

Kathyrn School Council
Meeting Minutes- May 6, 2025

Meeting called to order at 8:47am

Present: Angela Rott, Kate Culp, Nevada Wright, Tara Olson, Cheryl Schreiber, Joanne Wray, Nilsa Wise, Carla Shierman, Norma Lang and Jessica Brown.

Minutes from the April meeting were motioned to be approved by Carla Shierman with Nevada Wright to 2nd.

Treasurer's Report: Please see the attached full report presented by Nilsa.

School general account balance: \$2,079.59

- The \$260 school council money went into a different account at the beginning of the year. It has since been found and will go into the proper account.
- Jessica Brown motion to repay Kate Culp for the Churros and Joanne Wray to 2nd.

Kathyrn Kanteen account balance: \$1,511.92

- No more money coming into the Kanteen this year.

Trustee's Report: Please see the attached full report from Norma.

Important information:

- Bus fees will be going up \$70/rider next year and will continue to rise as the board uses the reserves.
- Goldwyn community (new development west of Balzac) is zoned for children to come to Kathyrn and Beiseker.

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

Important dates:

- Parent survey going out this week.
- May 22nd volunteer tea.
- May 29th Fit Set Ninja at school.
- June 13 Kinder orientation.

Kathyrn Kanteen Update: Tara Olson

- Tara is going to take a step back from the Kanteen next year and will be looking for someone to fill in. She will need grocery shoppers or will look into Instacart options.
- Cheryl will not be part of Kanteen next year, but will be willing to volunteer.
- June 3 & 5 will only be a hot menu and the rest will just be a walk up menu.
- If there is over \$20 in the students account it will get rolled over to next year. Under that amount doesn't.

- Next year there will be a family account that you top up, instead of individual students.
- Wondering what to do with the leftover food that won't last through the summer, we will revisit this question at the June meeting.

Old Business:

- Staff Appreciation is today 11:30-1:00.
- Grad dance June 20 from 5:30-7
 - Line dancing in gym class
 - Kate to make a playlist and DJ
 - Decorations
 - Photo booth will be run by Tara
 - Popcorn machine will be available and possibly leftover food from the Kanteen.
 - Bring outside games
 - Looking into having the Community Use Supervisor on site.
 - Kate Culp motioned to grant the Grad Committee \$185 to be accessible to Joanne for the Grade 8 Grad Farewell and to be used at her discretion. Nilsa Wise to 2nd.
 - Walk-a-thon pitch to be on Meadow Lark trail next year as it will be the 40th year. We will revisit this at the June meeting.

New Business:

Upcoming meeting to be June 11 at 8:45am

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35am

Principal Report May 2025

- Closer to Home Babysitting Course – of the 11 students we have had 3 students drop out, but course is on track to finish beginning of June
- Parent Survey from Our School will be sent out to parents this week. Students completed the survey last week
- Infrastructure meeting is planned for next week with the planning department and Garry Bell – will be looking at what changes can happen for our spaces (moving the foods room to an alternative space)
- Walk-a-thon scheduled for this Friday – we have lots of volunteers signed up
- Grade 8 students will be joining the grade 8 Beiseker students for an active living day on May 13th – students will be sharing a bus with Beiseker

- Grade 8 transition shadow day will be scheduled for the beginning of June, not May 27th which is the date that was in the calendar.
- Volunteer Tea is scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd
- PAT – grade 6 ELA is scheduled for May 28th
- Fitset Ninja will be an active living day at the school May 29th
- We have interviewed for a grade 6 teacher as Lee Drummond resigned.
- We will be posting for a grade 7/8 teacher within the next couple of weeks
- Trevor Ward has resigned his position as learning assistant at the school as he has accepted a new position outside of education. We will have substitute learning assistants fill in for his position for the remainder of the year
- The school board has approved the student accommodation of Goldwyn, which is a new community in Rocky View County, just south of Airdrie boundary. Any students living in this area attending English programming will attend Kathryn School for Kindergarten to grade 8. Grade 9-12 students will attend Beiseker School.

May 2025 Ward Four Trustee Report to School Councils - Kathryn

April 17

Majority of School Fees Remain Unchanged for 2025/26

The Board of Trustees of RVS encourages schools to offer a diverse range of engaging opportunities that support students in exploring interests and learning new skills, while thoughtfully balancing any associated costs to families. The Board has approved minimal increases to school fees for 2025/26 despite increases in the costs of materials, travel, equipment and other items required in many optional courses, programs, field trips and other activities. Fees for Programs of Choice such as Building Futures and the Mechanics Training Centre remain unchanged, ensuring students continue to have access to these diverse and enriching opportunities.

- 80 per cent of current school fees across the division are maintained. Of the 20 per cent with increases, less than half increased to the maximum \$10 or five per cent
- 117 fees are eliminated as they are no longer required
- 106 new optional courses and extracurricular activity fees were added

Families with low or modest incomes who qualify for the federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) credit can apply to have optional course fees waived. The approved schedule of school fees will be posted to the RVS website and on school websites by the end of June.

Community Use Fees Maintained at Current Rates to Encourage Use of RVS Facilities

To provide our communities with access to RVS' well-maintained indoor and outdoor facilities when not in use by schools and encourage ongoing use by the public, fees for 2025/26 will remain at current levels. The fees are in line with comparable facilities in our service area, with any proceeds being invested back into schools.

Connecting with our communities is a priority in the Board's Strategic Plan and community use of our facilities is tracked in support of this priority. In 2023/24, an RVS facility was accessed by the community 3,246 times.

RVS Prioritizes Safe, Accessible Transportation While Supporting Families Amid Rising Costs

The Board is committed to ensuring students have safe and accessible transportation while minimizing the impact of rising costs of providing student transportation on our families. While the Board has maintained transportation fees over the last four years, mounting costs require an increase in the fee to close the gap between government funding and the costs for providing the service.

Raising the regular transportation fee by \$70 for Grades 1 – 12 in 2025/26 – while maintaining family and early registration discounts – introducing a half-price rate for Kindergarten students and charging a full fee for students requiring access to a second stop, means RVS can sustain service levels within budget and keep instructional funds focused on classrooms.

RVS provides transportation to approximately 13,500 students each year on more than 300 routes – and those numbers will continue to rise for the 2025/26 school year as enrolment increases. Given the unpredictability of transportation funding from government and other external factors like bus and driver availability and contractor costs, effectively managing transportation resources is essential for RVS to consistently meet families' busing needs at a reasonable cost.

May 1 Board Meeting Notes

Students Recognized for Achieving 100 Per Cent on January Diploma Exams

The Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools (RVS) congratulated seven students who achieved a perfect score on a provincial diploma exam administered in January. The Board is extremely proud of these students for their outstanding accomplishments.

RVS Committed to Goals and Outcomes of Education Plan in Third Year

RVS' Education Plan guides the work classroom staff and administration do every day to help our students achieve their absolute best. The goals of the 2023-2027 Education Plan are to advance students' literacy and numeracy skills, build future-ready students and create inclusive, engaging, healthy learning environments for all students.

The Board approved year three of the plan that builds on two years of strong implementation and growth and an intensified focus in areas students demonstrate increasing need for support. RVS remains committed to achieving the goals and outcomes of the 2023-2027 Education Plan maintaining consistency in measures and reporting, with minimal adjustments for the upcoming school year.

Priorities for year three include providing active learning opportunities, ensuring effective instruction and assessment practices, creating communities of inclusivity and promoting healthy, safe environments for all students.

RVS will expand the OurSCHOOL survey to include all parents/guardians in May. Families have an important voice in their children's education and their feedback is important to help inform division and school education plans.

Government's Modular Classroom Approvals Falls Short of Need

On April 17, Alberta Education informed RVS that it would receive 5 new classroom units and one washroom unit relocation through the Modular Classroom Program. These six units fall short of RVS' request and, as a result, pressure on our schools will continue with utilization at many rising above 100 per cent by 2026/27.

RVS submitted a request for 27 new modular classroom units and one washroom unit relocation to Alberta Education in November 2024. The requested number of units was based on the need within many of RVS' communities for additional student spaces until new schools can be built and opened.

Student Accommodation Designations Best Balance School Utilizations

Students moving into two new communities in Airdrie and Rocky View County are anticipated to begin attending RVS schools in 2025/26. Construction of homes in the new community of Vantage Rise in Airdrie's southwest is expected to occur over the spring and summer of 2025. Home construction in the

community of Goldwyn in Rocky View County – south of Airdrie and west of Highway 2 – is currently underway.

Administration reviewed utilization projections for schools in RVS and recommended school accommodation designations for students from these new communities which best utilize the available student spaces in our already crowded Airdrie schools.

The Board approved the following which will not impact any of our current students or the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces implementation:

Vantage Rise		Goldwyn	
English	French Immersion	English	French Immersion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten to Grade 5 students to Cooper's Crossing School Grade 6-9 students to Muriel Clayton Middle School Grade 10-12 students to George McDougall High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten to Grade 6 at École Edwards Elementary School Grade 7-9 at École Airdrie Middle School Grade 10-12 at George McDougall High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten to Grade 8 students to Kathryn School Grade 9-12 students to Beiseker Community School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten to Grade 6 students to École Edwards Elementary School Grade 7-9 students to École Airdrie Middle School Grade 10-12 students to George McDougall High School

Board Provided Second Quarter Financial Update

RVS' budget continues to feel pressure despite an increase in the base grant received from the provincial government. Lower than expected enrolment leading to a reduction in instructional funding as well as an increase in funding for mental health and curriculum grants means RVS is expecting a higher than budgeted revenue of \$328.5 million for the 2024/25 school year. Despite this increase RVS is projecting higher total expenses of \$332.1 million with a **deficit of approximately \$3.6 million to be drawn from the division's reserves**. As of the end of the second quarter, expenses were approximately half of the budget and expected to come in slightly lower than budgeted due to lower spending in contracts and supplies.

Board Policy Updates

Through an annual self-evaluation process the Board establishes goals for itself focused on the continuous improvement of practice. Part of this work for 2024/25 includes reviewing and refining some key policies that form the framework of the work of the Board. In support of this goal, the Board approved changes to Policy 2 – Role of the Board, Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee, and Policy 12 – Role of the Superintendent.

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	560.00		1,654.31

6-Mar-25	Costco		66.20	1,588.11
12-Mar-25	Costco		142.16	1,445.95
20-Mar-25	Costco		212.14	1,233.81
April	Parent Purchases	430.00		1,663.81
7-Apr-25	Costco		18.99	1,644.82
8-Apr-25	Walmart		16.00	1,628.82
14-Apr-25	Costco		55.96	1,572.86
May	Parent Purchases	60.00		1,632.86
1-May-25	Costco		120.94	1,511.92
5-May-25	Costco		61.97	1,449.95
13-May-25	Costco		73.76	1,376.19
22-May-25	Costco/No Frills		35.99	1,340.20