

Kathyrn School Council
Meeting Minutes- March 11,2025

Meeting called to order 8:47AM

Present: Kate Culp, Joanne Wray, Tara Stone, Jess Brown, Nevada Wright, Norma Lang, Angela Rott, Kelly Huck. Present on zoom: Nilsa Wise

Addition to agenda: Under new business add fire relief discussion on a donation to a family,

Minutes from February meeting were motioned to be approved by Kate Culp and Tara Stone seconded. Kate Culp then motioned to approve minutes from January meeting as amended, seconded by Jess Brown

Treasurer's Report: Please see attached report presented by Kate Culp. Noted that money for staff appreciation will be needed soon.

Trustee's Report: Please see attached report from Norma Lang

Administrator's Report: Please see attached report from Kelly Huck

School Council Chair Report & Correspondence: Kates questions about ASCA info was answered in Normas report. Nevada motioned to send and pay for Kate Culp to attend the ASCA conference (If anyone else is interested from council they could be sent as well)

Kanteen Report: It was discussed to buy a new fridge for the canteen. Tara and Kate will shop the Brick for which model and put in there request through Stacy. Kade made a motion to use up to \$700 of kanteen funds to purchase a new fridge/freezer combo; seconded by Joanne Wray.

Old Business: Cup of Joy went really well in Irricana in partnership with FCSS. Supplies were purchased through Sweet Joans and it was a decent turn out. Staff appreciation is May 6 2025 and the feedback from staff is that the lunch with a theme like last year was a big hit!

New Business: It was discussed for council to donate money to a family in grade 3 that lost there house to a fire. Everyone agreed. Kate Culp motioned to approve up to a \$250 grocery gift card and Jess Brown seconded.

Next Meeting- Next meeting scheduled for April 8 2025 at 8:45AM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54AM

March 2025 Ward Four Trustee Report

Kathryn March 11, 8:45 am

Superintendent Search concludes – Ryan Reed Sept 1

ASCA Symposium April 26-27 – RVS will pay and register just fill out form in the email from Board Chair Fiona

Provincial Budget dropped February 28 –

Change to WMA – 3 yr to 2 yr – better but will still likely have some unfunded students

Mid-Late March RVS will get their funding profile which is a key building block for our next year RVS budget and will detail the specific grants the division will be getting

Last week, the Alberta Government released [Budget 2025](#). Increased investment in Kindergarten-Grade 12 education is critical to address some of the pressures being felt across the system. 9.88 B, increase of close to half a billion

Capital Announcement Feb 15 –

11 new school builds, 6 around Calgary including a K-9 Chestermere for RVS and a High School for Airdrie RVS and 5 for Edmonton Area.

Further capital announcements expected later in March

Career Fair –excited to welcome Kathryn and BCS students tomorrow – 700 expected, 40 exhibitors and a career explorations space on the stage with about 15 career volunteers available to engage with kids

Horseshoe Crossing High School Grand Opening - Members of the Board, executive and other dignitaries attended an official opening of RVS' newest school in Langdon, Horseshoe Crossing High School, Mar 7.

Feb. 13, 2025

[Enrolment Update](#)

Students arrive and depart schools in RVS every day, as they move in or out of the division's boundaries. At the end of September 2024 enrolment in RVS was 29,243, rising to 29,481 by the end of January 2025. The provincial Government does not provide any grants for students who move in after Sept. 30. Needing to find additional funds for hundreds of students every year who do not generate additional government funding creates challenges and disadvantages for growing school divisions like RVS. The government has indicated it is reviewing the provincial funding model, and the Board believes a new funding model must be rooted in the principle of every student being fully funded every year.

Board Approves Budget Development Process and Budget Priorities

Each year, the Board approves the budget development process and the budget priorities. These are communicated to administration at schools and leaders at the Education Centre and are used to develop school/departamental budgets. The budget priorities are strongly aligned with RVS' [Strategic Plan](#). The priorities for 2025/26 are:

- Provide direct resources to schools to support student learning with a focus on numeracy, literacy and new curriculum implementation.
- Support student and staff wellness.
- Enhance facilities and technology infrastructure.
- Target an operating reserve balance at the end of 2025/26 fiscal year, excluding transportation, at 1 to 2 percent.

For 2025/26, schools have been directed to maintain optional school fees at the current levels, if possible, with no increases to individual courses greater than \$10 or five per cent. No new alternative program fees for programs of choice are to be introduced.

It is anticipated the Board's Budget Committee will receive the final operational and capital budgets for review by May 15. These will be brought forward at the May 22 regular public meeting of the Board for final review and approval.

Board Meeting Dates set for 2025/26

The calendar of meeting dates for the Board for the 2025/26 school year was approved and will be posted on the RVS [website](#).

March 6 Board Meeting

New Locally Developed Courses Approved

Locally developed courses (LDCs) allow school divisions to provide their students with access to unique opportunities to explore a range of interests in subject areas not part of the regular curriculum. These LDCs may be used to accommodate

student needs and interests, encourage and support innovative learning, address local community priorities and engage students who may be at risk of leaving school before graduating. New LDCs can be added each school year. For 2025/26, the Board approved the acquisition or extension of courses in guitar, media and cinema, portfolio art, positive psychology, the study of well-being, yoga fitness, Arabic language and culture, drawing and introduction to Canadian studies for English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners.

[Delegation – Busing and Transportation for Cochrane Christian Academy](#)

A delegation shared feedback on busing and transportation with the Board.

Principal Report for March 2025

- Grade 6-8 went to the Be Brave game during the last week of February and the grades 1-5 participated in Kindness activities with Sargent Patey for Pink Shirt Day
- Our leadership cohort presented at the Middle School Leadership Conference at the end of February – we also had some students attend the Bert Church Leadership Conference at the beginning of March
- Student led conferences went well – better turn out Thursday then Wednesday. We will be sending out a survey for parent interest in continuing with a combination of parent/teacher and student led conferences
- Grade 7/8 students attending the Crossfield Career Fair tomorrow – with Miss B. and Ms. Sevcik
- EMS will be here for a presentation later in March
- Indigenous Drummer will be here for two days in March
- Farm Safety presentation last week of March
- Feedback on Active Living Day for June – looking at either keeping FitSet Ninja or swimming for a morning
- Lynita Ludwig will not be returning to work for the remainder of the year. Amanda Jensen will continue to work as our CDA half-time until the end of the year.
- Closer to Home will be running a Babysitting course for interested students over the lunch hour on Mondays shortly. Communication has been sent out to families.
- Closer to Home will be able to provide a session on the Home Alone program which the school will provide in the fall.

Treasurer Report

Kathryn Parent Council Financials

Date	Item	In	Out	Balance
1-Sep-23	Opening Balance, 2023-2024			\$2,483.23
16-Jan-24	Escape Room		\$176.20	\$2,307.03
14-Feb-24	Escape Room Food Purchases		\$93.87	\$2,213.16
20-Feb-24	GST Refund	\$2.58		\$2,215.74
6-Jun-24	Food- Kate, Aggie Days		\$58.55	\$2,157.19
7-Jun-24	Food- Nevada, Aggie Days		\$107.25	\$2,049.94
18-Jun-24	Grade 8 Farewell		\$230.35	\$1,819.59
2024-2025				
10-Sep-24	Opening Balance			\$1,819.59
Nov	Deposit	\$260.00		\$2,079.59

Kathryn Kanteen Financials

2024-2025

Date	Item	In	Out	Balance
Oct. 2024	Parent Purchases	1,850.00		1,850.00
Oct. 2024	Parent Refund		20.00	1,830.00
10-Oct-24	Costco		436.72	1,393.28
17-Oct-24	Superstore		26.90	1,366.38
18-Oct-24	Costco		192.19	1,174.19
18-Oct-24	WalMart		18.71	1,155.48
24-Oct-24	Dollarama		17.33	1,138.15
30-Oct-24	Wholesale Club		359.35	778.80
Nov. 2024	Parent Purchases	360.00		1,138.80
7-Nov-24	Walmart		114.44	1,024.36
12-Nov-24	SuperStore		35.70	988.66
14-Nov-24	Walmart		16.76	971.90
22-Nov-24	Costco		32.32	939.58
24-Nov-24	Dollarama		8.13	931.45
25-Nov-24	Costco		47.56	883.89
Dec. 2024	Parent Purchases	270.00		1,153.89
5-Dec-24	Dollarama		4.20	1,149.69

5-Dec-24	Wholesale Club		100.14	1,049.55
Jan 2025.	Parent Purchases	470.00		1,519.55
7-Jan-25	Costco		83.94	1,435.61
20-Jan-25	Costco		151.92	1,283.69
21-Jan-25	Save On Food		4.19	1,279.50
21-Jan-25	Superstore		12.71	1,266.79
Feb 2025.	Parent Purchases	180.00		1,446.79
2-Feb-25	Costco		113.94	1,332.85
3-Feb-25	Amazon, Index Card Holder		28.97	1,303.88
4-Feb-25	Costco		74.51	1,229.37
28-Feb-25	Walmart		16.00	1,213.37
28-Feb-25	Costco		119.06	1,094.31
March	Parent Purchases	240.00		1,334.31
6-Mar-25	Costco		66.20	1,268.11
12-Mar-25	Costco		142.16	1,125.95