

Kathyrn School Council
Meeting Minutes- November 12, 2024

Meeting called to order at 8:48am

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

Nevada Wright acting as Chair as Kate was unable to make the meeting due to a last minute emergency.

Nilsa Wise motion to approve October 8, 2024 minutes and Tara Olson 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.

School Council Chair Report & Correspondence:

Cindy is just double checking that Cup of Joy fits the criteria for the \$500 grant. Dec 19 is still to be the date.

The School Kanteen would like to have paper so that they can print extra menus for kids who have forgotten them. There will be 2 lines now, a cold line and a hot line so should help the line move quicker.

Old Business:

Art cards will be arriving soon

The new fundraiser of gift cards will be rolling out this week and the deadline to order is November 26/27.

The donations for the School Jerseys is at \$8,470 and is now over our budget of \$7,000. The Jersey design has been approved by Kelly and Colleen and will be sent to production this week. The turn around time is quick so hopeful to have them before Christmas. The money leftover will go into a separate account for future fill in jerseys/shorts or as a startup for the next round of Jerseys that will need to be purchased.

New Business:

Upcoming meeting to be December 10th at 8:45am

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50am

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

2024-2025

Sept 10, 2024 – Opening Balance: \$1,819.59
Nov – Deposit: \$260.00 (to boost our account from the RVS division)

November School Council Report Kathryn School Council Nov 12 8:45 am

Oct 24 Joint School Council meeting –thank you Kate for attending. Survey will be coming out from the Board asking for input from school councils on various topics - Question for council input – should we host more than one of the joint board school council meetings in a year?

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT and ADVOCACY

Chestermere Student Accommodation Engagement Open Now

Met with Chestermere nearly elected mayor and council to advocate for school sites – out of 10 projects on the 2025-2027 capital plan – 3 are in Chestermere – two are not site ready – see attached Capital Planning List

The Board wrote a letter to the Town of Cochrane encouraging the Town to fulfill a previously agreed to memorandum of agreement to get the future site of RVS' next high school in Cochrane ready.

I will be attending ASBA November 17-19 – any questions for the Ed Minister or Premier?

GOA / AB ED Amendment Act

Review press release

2025/26 School Calendar Approved

The chosen calendar for 2025/26 reflects a traditional RVS approach aligned with the feedback received, recognizing a new November week-long break was not broadly supported and greater priority was given to ensuring families can enjoy the summer months together.

Highlights of 2025/26 calendar:

- First day of classes for students: Sept. 2, 2025
- Organizational Day: Jan. 28, 2025
- Winter break: Dec. 22, 2025 – Jan. 2, 2026
- Spring break: April 3 – 13, 2026
- Last day of classes for students: June 26, 2026
- 182 instructional days
- Eight professional learning days

Decision Regarding Board Ward Boundary Review Advanced to Bylaw Process – next step is needs signature / approval from the Minister of Ed by the end of Dec 2024 to proceed.

Superintendent to Retire at End of School Year

The Board Chair expressed thanks on behalf of the Board to Superintendent of Schools, Greg Luterbach who announced he would retire at the end of the current school year. Superintendent Luterbach has been in his position at RVS for more than eight years and his dedication, guidance and good humour will be missed.

October 31 Board Meeting Highlights

27 Modular Classrooms and One Washroom Necessary for Increasing Enrolment: Request to be Submitted to the Province

Additional Funding Plan Focused on Student Success - \$3.7 million

With the preliminary enrolment numbers, anticipated revenue changes are now:

	July 2024	Oct 2024	Net Change from Spring 2024
Base instruction	\$2,025,313	-\$256,000	\$1,769,313
Supplemental Enrolment	\$1,449,000	-\$534,000	\$915,000
Specialized grants	\$489,192	-\$45,000	\$444,192
Indigenous grants	\$41,422	+\$337	\$41,759
EAL/Refugee	\$46,198	+\$510,171	\$556,368
Net			\$3,726,632

The board approved the spending plan for the additional funding from the provincial government announced in July. The approved spending plan includes additional supports to help schools transition new students with complex needs into their school culture; enhancements to our IT infrastructure; and resources and technology for schools to support a smooth transition for the student accommodation changes in Airdrie beginning September 2025. Remaining funds will be included in instruction contingency as part of the fall budget update. Additional funds generated through Sept. 30 counts of English as an Additional Language and Indigenous students will be sent directly to schools for extra supports.

November Principal Report

- Review of School Education Plan for parent council
- Kelly will book a meeting to discuss with Kate as she was not in attendance and will need to sign the document
- Goals for this year:
 - Increase the number of students who meet grade level expectations in numeracy by 15%
 - To have 90% of all students engage in experiential learning opportunities inside or outside the school through exposing students to new life experiences and/or community members
 - The number of students and staff demonstrating respect for Indigenous cultures and traditions and fostering a more culturally inclusive and responsive educational environment will increase by 20% as measure by Our School survey results
- Norma Lang, mentioned that the grade 6-8 students would be able to attend the Career Fair in Crossfield this year
- Active Living days are being organized in place of swimming this year. We have booked Alien Skating the week of Jan. 13 th and have planning a whole school event at Genesis Place for Jan. 30 th
- We will be hosting a Christmas play this year. Mrs. Hassett and Mrs. Adams are leading. Play practice is twice weekly over the lunch hour.