

BCS Council
Meeting Minutes for Sept. 20, 2022

Attendance:

School

Barry Anderson
Kristina Rentz
Norma Lang (Trustee)

Council

Terri-Lynn Finck
Melanie Lichtenberger
Andrea Krill

Parents/Others

Kim S. (Town of Irricana)
Dayle S (Student Council)
Terri S.

Call to Order: 7:04pm

Modifications to Agenda

Review of minutes from last meeting:

Motion to accept minutes as presented by Terri S., Melanie seconds.

Student Report: Dayle S., Student Council President

- Student Council has 15-20 members, most of which are from Gr. 6
- Sponsoring Spirit Days - Back to School draw, Sept 21 - Hat Day, Sept 27 - PJ Day, Sept 29 - Orange Shirt Day
- Attending CSLC (Canadian Student Leadership Conference) at end of Sept (2 day event)
- Middle School Conference (Gr. 7-9) is in Feb.
- ASLC (Alberta Student Leadership Conference) is in March.

Teacher's Report: No report available

Chairperson's Report:

• **Old Business:**

- Read-a-thon - May 2022
 - Total Donations \$1471.00
 - Total Expenses \$1466.03
 - Feedback was positive

• **New Business:**

- Read-a-Thon - October 2022
 - discuss amount read/ticket - 1 ticket for every 250 mins read
 - different criteria for Kinders - minimal reading done at home.
 - Grade 6 reading buddies will record minutes read. 1 ticket for every 25 minutes.
- Parent Engagement Grant
 - Parents Mental Health Library is available by the Office
 - sign out with Mrs. Jackson in the Learning Commons (Library)
 - Ideas for 2022_23 Grant Funding?
 - Dr. Jody Carrington? 6 schools pooled grant \$ last year.
 - different fees for school presentation vs corporate event
 - Kathryn School Purchased ticket for Re-lit (Aug 2022) and viewed at Sept Meeting.
- Parent Feedback/Requests:
 - Fun Lunch (hot dogs?) once a month - requires parent volunteers
 - School Swag: options for Parents - Hoodies, Joggers, Toques to purchase.
 - entripyshops.com
 - link will be shared with parents. No minimum order. Multitude of choices for apparel. Parents order directly from site, school benefits from orders
 - Field trips/activities - active living, skiing (lessons - Winsport), swimming lessons (Acme, Three Hills) - no decisions have been made
- Fit Ninja (Spring)? - Request for PAC?
 - Andrea to forward information to Barry and PAC
- Set AGM date - Notice of Motion
 - Notice of Motion - Andrea Presented motion for AGM to be held on Oct. 18/22. Nominations for Executive to take place. Seconded: Terri S.
 - Meeting dates for the 2022/23 year will be set at AGM
- Financial Report: Opening and Closing Balance \$1546.44

Principal/Assistant Principal Report:

- School Update
 - Staff 33, students 285
 - Population increased from 272 at beginning of Sept. to 285 on Sept 9
 - Grade 4/5 split has 27 students, but still under the cap
 - New Staff
 - Mr. Arnaud Truchi is covering Ms. Wooley's Maternity leave
 - Mrs. Kathryn Pankratz is covering Mrs. Keim's Maternity leave
 - Ms. Cristiana Siemens is covering Mrs. O'Neill's Maternity leave
 - Mrs. Ayotte-Englot - Learning Support, Grade 7 & 8 English
 - CDA - Damion Fearon
 - Mrs. Wiens (Guidance Counsellor) is taking a leave of absence. Rob ? from Chestermere is working with BCS Part-time
 - Mrs. Brandy Perry - Foods
 - Parent/Teacher Interviews for 2022-2023 (hybrid model - in-person and virtual)
 - Oct. 13, 2022
 - Dec. 1, 2022
 - March 23, 2023
 - May 25th, 2023 - Celebration of Learning
 - School Generated Funds Surplus
 - 10-12 years of accumulated funds must be spent for the programs they were intended for such as student programs, subsidize activities or travel, guest speakers & presentations
 - School Swag and Merchandise - See Chairperson's Report above
 - New curriculum roll-out
 - Grades 1, 2, 3 - English Language Arts, Literature and Math
 - Ms. Brown is piloting the Gr. 3 Science Curriculum
 - Grades 4, 5, 6 - Mr. Masson - Phys. Ed. & Wellness curriculum with Financial education
 - New RVS testing/assessment Grades 1-9 (Government Requirement)
 - Literacy Assessments Grades 1-9
 - Tracking reading levels
 - Grades 2-4 testing completed by end of Sept.
 - Grades 5-9 - currently testing students performing below grade level
 - Numeracy Assessments Grades 1-9
 - Grades 4-9 completed by first week of Oct
 - Grades 2-3 - completing Provincial Numeracy testing
 - Grade 1 - complete testing by January
 - Review of Survey data 2021-2022
 - Reviewed data, missing Grades 6-9 input
 - Parent feedback and input - recorded
 - Upcoming events/dates
 - Sept. 23, Terry Fox Run
 - Sept. 29, Orange Shirt Day
 - Sept. 30, No School
 - Oct 7, PL Day
 - Oct. 13, School Picture retakes
 - Oct. 13, Parent Teacher Interviews
 - Oct. 31 Halloween, dress-up day

Trustee Report:

Norma Lang Ward 4 RVS Trustee Report - BCS – September 20, 2022

Welcome to the 2022/23 school year at RVS! Thank you all for being here and supporting BCS

Important RVS Dates upcoming:

Board annual org meeting Sept 22 at 9:30 am

Oct 6 – School Councils Orientation and Bylaw Workshop – Zoom format 6:30-8 – letter from Chair Gilbert to register if interested

Oct 27 – Joint Board School Council Meeting, March 23 – 5:30 - 7:30 pm includes dinner in person, potential for a hybrid format.

School Council Engagement Grant – workshops and courses available through your association ASCA – in the range of \$300-\$500 – encouragement to look to those courses

Meeting with Ed Minister Adriana LaGrange

Sept 8 – focused on one issue – space for students. Space crunch of 10-12 years ago – we are about to relive it if we don't get school announcements in the next budget cycle

Sept 8 Board Meeting Highlights

Preliminary Enrolment Numbers Show Significant Student Growth

- Rocky View Schools' (RVS) student numbers continue to climb, • As of Tues., Sept. 6, 2022, enrolment is 27,772, an increase of 1,110 students or 4.3 per cent over the 2021/22 school year. RVS will submit final numbers to the government Sept. 29. This number exceeds RVS' projection in January which considers community growth, grade-to-grade growth, historical trends, and census and birth rate data.
- RVS is in urgent need of government approval and funding for new schools, additions and modular classrooms to accommodate our fast-growing communities. The Board is committed to advocating for the provincial government to fund the space needed for RVS students and relieve the pressures in our schools.

Board Approves Changes to Hearings on Teacher Transfer Policy

- The changes to Policy 14 – Hearings on Teacher Transfer included renaming and renumbering of some sections to align the process from beginning to end and clarifying some of the language, definitions and titles throughout the policy

Trustees Receive School Facility Improvements Update

- Director of Operations, Colette Winter provided trustees with information about upgrades to several RVS facilities which took place over the summer. Some highlights include:
 - o Modular classrooms added to Northcott Prairie School in Airdrie
 - o Mechanical upgrade, adding classrooms where there were offices on the second floor, downsizing the cafeteria to add additional classroom space, and renovation of the foods/cosmetology spaces at George McDougall High School in Airdrie;
 - o Partial roof replacement at Chestermere High School;
 - o Cochrane artificial turf project;
 - o Renovations to the lunchroom/activity space at Springbank Middle School;
 - o Improvements to the landscaping at the front entrance of Cochrane's Fireside School; and
 - o Construction of an outdoor classroom at Airdrie's Windsong Heights School.
- Some of the projects involved the redesignation of existing non-teaching spaces and converting current learning spaces for multi-purpose use as necessary solutions to keep class sizes reasonable as those schools continue to grow

Question & Answer:

Next Meeting: AGM - October 18/22 @ 7pm

Adjournment: 8:26pm