, Principal and interested parents to attend the ASCA School Council Purpose Workshop
 - Motion to spend \$210 of the ASCE Grant for Council, Principal, Fundraising Society membership and possibly interested parents to attend the ASCA Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose workshop.
 - Motion to spend \$210 of the School Council Budget amount for the Fundraising Association President, Executive and Principal to attend the ASCA Fundraising Association Fundamental Principals workshop.
 - Moved by: Hadia Seconded: Andrea

Question & Answer:

Next Meeting: April 16, 2024 @ 7pm via Zoom

Adjournment: 8:13pm