

Kathyrn School Council  
Meeting Minutes- September 10, 2024

Meeting called to order at 8:50am

Present: Kelly Huck, Angela Rott, Kate Culp, Carla Shierman, Nevada Wright, Tara Olson, Andrea Wise, Joanne Wray and Nilsa Wise in person. Jessica Brown and Janine Logel on zoom.

Andrea Wise motioned to approve June 4, 2024 minutes and Kate Culp to second.

Store to be added to Old business on the agenda.

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: Aggie day committee sent a very nice thank you letter for all volunteers, sponsors and vendors. Kate to attend the by-law and chair orientation later this month.

Old Business: Basketball uniforms cost will come in around \$6,500.00. Carla will set up a table at the back to school BBQ looking for donations to go towards the purchase of new jerseys. There is also talk of doing a live auction at the Christmas concert if not enough funds are raised. Kelly is going to get more information on if large donations from businesses could be put onto the uniforms.

The school store is still looking for someone from the community to organize. If no one from the community is willing to the school will put something together. They will need a coordinator and some volunteers to run the store with the kids.

New Business:

AtoZ promotions has a direct link for school apparel to be purchased. Stacy will follow up with this company.

School apparel donations will be run by Joanne Wray, there will be a note in the newsletter that goes out and an ongoing bin will be in the school.

AGM to be on October 8 @ 6pm

Meeting adjourned @ 10:00am

## **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  
June 6, 2024 - Food - Kate Aggie Days: -\$58.55  
June 7, 2024 - Food - Nevada Aggie Days: -\$107.25  
June 18, 2024 - Grade 8 Farewell: -\$230.35 Balance: \$1,819.59

Upcoming expenses: None

### **September School Council Report Kathryn School September 10, 2024 - 8:45 am**

#### ***Welcome back to a new school year at RVS***

Thank you to Kathryn school council members for your efforts to support education in RVS. Education starts at home and parents do so much to support Kathryn School and all schools in RVS, we are truly lucky for the education community we have built here.

Thank you for being part of school council and all you do to support the school community you are part of that make education at Kathryn the best it can be for all members of the school community.

Thank you to Kelly and Angela for all the hard work they, and their staff team do to ensure learning and student success for our Kathryn students.

#### **AB ED**

Alberta Education mandated restrictions on personal mobile devices and social media use in schools came into effect for Sept 1. School boards have until January 1, 2025, to formalize their policies and procedures for implementing the restrictions within their schools. This means that, beginning immediately, students are asked to keep their devices silent or powered off during class and stored out of view, unless a valid exception is in place.

#### **RVS UPDATES**

##### New Guidelines for Use of Mobile Devices and Social Media

In the spring of 2024, the Government of Alberta consulted with parents, teachers and the public regarding their beliefs on the use of personal mobile devices and social media in schools. The results of the survey indicated respondents believed use of cell phones should be reduced or eliminated in schools. As a result, RVS was required to develop and implement policies for the elimination of the use of social media in schools as well as

standards regarding the use of personal mobile devices such as cellphones, tablets and smart watches. These standards are intended to focus students on instruction and learning.

Administrative Procedure 148 and Administrative Form 148A were developed to meet the standards required by the provincial government and have been posted on the RVS website. Information about the new policy was communicated to staff, parents/guardians and students via social media, parent letters and directed emails. A toolkit of resources, including talking points for front office staff, newsletter items and a poster to hang in schools was developed by the Communications and Engagement team to assist school administration with implementation of these new regulations.

#### Important Maintenance Projects Ensure Safety and Comfort for Students and Staff

Maintenance work to ensure the safety of our students at staff at schools throughout RVS has been ongoing over the summer break. These projects include an upgrade to washrooms at Glenbow Elementary School in Cochrane, mechanical upgrades at Airdrie's Meadowbrook School and roofing replacements at Kathryn School, École Edwards Elementary School in Airdrie and Mitford School in Cochrane. To help mitigate the enrolment pressures being felt at many schools throughout the division, modular classroom units have been added to schools in Airdrie, Chestermere and Cochrane with an additional 30 units to be added by September 2025. Other maintenance and renewal projects, including upgrades to sidewalks, parking lots and sports facilities as well as electrical and plumbing upgrades have also been completed.

SPECIFIC IMR in our ward –

CES parking lot repaved

Roofing – 2 panels at Kathryn

Beiseker – work done over summer made a number one priority to create barrier free and improve mobility for a new student with mobility challenges

Washroom upgrades at WGM and BCS

#### Preliminary Numbers Indicate RVS' Enrolment Will Continue to Grow

While official enrolment numbers will not be submitted to Alberta Education until Sept. 30, preliminary enrolment numbers indicate RVS' student population is expected to grow to 29,350 by Sept. 30, and increase from last year of approximately 750 students for the 2024/25 school year. This enrolment growth is being driven by population growth in many of the communities served by RVS. As of Sept. 4, RVS enrolment is 29,307 students, an increase of 700 students from September of 2023. Enrolment numbers fluctuate almost daily with students entering and exiting RVS and these are only preliminary numbers.

#### **Principal Report – September 10, 2024**

Welcome back to school!

Student Enrollment: 143 students

Staff Updates: Ms Jeske – returned from maternity leave – grade 4

Mrs. Maus – learning support  
Ms. Berreth-Skog – Grade 7/8  
Ms. Connors – learning assistant  
Ms. Ludwig – on a leave until after Christmas break

We will be starting Option classes this week – this year because we have a 5/6 split classroom, we will be having grade 5 exploratory options during the times there are grade 6-8 option classes.

We are fortunate to have a bit extra time to help support students directly in classrooms this year. Mr. Stabler will be spending a few periods a week supporting students who need additional support in different classrooms.

Work has started on our School Education Plan:

- Numeracy Goal: we will continue with our goals on building our numeracy initiatives: we have two numeracy specialists who will work with teachers in the school for a learning cycle for a month starting in late September. They will work directly with teachers on numeracy strategies and assessment in the classrooms.
- Building Future Ready Students Goal: we have started working on some career/interest exploration with our grade 5 to 8 students. We will be conducting interest inventories and then building a bank of community members that we can call on to come into the school for presentations/hands on activities across all grades.
- Inclusion Goal: we will be looking at diversity this year with a focus on Indigenous Ways of Knowing – looking at exploring opportunities to student in how we connect to the land.

We will continue with our practice with the BEAR necessities and explore some ways that we are recognizing students in the school positive behavior.