

Kathyrn School Council  
Meeting Minutes- October 08, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

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

Nilsa Wise motion to approve September 10, 2024 minutes and Tara to second.

Nilsa Wise was nominated by Kate Culp for the position of Treasurer, nomination was accepted and Nilsa Wise was elected by acclamation.

Carla Shierman was nominated by Andrea Wise for the position of Secretary, nomination was accepted and Carla Shierman was elected by acclamation.

Nevada Wright was nominated by Nilsa Wise for the position of Vice Chair, nomination was accepted and Nevada Wright was elected by acclamation.

Kate Culp was nominated by Carla Shierman for the position of Chair, nomination was accepted and Kate Culp was elected by acclamation.

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.

**School Council Chair Report & Correspondence:**

Nevada is going to talk to Victoria who is with Cup of Joy as an option to book for use of our engagement grant as the mobile Locked Room is in the process of being sold.

Kathyrn Kanteen store will be sending home forms for grades K-4 to fill out. The store will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Healthy Hunger moving to Fridays. Parents can send money for their children through school cash. Once their account gets to \$5 an email will be sent home as a reminder to top up the account if they wish to do so. October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the opening day. Volunteers will be asked to be there for the month. Like all Tuesdays in November and then next month will be a different volunteer. Signup genius will be used for sign ups.

The joint school council meeting will be in Airdrie at the Ed Center @ 5:30-7:30 on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

Art cards will be finished up this week. Nilsa will come on Tuesday to package them up to send off for printing. The turn around time is 5-10 business days.

The Casino is 3 years away so we are looking for an easy fundraiser to be run through the school council which will be the gift cards.

The donations for the School Jerseys is at \$4,045 with a verbal confirmation of a donation that will put us over the donation goal.

### **New Business:**

What is upcoming for active living days/field trips? Will there be an outdoor Grade 6 camp or a Grade 8 leadership camp? These both require a lot of volunteers and School Teachers which will then put the school down those teachers that do go so would then be looking for subs which are already stretched thin. There will be no more swimming lessons in Strathmore because of a liability with no active lifeguard on duty walking around the pool deck. There was talk of going to Genesis Place for the day, and end of January winter activity at the school as well as a ski day. The Administrators will look into all of these as options.

Upcoming meeting to be November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm

### **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: Kathryn Kanteen \$1000.00

### **October School Council Report**

#### **Kathryn School Council October 8, 6 pm**

AB ED announcement - \$8.6 B GOA spend on new school construction - 200,000 new student spots by 2031 and that a new funding model (away from WMA) is in the works.

Insights from the Sept 23 School Council Chairs orientation session - finances - \$500 ASCE and \$260 from RVS to each school council, school councils can use School Cash to collect money from school community, fundraising societies cannot.

### **BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

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

RVS enrolment is 29,307 students, an increase of 700 students from September of 2023. Enrolment numbers fluctuate and these are preliminary numbers.

### **Locations for Additional Modulars to Support Ongoing Enrolment Pressures**

Four Airdrie schools, two Cochrane schools as well as Springbank, Chestermere and Crossfield will benefit from the new and relocated modular classroom units approved by the Government of Alberta on July 23. RVS will receive 12 new modular classroom units and an additional 12 modular relocations.

### **Horseshoe Crossing High School Turf Field Vendor Selected**

The Board awarded the request for proposal so that the turf field project can proceed.

### **Ward Boundary Review Summary Presented**

The Board engaged the services of a consultant to conduct a review of the current boundaries of the wards within RVS. This process was undertaken in response to a population increase from 2016 of 32 per cent within RVS' communities. Board Policy 29 – Ward Structure requires a ward boundary review be conducted to ensure effective and equitable representation by population is maintained. Next steps – planning committee on Oct 3 to review consultant recommendation, and final decision on Oct 17.

### **Oct. 3, 2024**

#### **Chestermere Student Accommodation Engagement Open Now**

RVS' schools in Chestermere are experiencing enrolment pressures that require new school builds as soon as possible, but despite design funding being approved for one Chestermere school in Budget 2024, this pressure on existing schools will continue until this much-needed school can be built.

The Board and RVS administration are committed to actively engaging the community. Administration developed a plan to engage the community to gather feedback on the proposed solution. This public engagement will run until December 2024 and includes both in person and online opportunities to participate. The Board aims to make a decision at the public Board meeting on Jan. 23, 2025 for start of 2025/26 school year.

#### **Feedback 2025/26 and 2026/27 School Calendars**

Administration presented feedback collected from staff, students and parents/guardians about the options for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 school calendars which the Board will now review and consider. Just slightly less than 3,000 responses were collected. Once approved later this fall, the calendars will be posted on the division website.

#### **2024/25 Advocacy Priorities Focus on Space and Supports for Students**

The Advocacy Committee provided an update to the Board regarding the work being done to share and advance the Board's advocacy priorities – Space for Students and Support for Students.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

**October 17 – date for Ward Boundary Review at the Public RVS Board Meeting**

**October 24** – Joint Board School Council meeting in Airdrie – 5:30-7:30 – dinner and discussion – career readiness – provincial initiative coming out of Career Readiness Task

Force - invite with a draft agenda will be sent early Oct.

### **October Principal Report**

- We raised \$930.00 for the Terry Fox Run this year
- Carla – jerseys – over \$4,000 in donations so far
- Canteen will be open soon – kids looking forward to that
- Our student teachers were here for the month of September. They will return to do full time teaching in January.
- We are exploring career interests with our grade 6-8. We are looking at the possibility of attending a SAIT event with Beiseker at some point.
- Our leadership students have chosen a new service project. They would like to donate to the Women Shelter in Airdrie. The leadership students will be baking some food items to hold a Bake Sale near the end of October to raise funds for the shelter. The school would like to make or match the donation for the shelter from our donation funds.
- Coleen Adams has started holding Volleyball practices (starting today after school). There will be a number of tournaments in November on Fridays (Nov. 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th ) There will only be a girls' team this year – we will be charging a small fee (\$15.00) to help cover costs for team members.
- We will be emailing families tomorrow the school sports practices will be closed for watching and that we cannot accommodate siblings to sit in the gym at practices as our coaches cannot monitor them.
- We are running an exploratory leadership program with our grade 5 students this year. They were in charge of running the Terry Fox Run and Orange Shirt Day. They will also be organizing a couple of Spirit Days and some Halloween activities in the school.
- Our interim CDA has started. Her name is Amanda Jensen, and we are sharing her with Indus School. She will be with us until Lynita's return and will be at Kathyryn School Tuesdays, Thursdays, and alternate Fridays.
- We have a number of organizations who will be in our school working with students this year. Stepping Stones to Mental Health (RVS) will be coming in to do some programming with our younger students. The Boys and Girls Club out of Irricana will come into the school during our lunch hour to work with selected students after approval from parents. We are starting with one day a week for now. We also will have Closer to Home Services who are planning on working with our grade 7 and 8 students with some Health activities. A letter will be going home to families about this as well.
- We will need to review our School Education Plan for this year at next month's parent council meeting.