

BCS Council
Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2023

Attendance:

School

Barry Anderson
Kristina Rentz
Norma Lang

Council

Terri-Lynn Finck
Melanie Lichtenberger
Andrea Krill (via Zoom)

Parents/Others

Karen U.
Kim S.

Call to Order: 7:14pm

Modifications to Agenda

AGM

- **Nomination of Executive**
 - **Open the floor for Nominations**
 - Current executive running for re-election:
 - Chair - Terri-Lynn Finck
 - Vice-Chair - Melanie Lichtenberger
 - Secretary - Andrea Krill
 - No other nominations put forward
 - Members agree to continue in their roles
 - All in favor, none opposed
 - **Motion to cease nominations and accept re-election (election) of Executive Members:** Karen U., TL Seconded
 - Motion carried.
 - Set Sept. 19, 2023 for first meeting of the year.

Review of minutes from last meeting:

Motion to accept minutes as presented by Mel, Karen seconds.

Student's Report: Unavailable

Teacher's Report: Unavailable

Chairperson's Report:

- **Old Business:**
 - Mascot
 - Where are we at?
 - Kim Hill is contacting other schools with Mascots for a reputable company
 - Barry indicated a proper Mascot's costume is upwards of \$10,000 - decision is postponed
 - Celebration of Learning Supper (May 25)
 - Insufficient Volunteer Numbers - Serving Cookies and Juice instead
 - Volunteers who stepped forward - can still help with serving.
 - Alberta School Councils Engagement (ASCE) Grant
 - Schedule activity - Bird/Bat House kits
 - Mr. Lutness will help by consulting with Council and preparing the materials (wood) we need for the birdhouse kits
 - Terri-Lynn will purchase supplies and deliver to the school
 - Sports Day Hot Dog Lunch (June 22)
 - Schedule request for volunteers to go out next week
 - Terri-Lynn will shop for groceries
- **New Business:**
 - Discussed bussing concerns with Norma regarding Irricana students switching routes due to insufficient Bus Drives with Fenton Bus Lines (at least twice this year).

- Also shared concerns with the condition of some of the Beiseker buses (i.e.: March incident with exhaust filling one of the buses through a hole in the floor, safety concerns, driver conduct), and little to no notice for late pick-ups from school (25 minutes) or in the mornings (delay of more than an hour).
- Parents are given little time to make other arrangements, and the bus app is not updated in time (if at all).
- Financial Report: BCSC RVS Account Opening and Closing Balance (unchanged \$1546.44)

Principal/Assistant Principal Report:

- School Update
 - Reviewed School Fees 2023-2024
 - Available on the website for reference
 - Review Mission Statement and provided feedback
 - May 23-26 Scholastic Book Fair
 - May 25 Celebration of Learning
 - May 31 Kindergarten orientation
 - June 8 Kathryn School's Aggie day
 - K-8 have been invited to attend
 - Parent volunteers needed
 - June 22 K-6 Sports day, organized by Gr. 7 & 8 students
 - Hot Dog Lunch to be served by School Council and Parent Volunteers - Groceries provided by the School
 - June 19-26 Exam weeks
 - June 27 Last day of classes
 - Final report cards will not be printed off - available on PowerSchool

Ms. Rentz announced this will be her last year as AP at BCS. She has accepted a position at a school in Carstairs.

No word from RVS on who our new Principal will be, but interviews are taking place.

Trustee Report:

May 16, 2023 Trustee Report to BCS School Council, 7 pm

April 25 – MLA Candidates meeting

April 27 Board meeting highlights – follow link for the full report

- Dual Credit Programs Provide Opportunities to Earn Real-World Experience
- Cochrane Christian Academy to Move to the School on Powell Street and a Second FI Middle School Program to Open
- Indigenous Advisory Circle Terms of Reference Revised
- Transportation Fees to be Maintained for Next School Year
- Board Asks for a Review the Efficacy of High School Diploma Exams
- Locally Developed Braille Course Added for 2023

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/whats_new/the_brief_april_27_2023

May 11 Board Meeting Highlights

100 per cent January Diploma Exam Recipients Recognized

- Students achieving 100 per cent on Grade 12 diploma exams written in January 2023 were recognized by the Board at its meeting for their exemplary accomplishments.
- The Board of Trustees congratulates the following students:
 - o Andrew Fallow, Bert Church High School, Math 30-1
 - o Hannah Gillcrist, Springbank Community High School, Biology 30
 - o Liam Berry, Springbank Community High School, Biology 30
 - o Marissa Jackson, Beiseker Community School, Math 30-1
 - o Trajan Stefanik, W.G. Murdoch School, Chemistry 30
 - o Will Kraus, Springbank Community High School, Biology 30

Modular Approvals Update

- In the fall Rocky View Schools (RVS) requested 32 modulars classrooms. In March RVS received approval for 10 new modular units and the relocation of two units by Alberta Education. While these units will provide some space pressure relief, many RVS schools will continue to have over 100 per cent utilization

next school year. Given current enrolment projections, Administration recommended requesting permission to adjust the location of some of the approved new modulars/relocations to schools with the most critical need for space.

Trustees approved Administration's recommendation and directed the Superintendent to work with Alberta Education to maximize the usefulness of the modulars/relocations to address the division's accommodation challenges.

School Fees Approved for 2023/24 School Year

- Schools annually review the fees they charge for optional courses, activities, programs and other non-curricular goods and services and make a recommendation regarding proposed increases or the necessary introduction/deletion of fees for new or changing courses.
- The Board recognizes the increasing cost pressures impacting our families. Proposed fees have been carefully considered and only minimal increases implemented when necessary.
- The Board approved the schedule of school fees for the 2023/24 school year and the fees will be posted on school websites by the end of June.

2023/24 Calendar Adjustment Required for Provincial Achievement Tests / Diploma Exams

- The Board approved a change to the 2023/24 operational calendar to accommodate a revised diploma exam schedule and a return to pre-set, fixed administration dates for all Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) instituted by the provincial government in 2022.
- Originally, Jan. 26, 2024, was allocated as a professional learning day across RVS; however, this is now an instructional day for all students, and they will be in school. The professional development day will move to Feb. 16, 2024. The calendar is updated on the RVS website.
- The Board also approved exceptions to the school calendar to allow for staggered entry in September 2023 and full-day Kindergarten for some RVS schools. Staggered student entry means that some students' first day of school is on Tues., Sept. 5 and the remaining students' is on Wed., Sept. 6. Reducing the number of students in school on the first day of classes has shown to decrease stress for some students that can accompany the start of the school year.

Fees for Community Use of RVS Facilities to Remain at Current Levels

- Recognizing the benefit RVS facilities have in the community and to encourage their use, the Board approved keeping community use fees for the 2023/24 school year at the current level.
- A new fee for use of the artificial turf field at the Cochrane tri-schools site will be introduced and is in line with fees charged for similar fields in Calgary and Edmonton.
- The Community Use Fee Schedule, along with the application, is available on the RVS website as part of Administrative Procedure 5025 Community Use of Facilities and Equipment.

RECENT

Grand Opening of the DTOS and STOHS May 1

May 2 Langdon Consultation – attendance boundaries and opening grade configurations

Kathryn Walk a Thon

BCS Grad – thank you for the invitation

Bylaw Workshop Invitation

The workshop is taking place on May 23rd from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., via Zoom. Participants must register in advance of this meeting at: <https://rockyview.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMkc-irpjrH9KQmJJ2RuESFEgiS2BH60VG>

COMING UP

Budget Committee Meeting tomorrow

May – 2 more days of local bargaining

May 18 – Edwin Parr Celebration of nominees in the Calgary Region - Brandy

May 23 – Bylaw Workshop

May 25 – next Board Meeting

May 26 - WGM Grad

May 29 – Election Day

May 31 – Summit Trails Graduation

Question & Answer:

Karen Ursu reminded everyone the Meadowlark Trail Grand Opening ceremony is June 4th, 2023.

Next Meeting: Sept. 19, 2023 @ 7pm

Adjournment: 8:35pm