

BCS Council
Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2023

Attendance:

School

Barry Anderson
Kristina Rentz
Norma Lang (Trustee)
Liz Schweizer

Council

Terri-Lynn Finck
Melanie Lichtenberger
Andrea Krill

Parents/Others

Terri S.
Karen U.

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Modifications to Agenda

Review of minutes from last meeting:

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

Student's Report: (no report)

Teacher's Report: Liz Schweizer, Work Experience Coordinator

- Work Experience and RAP Presentation
- For grade 10-12 complementary courses
- Students learn community sites
- Experience the world of work
- Learn knowledge, skills and attitudes required to find employment or enriching volunteer positions (now and in the future)
- Explore career opportunities and areas of interest

Programs:

- Work Experience 15-25-35
- Registered Apprenticeship Program
- Skilled Trades Internship (Careers)
- Green Certificate Program

- Three Levels
 - WE 15, 25,35 – Can start at any level but must move up
 - Can only start counting hours for credit when pre-requisite safety course and forms are completed (no retroactive hours)
 - Earn up to 10 credits at each level (max of 15 credits go toward your 100 – credit graduation requirement, but you can earn more)
 - 1 Credit = 25 Hours of documented work
 - 30 level credits may help you graduation plan
 - Can take it during the school year and in the summer
 - Volunteer and/or Paid Positions – must be approved and must be within geographic area
 - Combine multiple jobs (paperwork for each)

Chairperson's Report:

- **Old Business:**
 - Parent Engagement Grant F/U
 - Have not contacted Kathryn or Crossfield for their input yet.

- **New Business:**
 - Parent Inquiry - lockers for gym change rooms (tournaments and games) and canopy for outdoor events
 - Space was not accounted for during the third-party planning process
 - BCS athletes are encouraged to use their lockers for belongings and valuables.
 - Visiting students are to leave their belongings close to the bench, or with spectators (parents)
 - No canopy is available for outdoor use.
 - Mr. Hansen has not submitted a request for funding for this year.
 - Council email was activated Oct 17/22 - beiseker-schoolcouncil@rvschools.ab.ca
 - School Council pages have been updated accordingly.

- Financial Report: Opening and Closing Balance - unchanged at \$1546.44

Principal/Assistant Principal Report:

- School Update
 - Mr. Truchi is leaving.
 - Mr. Rob Spence is covering the rest of Ms. Wooley's maternity leave. Teaching Robotics Grade 1-3, HS & Gr.8 Science, Forensics 25 & 35.
 - Mrs. Harms is taking a Leave of Absence - Ms. Sinanin is filling in until further notice.
 - Semester 2 diplomas: chem and Physics 30, Ss 30-1, Eng 30-2
 - Grades 7-10 RVS Addictions presentations on Thursdays - vaping, tobacco, alcohol, social media, gaming, addictions.
 - Ms. Allison with Stepping stones for mental health has accepted a new position. There is a replacement coming into the school.
 - Important Dates:
 - March 1 – Pink Shirt Day (K-12)
 - March 2 – Active Living Days (K-6)
 - March 9 – Farm Safety (K-6)
 - March 10 - grade 10&11, job and career fair at WG Murdoch
 - March 16 – Spirit Day – Wear Green (K-12)
 - March 17 – PL Day
 - March 20 – PL Day
 - March 21 – School Council – in person
 - March 23 – Parent Teacher Interviews (Hybrid) 4:00 – 7:30
 - March 27 – 30 – Sex Ed presentations (Gr 7-10)
 - April 7 – 16 – Easter break – No School

Trustee Report: Norma Lang

Upcoming dates:

- March 2 – 6:30-8 pm Cochrane accommodation for the refurbished Powell Street School
- Joint Council March 23 – 5:30 pm
- ASCA – April 21-23

Board Highlights Feb 9, 2023

- Exemplary Practice: Bert Church High School Course Inspires Student Entrepreneurship
 - In partnership with YELL Canada, teacher Ian Ferguson offers an entrepreneurship course at Airdrie's Bert Church High School (BCHS). This course equips students with an entrepreneurial toolbox and growth mindset to help them become creative problem solvers.
 - Students learn by participating in workshop activities, exploring various industries, receiving mentorship from entrepreneurs in the community, engaging with guest speakers and doing in-class work. With the help of mentors, the students refine and improve their business ideas and pitches.
 - Other interested schools can connect with BCHS to introduce the program into their school.
 - This type of hands-on, real-world learning is one of the outcomes of RVS' Four-Year Education Plan.
- Board Sets 2023/24 Budget Process and Priorities with Focus on Strategic Plan
 - On an annual basis, the Board is responsible for approving the Board budget development process and budget priorities.
 - The 2022 – 2026 RVS Strategic Plan, approved in December, sets the priorities, goals and outcomes for the division to provide students with an education and school experience that supports them in achieving their absolute best. To focus efforts and spending in alignment with the Strategic Plan, the Board approved adopting the Strategic Plan priorities as the 2023/24 budget priorities.
 - The priorities of the strategic plan and the budget are:
 - o Improving our students' learning,
 - o Strengthening our workforce,
 - o Bolstering our infrastructure, and
 - o Connecting with our community.
 - The Board also approved the 2023/24 budget development process.
 - The budget must be submitted to the Government of Alberta by May 31, 2023.

Annual Education Results Report Amendments Approved

- An amended version of RVS' Annual Education Results Report (AERR) was approved by trustees and updated on the division's website. Additions were made to meet the reporting requirements outlined in the Funding manual for school authorities for the 2022/23 school year.
- Minister's Youth Council
- Recruitment for the 2023/24 Minister's Youth Council began Feb. 15, and Minister of Education Adriana LaGrange is looking for approximately 40 junior and senior high school students aged 14 to 19 with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds and perspectives to join. The council will give students the opportunity to impact the education system and build their leadership skills at the provincial level. The deadline to apply is March 24. If you know a student who would be a great fit, please direct them to alberta.ca/student-engagement for more

- We were one of the divisions to receive new funds in phase one of these grants to expand our middle school stepping stones for mental health support. These funds were only for Boards who were NOT granted money in the first phase.
- BUDGET UPDATE – from this afternoon - \$8.8 B total education spend
- School announcements expected to come in the next few days – fingers and toes crossed

Question & Answer:

Next Meeting: March 21, 2023 @ 7pm (in-person with online link)

Adjournment: 7:55 pm