

Kathyrn School Council  
Meeting Minutes- June 4, 2024

Meeting called to order at 8:48am

Present: Angela Rott, Kate Culp, Norma Lang, Carla Shierman, Nevada Wright, Tara Olson and Nilsa Wise in person.

Kate Culp motioned to approve May 14, 2024 minutes and Nevada Wright 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.

Council Chair Report:

Kate will go to the Kindergarten orientation to introduce what school council is all about.

Old Business:

Aggie Day breakfast supplies have been taken care of between Beiseker and Kathyrn. To help prepare for food be at the school for 8:00am

New Business:

Our AGLC annual return filing was successful!

Bank balance as of April 30, 2024: \$42414.36

May withdrawals:

\$31.50 Vinyl logo for tent

\$253.99 for tent

It will zero out but \$1000 for bee presenter (we should have received a credit of this from the Lions) - Kate can you fill out the cheque stub for our records please?

\$949.47 Sensory items

There will be a balance at the end of May of approximately \$41 170.

1. \$5000 of that is designated for breakfast program. There is a \$2000 cheque written that will be cashed in fall.

2. There is an outstanding bill for the last few years of plug in fees. From what I can see in the handbook there is no time limit on reimbursement of expenses. The amount we have receipts for is

2022/23: \$1176.75

2023/24: \$1147.30 (still waiting on track and field invoice as well as soccer)

Total so far: \$2324.05

There is a withdrawal from the account for Badminton in June 2022 that we don't have a formal invoice for. It is \$113.04 - are we comfortable paying that with just a line item on an account? Please discuss.

If we pay the plug in fees (which I believe we should) - please vote on this! If approved we will pay after we get the final invoice for the year.

The balance for the end of the school year will be APPROXIMATELY \$38 500 with \$5000 designated for breakfast program.

We have APPROXIMATELY \$33 500 to spend over the next three years.

I believe Mrs.Huck will make a request for more chromebooks for next year. This past year's bill was \$6300 for chromebooks.

If we choose to plan to pay plug in fees for next year also, budget at least \$1500.

This doesn't leave much to put towards uniforms or other needs.

Some considerations are: can we source chromebooks from somewhere else for cheaper? Should we start asking kids in middle school to supply their own device as is done at Beiseker?

Do we just rely on alternate fundraisers for uniforms next year?

Do we ask for a minimal fee from those wanting to participate in sports?

Next meeting will be September 10 at 8:45am.

AGM will be October 8 at 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 9:58am

### **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

Upcoming expenses:

- Aggie Day Breakfast
- Grad Committee donation

**June 2024 School Council Report from Norma Lang, Trustee**  
**June 4 Kathryn 8:45 am**

Bike Rodeo CES May 30 – ASCA grant idea

**MAY 30 Board Meeting Highlights**

**Staff Recognized for Academic Achievement at Annual Event**

- The Board of Trustees (the Board) of Rocky View Schools (RVS) extends its congratulations to 33 staff members who have pursued lifelong learning and professional growth. These staff members exemplify the commitment RVS has to lifelong learning through post-secondary education and professional certification.
- Staff were recognised during a special reception May 30.
- Strengthening the division's workforce is a priority in RVS' Strategic Plan with a goal of supporting professional learning opportunities that build expertise, increase capacity and enhance leadership development.

**2024/25 School Calendar Modified**

- The Board approved a few small changes to the school calendar for the 2024/25 school year, including adding staggered student start days in September 2024 which have been used for the past number of years to decrease student anxiety around the start of another school year.
- Other changes include holding three-way parent/teacher/child conference days for Kindergarten in the fall and in the spring, and again approving full-day alternating-day Kindergarten for Cochrane Christian Academy, Indus School, Langdon School, Kathryn School and Westbrook School. In addition, the professional learning day originally scheduled for Oct. 11, will be moved to Oct. 25 for the colony schools only, to allow teachers to attend the Alberta Colony Educators Conference.

**2024/25 Budget Focuses on Providing Resources Directly to Schools**

- The approved 2024/25 RVS Budget reflects the Board's budget priorities of providing direct resources to schools to support student learning, supporting student and staff wellness, and enhancing facilities and technology infrastructure, while targeting a fiscally responsible operating reserve balance at the end of the 2024/25 fiscal year.
- The vast majority of the \$326.6 million budget will go directly to schools in areas such as classroom and school staffing, numeracy and literacy, inclusion supports, Indigenous knowledge-building, supporting student and staff wellness, technology and school-based supplies and resources.
- To support climbing enrolments and increasing complexities in classrooms, more than 92 per cent of instructional dollars will go directly to schools with the remaining dollars managed centrally to support schools and school staff.
- o The division will maintain class size guidelines for Kindergarten – Grade 8/9 levels by adding new teachers to support the growing student population with 1,416 teaching staff in total. Inclusive learning environments will be supported in schools by 330 learning

assistants across the division. RVS is investing \$500,000 above the provincial specialized learning grants received to provide additional school-based inclusion support.

o Students will be further supported by approximately 42 full-time division staff who will be working directly in schools assisting classroom teachers.

- The Weighted Moving Average (WMA) funding model used by the provincial government continues to disadvantage growing divisions like RVS as it does not provide funding for all students every year. The budget requires \$1.8 million of operating reserves and \$500,000 in unspent system administration grants to balance. Reserves at the end of 2024/25 are projected to be just above the provincially mandated minimum set by the government.
- The Board will continue to advocate to the provincial government for the ongoing increases in funding needed to ensure all RVS students receive the education they deserve to achieve their absolute best.

### **Revised Board Advocacy Priorities Highlight Ongoing Need for Funding and Resources**

- The Board Advocacy Committee reviewed the existing Board Advocacy Priorities, originally approved in September 2020, and revised it to integrate key aspects of RVS' Strategic Plan.
- The updated Board Advocacy Priorities include two pillars - Space for Students and Support for Students, each highlighting specific calls to the provincial government to ensure all students can learn, belong and succeed.
- The Board believes engaging in advocacy work is critical to create the conditions in which students and teachers can do their best work.
- The revised Board Advocacy Priorities will be published on RVS' website over the summer.

Ward Boundary Review deadline for feedback is June 16 – here is a link to the survey:

[https://rvsengage.com/ward-boundary-review-2024?tool=survey\\_tool#tool\\_tab](https://rvsengage.com/ward-boundary-review-2024?tool=survey_tool#tool_tab)

### Principal Report June 2024

- Soccer: will be starting soon with Ms. Rott and Ms. Sevick – Tournament on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>
- Our website is up and running so check it out when you have time
- Volunteer Tea: We had some great presentations from K-grade 2. Good turn out – maybe was a not-so-great week to have it with 4-H but things are getting really busy for June
- Aggie Days: Almost ready to go. Thanks to the Aggie Day committee for all their hard work
- School events: Grade 4/5 went to Heritage Park end of May

- June
  - o 6 th – Aggie Days
  - o 7 th – Jr. Leaders movie AM
  - o 12 th – Kinder Orientation
  - o 13 th – Hot Lunch – donuts
- Spirit Day – Hawaiian Beach Day
  - o 14 th – Soccer Tournament
  - o 18 th – Sports/Fun Day PM for K-gr. 5
  - o 20 th – FitSet Ninja all day
  - o 21rst – Last day Kinders
- Dress your best day
- Jr. Leader Pizza Party
- Gr. 3 Pizza Party (winner from walk-a-thon)
  - o 24 th – Calaway Park – Grade 7/8
  - o 26 th – Last Day Students