

Kathyrn School Council
Meeting Minutes- February 13, 2024

Meeting called to order at 5:08pm

Present: Kelly Huck, Angela Rott, Kate Culp, Andrea Wise, Nilsa Wise, Joanne Wray, Carla Shierman, Nevada Wright, Jessica Brown, Natalie Havens, Rachelle Brundige, Cassandra McKinnon and Ashley Pettigrew in person. Tara Olson on zoom.

Andrea Wise motion to approve January 9, 2024 minutes and Jessica Brown to second.

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

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

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

Joint School Council meeting will be held on March 14 in Airdrie from 5:30 – 7:30. Contact Kate if you're interested in attending.

Alberta School Council will be held in Edmonton on April 26-28. Contact Kate if you're interested in attending.

Old Business:

Shay is looking to get the school store going.

New Business:

We are looking for a new idea for Staff Appreciation. The Caffeinated Squirrel has sold and the new owners aren't interested to take this on yet. Kate will be looking into other coffee options as the staff seem to really like this.

Aggie Days will be held on June 6. There are 14 confirmed vendors and looking to add 1 more. Biesecker will be joining in again and we will be splitting the volunteer breakfast with them. Aggie Days is looking for more sponsors, if you are part of a company or are interested in getting more information please get in touch. Kids will go to about 12 vendors. Walk-a-thon will be on May 10th with no backup day.

Next meeting will be March 14 @ 8:45am

Meeting Adjourned at 5:47pm

Treasurers Report by Nilsa Wise

2023-2024 Parent Council Financials

Sept 1, 2023 - Opening balance: \$2483.23

Jan 16, 2024 – Escape Room: -\$176.20 Balance: \$2,307.03

Trustee Report by Norma Lang

**Kathryn 13 February 2024 School Council 5 pm (before engagement event)
Last meeting Jan 9**

Board Councils Committee – Shared invites via school admin / council chairs to apply for funding to attend the April 26-28 ASCA Conference in Edmonton – up to \$1000 per person or \$2000 per council. Application Deadline: March 8, 2024 Fund allocation: March 15, 2024 Next Joint School Council meeting – Thur March 14, 5:30-7:30 pm – dinner provided.

Jan 11, 2024

Winter Market at Banded Peak School

- In December, Banded Peak School in Bragg Creek hosted its third annual Outdoor Winter Market and Concert with students from all grades participating to make it successful.
- This event is designed to gather the community together during the busy holiday season to celebrate Banded Peaks' talented and creative students. If not selling their wares, other students participated in outdoor performances
- Young entrepreneurs in Grades 5 – 8 learned how to build a small business including how to produce, market and sell their products.
- This event achieves several of the outcomes of RVS' Education Plan, including developing numeracy, communication, collaboration and problem-solving skills. By engaging the school community, students experience success and are happy, healthy, feel they belong and are safe.

Division Education Plan Update

- RVS' 2023-2027 Education Plan was approved by the Board of Trustees in May 2023 and implemented in the fall of 2023. The plan includes goals to have our students achieve, build and create within a future-focused system. Each school develops a School Education Plan aligned with the division's goals and responding to the unique needs of their school community.
- Highlights from the first four months of the 2023/24 school year include:
 - o Goal 1 of the plan is centred on advancing students' literacy and numeracy skills. In response to assessment results which indicate improvements in literacy and numeracy are needed, schools developed goals and measures in these areas to guide their instructional focus and provide appropriate interventions for groups of students.
 - o Progress has been made on Goal 2 of the Education Plan – building future-ready students. Administration and teachers at 33 schools formed a Career Connections Strategy group which meets to discuss current practices related to career education planning and best practices for providing students in Grades 6 – 12 with access to initiatives intended to help build career skills development programs. This group will ultimately provide recommendations for the development of a Career Connections Practice Guide.
 - o Goal 3 focuses on creating inclusive, engaging, healthy learning opportunities for all students. Schools are focused on teaching Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)-focused lessons in each classroom, expanding their use of 'catching kids doing good' and rewarding them in various ways for positive behaviour.

- For the second half of the school year, the following initiatives will be launched:
 - o Begin the development of the RVS Math Assessment tool in the spring.
 - o Implement the OurSCHOOL survey for students in Grades 4 – 12; this survey replaces the Education Plan Survey conducted by RVS in support of the previous Four Year Education Plan.
 - o Continue with implementation of the new curriculum as well as the use of learning disruption funding to support our youngest readers and mathematicians.

Jan 25 Board Meeting

Students from W.G. Murdoch School Construct a Museum for Human Rights

- Molly Maguire, Grade 10 teacher from Crossfield's W.G. Murdoch School, presented to the Board of Trustees (the Board) of Rocky View Schools (RVS) about the Museum for Human Rights Project at the school.
- This project-based learning saw students choose a topic in human rights to research and exhibit. The various exhibits were then displayed as a museum Jan. 17 - school families / staff invited to explore.

Student Transportation Needs Continue to Grow

- RVS' Transportation department is serving the busing needs of approximately 12,700 students this school year, and that number is expected to rise each year as the populations of RVS communities continue to grow. 87 per cent of those are RVS students and 13 per cent are students from Calgary Catholic School Division for which we provide service.
- The Transportation department is facing challenges securing drivers and buses for many routes. Post-pandemic supply chain issues continue to create a chronic shortage of new buses and replacement parts.
- To help with these challenges, Transportation has several initiatives to support our bus contractors to attract and retain bus drivers for its routes. To address concerns regarding providing up-to-date information about schedules and delays to students and parents/guardians, a new app is currently being pilot tested, with a full rollout expected in the next few months.

Board Receives Financial Update

- The Board was provided with an update on the budget for the 2023/24 fiscal year which, despite a \$1 million increase in budgeted revenues, is still feeling significant pressures.
- The increase in revenue is a result of several factors, including added supplemental enrolment funding announced Nov 2023 and increased English as an Additional Language funding.
- Due to increased leave utilization and corresponding costs, earlier this fall significant budget adjustments were made at the school and central level to reduce spending in areas such as professional development, supplies and the freezing of planned expenditures related to technology and equipment.
- RVS' reserve balance is projected to be \$4.5 million at the end of the current school year. This constitutes 1.4 per cent of RVS' operating budget, just above the required threshold established by Alberta Education.

Board Ratified Agreement with Alberta Teachers Association Local

- After multiple bargaining sessions on collective agreement matters determined to be negotiated between RVS and Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) Local #35, On Jan 25 the Board ratified the Mediated Memorandum of Settlement and previously agreed to items.
- On Jan 28 the ATA Local also ratified so local bargaining is complete. Central table teacher bargaining 2024-2028 began Feb 2.

Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces Engagement

- The four open houses for the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces (BASS) engagement on proposed options for alleviating space pressures in overutilized Airdrie schools have now wrapped up.
- The Board appreciates the time and effort of area administrators who acted as facilitators at the open houses and to all those who participate in this important engagement. Decision will be made late April and implemented over the course of 2 years.

Next Board Meeting Feb 15

Principal Message – February 13, 2024

Hot lunch has been going well – good turn out from students
Leadership students visited Senior Center in Airdrie at the end of January – seniors were really excited. – have been pen pals with their senior Leadership Conference – March 1
Bear Necessities: January, we had Mrs. Pankratz’s classroom. Property Pride
February, we have Mr. Drummond classroom Be Your Best Self

New staff filling in for other staff

Lynita Ludwig has been on a medical leave this month. We have Joan Finn, who is a qualified CDA replacing her, and she is at the school full time until Lynita’s return.

Jo Kelk had to extend her medical leave, so we had Christy Haag in for her in January and now have Ruweena Hussain in for her for the month of February.

Alberta Education Assurance Survey – grades 4-8 open till March 3 for parents

Students have completed these in class as well Kindergarten registration is now open

Basketball tournaments – first three Fridays in March

We have a divisional numeracy specialist coming into the school for 4 weeks to support teachers with numeracy supports in classrooms

Upcoming Dates:

February 14, Leadership students have planned activities for the K-5 for part of the afternoon, and a dance for the Gr 6-8 in the last period of the day

February 15: Student vs Staff Volleyball game

February 16-23: No school

February 28: Be Brave Hitmen Game, Gr 6-8

February 28: Pink Shirt Day

February 29: Hot lunch, Extreme Pita (deadline to order is the 24th)

March 6-7: Parent Teacher Conferences