

Kathyrn School Council
Meeting Minutes- December 10, 2024

Meeting called to order at 8:48am

Present: Kelly Huck, Angela Rott, Kate Culp, Nevada Wright, Tara Olson, Cheryl Schreiber and Carla Shierman in person and Nilsa Wise on Zoom.

Kate Culp motion to approve November 12, 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.

School Council Chair Report & Correspondence:

Engagement grant will be the Cup of Joy to be held in January or February. Cindy in Finance spoke with Kate to approve the engagement grant, and the event will be both in the morning and evening.

Powerschool information is to be added to the welcome package for new students. To be handed out from the school and added to the website. As well as the descriptors for the school grading.

One parent volunteer is sufficient for the school store. Tara and Cheryl have done an amazing job at organizing the store, so much so that no training is required. This was not an easy process and they have gone above and beyond to make it work smooth. There will be a sublist made up so in the case of the volunteer being sick or not able to make their shift there will be a call list available. Food items will go on sale if there are a lot left over. Eventually would like to add a decal for the Kanteen on the back wall. Not to be painted.

Old Business:

The original gift card fundraiser that was looked into has too many hoops to jump through on school cash. This fundraiser will be tabled for now.

New Business:

Upcoming meeting to be January 14 at 8:45am

Meeting Adjourned at 9:59am

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) : \$2,079.59

December School Council Report – Ward Four Trustee

ASCA will be hosting their April AGM online this year.

ASBA - I attended ASBA November 17-19 – remarks from Premier and Minister of Ed, questions.

Pass advocacy resolutions

<https://www.asba.ab.ca/member-school-boards-pass-positions-at-asba-2024-fall-general-meeting>.

AB ED ANNOUNCEMENT

New Alberta middle school curriculum coming in math, social studies and wellness
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/new-alberta-middle-school-curriculum-coming-in-math-social-studies-and-wellness-1.7383898>

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Student Academic Achievement Showcased

Seven students who achieved 100 per cent on a diploma exam were recognized by the Board of Rocky View Schools (RVS) for outstanding achievement. The students cited several reasons for their success on the June diploma exams in Bio 30, Math 30-1, Physics 30 and Chem 30.

students from Cochrane, Springbank, Bert Church, and Chestermere.

The Board extends its sincere admiration to each student for their impressive academic achievement.

Annual Education Results Report Highlights RVS' Accomplishments and Challenges

Highlights of the 2023/24 AERR:

- The survey shows RVS students have experienced positive growth in both their literacy and numeracy skills.
- The percentage of students achieving results on par with the provincial average on diploma exams has either increased or been maintained.
- Math 30-1 diploma exam results have improved substantially over the last three years,

from 49 to 73 per cent.

- The high school completion rate for RVS students continue to exceed the provincial average.

The AERR also includes information about areas where RVS is intending to take action, such as ongoing and meaningful integration of career-based learning for students from Grade 1 to 12, continual review of current student accommodation to optimize limited space while we wait for new schools to be built and open and completion of the RVS Writing Assessment for Grades 1, 2, 4, 5.

Results on grade six and grade nine PATS continue to lag the province.

By-Law to Amend Ward Boundaries Passes

By-Law 2024-01 Amendments to Ward Boundaries passed third reading. The changes include amalgamating current wards 2 and 4 into a single rural ward and adding an additional trustee for the Town of Cochrane. A review of the current ward boundaries was undertaken to ensure fair representation by constituents given the population growth in many of RVS' communities. Next step is the bylaw must be signed by the minister.

CAREER ED

Ensuring our students graduate high school prepared to be successful for any path they choose is one of the outcomes of RVS' multi-year Education Plan and a priority for our Board.

To help realize this outcome, RVS is currently developing a Career Learning Practice Guide aligned with the results of the Province's Career Education Task Force. This document will help ensure teachers, guidance counsellors and school staff are aware of all the opportunities available to our students with the goal of advancing these opportunities and increasing participation across the division.

Wed MARCH 12 – next Crossfield Career Fair – suited for high school and middle schools – some funding available through the Crossfield Chamber for transportation thanks to a grant. If you are interested to send a bus, reach out to Norma at nlang@rockyview.ab.ca

November 28 Board Highlights

Youth Safer Communities Project Report

Representatives from the Chestermere and Area Community Coalition, Synergy Youth and Community Development Society presented to the Board about the work they are doing in Chestermere, Langdon and southeast Rocky View County.

2023/24 Audited Financial Statement Approved

Each year, school divisions are required to submit their audited financial statements to the Minister of Education by Nov. 30. Again this year, the auditors gave RVS a clean report for the 2023/24 audited financial statements. Congratulations to all staff involved in preparing the report and supporting the audit process.

The audited financial statements show an overall increase in revenues for the year due mainly to additional instructional, transportation and supplemental growth funding received from the provincial government in response to the increase in the student enrolment. This supplemental funding was necessary as expenses due to higher student numbers also increased.

Final revenues were \$314.7 million and expenses were \$314.2 million, resulting in a small surplus of approximately \$500,000.

RVS ended the year with \$7.7 million in total operating reserves (2.4 per cent of operating budget), well within the government's mandated range of 1 to 3.2 per cent for 2023/24. Most of those reserve dollars are within the Transportation function and cannot be used for other purposes in RVS. The audited financial statements are posted on RVS' website.

Planning Underway for 2025 Trustee Election

The Board approved the formation of joint election agreements with local municipal governments for the next municipal election on Oct. 20, 2025, allowing the trustee election to take place at the same time resulting in efficiencies and cost savings. RVS has traditionally held joint elections with our municipal partners.

The Board also appointed Michelle Groff as returning officer. Ms. Groff was the returning officer for the last trustee election in 2021. Director of Finance, Steve Thomas was appointed substitute returning officer.

Education Worker Recognition Week

Nov. 25 to 30 is Education Worker Recognition Week in Alberta and Board Chair Fiona Gilbert thanked all RVS staff for their dedication to our students and families.

Long Service Awards

RVS' long service and retiree awards was held Nov. 15. Chair Gilbert offered appreciation and congratulations to all those who were recognized on behalf of the Board.

Principal Report for December

- Volleyball girls' team had a great season – we had a pizza lunch to celebrate
- Basketball set to start in January. Carla will coach girls' team, and we are looking at securing a boys coach.
- We had a great turn out for parent-teacher interviews. We will be having student led conferences in the spring.
- Grade 5 and 5/6 field trip – Hanger flight museum today
- Food drive is still on until Friday
- We have sent out a letter to all families regarding community members to come in and speak to students
- We have started a new round of option courses this week
 - o Foods, Business and Entrepreneurship, Photography, Leadership, CAD

Design, Art

- We have started a Clue Mystery game this week for the whole school – clues every day and everyone becomes a detective
- We have put together a number of events for December in the school
 - PJ day, ugly sweater day, door decorating contest, hide the Christmas pickle, movie and popcorn afternoon the second last day of classes, and caroling in the library first thing every morning last week of school.
- Christmas concert will be at 1 pm December 17th Tuesday
- Events coming up in January
 - Alien In Line Skating Jan. 13-17th
 - Whole school active living day – Genesis Place Jan. 30th