

Kathryn School Council
Meeting Minutes- April 9, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1:39pm

Present: Kelly Huck, Kate Culp, Norma Lang, Joanne Wray, Carla Shierman, Nevada Wright, Andrea Wise and Nilsa Wise in person. Cassandra McKinnon on zoom until 1:50pm

Andrea Wise motioned to approve March 14, 2024 minutes and Kate Culp 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.

Correspondence:

Joint School Council meeting for March 14 cancelled due to lack of interest.

There was some interest in booking the Kathryn school gym but because of the process and cost associated it isn't desirable. Looking to have the gym more accessible which would entail a community supervisor.

New Business:

Farwell committee, Cassandra speaking on behalf of the Grade 8's, are looking for \$250 to help assist with decorations and possibly photos. Joanne Wray motions to approve the request for \$250 with hopes that it will be spent on reusable items, Andrea Wise to second.

Old Business:

Staff Appreciation - Kodiak Café, date to be May 14 and provided by the school council.

Athletic school uniforms will be tabled until early fall when there will be a fundraiser done specifically for this expense.

Next meeting will be May 14 at 8:45am

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45pm

Treasurers Report by Nilsa Wise

2023-2024 Parent Council Financials

Sept 1, 2023 - Opening balance: \$2483.23

Jan 16, 2024 - Escape Room: -\$176.20

Feb 14, 2024 - Escape Room Food Purchases: - \$93.87

Feb 20, 2024 - GST Refund: - \$2.58 Balance: \$2,215.74

**April 2024 School Council Report from Norma Lang, Trustee
Kathryn School Council Meeting 1:30 pm April 9**

Ward Boundary Review –

public consultation coming in May– consultant will share with the Board April 11 potential ward boundary scenarios –Board decision on refreshed boundaries / number of trustees will be Fall 2024.

- May 14, 2024 in Chestermere
- May 15, 2024 in Cochrane
- May 21, 2024 in Airdrie

Highlights from the March 21 Board Meetings

Chestermere High School Students Compete at Welding Rodeo and Skills Competition

- Each year, the Boilermakers Lodge 146 in Calgary holds a Welding Rodeo and this year students from Chestermere High School (CHHS) participated in the competition held Feb. 24, in Calgary, placing second.
- A total of 45 students from six school divisions competed in the event which involved students following a blueprint designed by Red Seal welders and creating weld sculptures.
- Many students in the program at CHHS go on to work in the trades. The program prepares them to be successful, in life and work, with former students often returning to mentor current students.
- Current students from CHHS presented to the Board of Trustees (the Board) of Rocky View Schools (RVS) about their experience.
- This activity connects to several goals and outcomes of RVS' Education Plan, including building future-ready students and engaging students in meaningful and relevant learning.

Provincial Budget 2024 Highlights – Full Implications for RVS Not Yet Known

- Budget 2024, announced by the provincial government Feb. 29, included a 4.4 per cent increase in education funding to support enrolment growth and students with specialized needs.
- RVS received funding for five highly anticipated school projects:
 - o Full construction funding for a Kindergarten – Grade 8 (K – 8) school in South Windsong in Airdrie
 - o Full construction funding for a K – 8 school in Bayview in Airdrie
 - o Full construction funding for a K – 8 school Rivercrest in Cochrane
 - o Design funding for a high school in Southwinds in Airdrie
 - o Design funding for a Kindergarten – Grade 9 school in Dawson's Landing in Chestermere
- A letter expressing the Board's appreciation for these new school approvals has been sent to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Infrastructure, as well as the MLAs for RVS' communities.
- As the specific details (known as the funding profile) for RVS have not yet been received, understanding the implications of the Province's increased education funding is difficult. The funding profile should be received shortly and will help the division understand the impact of Budget 2024.

Three-Year Capital Plan Highlights Continuing Need for More Space for Students

- RVS' Capital Plan 2025 – 2028 requests government approve funding the construction of 10 additional new schools across the division in the next three years. These are needed to address the ongoing growing utilization in RVS schools even after the opening of the three recently announced new schools expected to take place in 2027, the opening of Horseshoe Crossing High School in Langdon in September 2024 and completion of a previously approved expansion to Bow Valley High School in Cochrane in 2026.
- Despite recent government approval of construction funding, school utilization is projected to continue to rise due to ongoing population growth in RVS' fastest-growing communities of Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere.
- RVS is years behind in government funding for new schools, additions and modular classrooms as approvals have failed to keep pace with rising enrolment.
- Each school division in Alberta is required to submit a list of capital requests, in order of priority, by April 1 of each year.
- The Board will continue to advocate to government to provide funding for new schools where they are urgently needed in RVS' communities.
- The 2025 – 2028 Capital Plan is available on the RVS website, rockyview.ab.ca

Alberta Government Approved Projects March 2024 & Capital Priority List

2025 Budget Request	Capital Project	Build Out Capacity	Community	Project Classification	Site Readiness Status
1	High School in Airdrie	1,810	Southwinds	New School – Approved for design funding in March 2024	Ready*
2	Chestermere K – 9	950	Dawson's Landing	New School – Approved for design funding in March 2024	Ready*
3	High School in Chestermere	950	Chelsea	New School	Fall 2024
4	Airdrie K – 8	950	Lanark	New School	2025
2026 Budget Request	Capital Project	Build Out Capacity	Community	Project Classification	Site Readiness Status
5	Cochrane K – 8	950	Heartland	New School	Ready
6	High School in Cochrane	1,230	Horse Creek	New School	2026
7	Chestermere K – 9	950	Chelsea	New School	Fall 2024
8	Crossfield K – 8	680	Vista Crossing	New School	2025
2027 Budget Request	Capital Project	Build Out Capacity	Community	Project Classification	Site Readiness Status
9	Springbank Middle School	280	Springbank	Addition	Ready
10	Middle School in Airdrie	1,045	Airdrie NW	New School	TBD

Modular Classroom Approval Announced

- As enrolment in RVS continues to rise, modular classrooms are needed to provide appropriate space for students to learn and achieve their very best. RVS requested 22 new modular units and the relocation of another 12 classrooms and one bathroom unit to mitigate ongoing enrolment growth until new schools can be built.
- On March 14, Alberta Education announced the approval of nine new units and the relocation of one washroom unit for the division. This announcement is well below what RVS needs.
- It is unknown at this time when the new units will arrive or when the relocation of the one approved existing unit will take place.

City of Chestermere to be Asked to Expedite School Site Purchase

- A letter from the Board will be sent to the City of Chestermere urging it to complete the purchase of the outstanding 7.01 acres of land required for construction of a high school.
- The public high school site in Chelsea in Chestermere is on RVS' Capital Plan priority list; however, the City of Chestermere has not completed the purchase of the entire site from the developer, potentially delaying government approval to construct this urgently needed school

April 19 – meeting with Pete Guthrie, Angela Pitt and Chantelle DeJong to talk about modularity and crowded classrooms.

Principal Report – April

Walk a thon

Planning is well under way for our walk-a-thon

Invitations have been sent out and cold calling for donations will start from the office.

Forms have been sent out

Grade 8 transition:

What: Grade 9 Open House

When: April 10 th @ 6:30

Who: Current Grade 8 Families and Katheryn Grade 8 Families

This will be an opportunity for current BCS Grade 8 Families and our Katheryn Grade 8 Families to come together to learn about the opportunities for growth, learning and personal development as they begin their high-school journey at BCS. This is also an opportunity for new families to tour the school, learn about how we will create opportunities to build community with our Grade 8's, and answer any questions you might have.

Grade 8 Shadow Day: students will be attending some grade 8 classes but mixing some fun activities in as well, and they will also be learning about the options and participating in a few option activities.

We will also talk about it at the orientation.
April 17th all day

Active Living booked for May 15th – from 10 am to 2 pm. \$30. Per student at Lift (will let parents know if there will be a cost associated with this trip. We will order pizza and they will let us have the games room to eat lunch.

Swimming this week and next week – K to grade 5

Badminton dates – tournaments grade 7 April 18, grade 8 April 25th with Mr. Drummond

Talent Show – still looking for talents to showcase. April 26th afternoon

New Website training April 30th - website should be up and running for May