

Kathyrn School Council  
Meeting Minutes- Sept 12, 2023

Meeting called to order at 8:45am

Present: Kelly Huck, Angela Rott, Kate Culp, Nilsa Wise, Joanne Wray, Andrea Wise, Quincy Shierman, Nevada Wright and Carla Shierman in person and Norma Lang on zoom.

Minutes from the June 13, 2023 meeting were motioned for approval by Andrea Wise and Nevada Wright to second.

The school is currently looking for a short term temporary teacher to fill in until November when the 7/8 teacher returns.

Treasurer's Report: Please see attached report presented by Andrea.

Trustee's Report: Please see attached report from Norma.

Administrator's Report: Please see attached report from Wendy.

Old Business: Back to School BBQ Sept 21 from 5-7/ Tables to be set up. This year school council will just make an announcement instead of having a table. Meeting minutes to be made into a web based platform so all school parents and admin can view easily. The meeting agenda will also be posted to Facebook. Zoom link to also be posted to Facebook. The \$500 school grant that was to be used for Madison Cameron was lost due to them not returning emails or phone calls, it wasn't lost for a lack of trying on our end. This years \$500 grant we will look into a paint night, maybe renting the gym to have an activity night, or something along those lines, along with courses for School Council.

New Business: Aggie Days tentative date to be June 6. Acme and Indus would also like to be invited. Irricana Preschool to get an official invite for this years Aggie Days. The School Store is volunteer based and parent led. One parent will be needed to head the operation. Food handling course would need to be done for all volunteers that help with the store. There will be a notice put in the newsletter asking if anyone would be interested. The profit made from the store would be run through the fundraising arm.

AGM to be October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm

Meeting Adjourned at 10:16am

**Treasurer's Report by Andrea Wise**

September 10, 2020 Opening Balance \$10,692.13

November 20, 2020 Dishwasher for Foods Room \$800.00

January 11, 2021 Folding Chairs & 2 Carts \$2373.00

May 4, 2021 64 Student Hoodies \$576.00

May 26, 2021 12 Additional Hoodies \$108.00

May 27, 2021 Caffeinated Squirrel – Staff Appreciation \$441.00

June 24, 2021 Kate Culp – Staff Year End Gifts \$300.00

December 14, 2021 Nevada Wright – Gabruck Memorial \$200.00

May 10, 2022 Caffeinated Squirrel – Staff Appreciation \$420.00

June 28, 2022 Teacher/Bus Driver Farewell Gifts \$150.00

November 25, 2022 Casino Volunteer Gift Cards \$200.00

May 18, 2023 Staff/Bus Driver Appreciation 343.75

June 8, 2023 Aggie Day Snacks 298.96

– Volunteers & Exhibitors

June 22, 2023 Kate Culp – Retirement Lunch 232.91

June 22, 2023 Joanne Wray – Retirement Gifts 200.00

June 23, 2023 Nevada Wright/Joanne Wray

Grade 8 Farewell 324.17

June 28, 2023 Closing Balance \$3724.34

School Council Grant \$500.00 – must be spent by June 30, 2023.

**September 2023 School Council Report from Trustee Ward 4 Norma Lang  
Kathryn School – 8:45 am Sept 12, 2023**

Welcome to a New School Year, Welcome to new Principal Kelly Huck

One Board meeting to report on:

[https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/whats\\_new/the\\_brief\\_sept\\_7\\_2023](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/whats_new/the_brief_sept_7_2023)

Supporting the Leaders of Tomorrow

- With a mission of empowering students to deepen their sense of self and broaden their network of connections, the Rocky View Schools Leadership Academy (RVSLA) allows students to work together on projects, honing their communication, problem-solving and collaboration skills.
- In 2022/23, students in year 3 of the RVSLA planned the Rebooting Student Leadership event, featuring leadership speaker and author Drew Dudley. The students presented on this process including what they learned to the Board of Trustees (the Board) of Rocky View Schools (RVS).

- Students in the RVSLA have also organized a leadership conference for middle schoolers, volunteered in their communities including at the Calgary Food Bank and the Drop-in Centre and developed an Alumni Advisory Committee.
  - Current and former students from the RVSLA program shared their experiences with the Board, recounting how the leadership program has impacted them and set them up for success.
  - The RVSLA offers a full-year five-credit course for RVS students in grades 10, 11 and 12.
- Enrolment in RVS Schools Climbs 3.8 percent
- Students returned to classrooms across RVS the week of Sept. 5 – early enrolment numbers indicate an additional 1,052 students joined the division.
  - RVS is required to submit its enrolment total as of Sept. 30 to the Government of Alberta. Total enrolment as of Sept. 6 is 28,664; however, it is important to note this number will continue to flex both up to and after the Sept. 30 deadline.
  - We welcome all new students and those returning to our schools this September.
  - While enrolment growth is positive, it continues to pose significant challenges in two vital areas:
    - o space in already full to over-full schools while we wait for new schools to be funded and built and for more modular classrooms, and inequities created by the Weighted Moving Average funding model, which underfunds growing school divisions. For RVS, this funding model means around 800 students will not be funded by the provincial government this school year.
  - More information on these advocacy priorities is available on the RVS website.
- School Facility Improvement Update
- RVS takes pride in its high standards for the maintenance of its schools and facilities ensuring they are positive and welcoming places to learn and work.

- The Operations department completed several significant projects during 2022/23, including replacing the roof at Indus School and replacing heat pumps, portable roofing or corridor flooring at a number of schools.
- The largest project was a renovation of the school on Powell Street in Cochrane over the summer to ensure the building was ready to welcome the Cochrane Christian Academy (CCA) to its new home in September 2023. The renovation included new flooring and painting throughout the building, replacing the roof, adding new exterior windows and upgrades to the washrooms.

#### Board Strategic Plan up for Community Engagement Award Through ASBA

- The Board has submitted its 2022-2026 Strategic Plan engagement process to the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) for an award as an exemplary example of community engagement.
- The Community Engagement Award is given annually to a school board that has engaged its community during the previous school year.
- The Board is proud of its commitment to best practices in community engagement and believes the strategic plan engagement process demonstrates its dedication to this important work.
- Awards are presented at the ASBA's Fall General Meeting.

#### Board Approves Self-Evaluation Report

- The Board approved their annual self-evaluation report and made a commitment to monitor priorities and suggestions agreed to and bring items forward for the Board's consideration as appropriate.

Organizational Meeting Set for Sept. 21

- An organizational meeting has been set for 9:30 a.m. Sept. 21.
- The Board chair and vice-chair for the upcoming year will be elected by trustees during this meeting.
- Committee appointments will also be determined during this meeting. A regular meeting of the Board will follow the Organizational Meeting

Upcoming Dates

Sept 27 School Council Orientation – Zoom – letter of invite would have arrived last week

Oct 26 – Save the Date Joint School Council Meeting – invites will be sent via email first week of October.

### **School Council Principal Report –from Kelly Huck**

School population: 145 students in K- grade 8

New staff this year:

Myself

Stacy Greenwood – Admin III

Kathryn Pankratz – grade 4

Joy Irvine – Learning Support

Sonny Trinidad – HBO

Leonard Celso – caretaker

Grade 7/8 position: - teacher is on leave until Nov. 6 th . We have had temporary guest teachers and are looking for a replacement teacher until he returns.

Upcoming events in September:

Sept. 21 – Welcome back barbeque

Sept. 26 – Terry Fox Run

Sept. 28 – Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 29 th – no school – National Truth and Reconciliation Day

New furniture and bookshelves: with last years' carry over budget we were able to buy new chairs and desks for our grade 4-6 classrooms. We were also able to purchase some new bookshelves for the learning commons.

CTF options: For first term we are offering: Foods, Photography, Dram (Mon. and Wed.)

Leadership, Digital Media, and Wide Games (Tues. and Thurs)

Leadership Pilot: We are involved in a student leadership pilot with the high school leadership team that is organized through two Leadership coaches (former principals) our students are matched with high school mentors and will participate in the middle school leadership conference.

PBIS this year: We will be involved in a pilot project for year 3 PBIS schools this year

School Education Plan:

Advancing students numeracy and literacy skills:

Establish a school wide numeracy framework modelled from our literacy framework

Building future-ready students:

Planning and designing authentic learning tasks that encourage collaboration, problem solving, decision making

PBIS – year 3 pilot

UDL and differentiated learning experiences

Project based learning opportunities

Creating inclusive, engaging, healthy learning opportunities for all students

To establish a school-wide approach to address the individual needs of students to ensure all students are successful

Collaborative Response Team Meetings

Class Reviews and collaborative problem-solving model