

Kathyrn School Council
Meeting Minutes- June 11, 2025

Meeting called to order at 8:48am

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

Additions to the agenda: Boundary discussion and yearbooks.

Minutes from the May meeting were motioned to be approved by Nilsa Wise with Tara Olson to 2nd.

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

School general account balance: \$1,967.93

- There is still up to \$148.34 left that is allocated for Joanne to spend on Grade 8 Farewell.

Kathyrn Kanteen account balance: \$1,072.53

- No more money coming into the Kanteen this year.

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

Important information:

- Kathyrn school boundaries don't make sense. Especially with the new addition of the community in Balzac. The busses will be driving right past other communities closer so how do we get those communities added to our boundary?
- We will be considered Ward 2.
- The Teachers have voted in favor of a strike, not mainly for more money but for more support in complex classroom situations, for smaller class sizes, more resources for the new curriculum. Negotiations are set to happen on June 19 & 20 as well as the last week in August.

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

Important information:

- June 13 Kinder orientation. 15 are already registered.
- Back to school BBQ is September 18.
- Angela Rott will be starting a new chapter at a different school and will be replaced by Averie Meisner.
- Trevor Tedrick will be replacing Zoe for the grade 7/8 class.

School Council Chair Report & Correspondence:

- Facebook page to have a direct link to information on the strike.

- Have a place where families can educate them in such a way to explain it to their children.

Kathryn Kanteen Update: Tara Olson

- Wrapped up well this year. A successful first year.
- Cheryl will not be part of Kanteen next year, but will be willing to volunteer.
- If there is over \$20 in the students account it will get rolled over to next year. Under that amount doesn't. This will only happen for this year, going forward any funds left in the account will be a donation.
- Looking for a shopper for the Kanteen.
- Next year will still be set up as individual buying and not family.

Old Business:

- Grad Farewell Family dance June 20 from 5:30-7
 - Balloon arch will be used for the assembly, dance and photo booth.

New Business:

- Kelly will look into talking with the grounds keeper about proper removal of snow and where they can park during pick up hours. Our parking lot is small and there is more and more parents that are driving their kids, so the parking lot is over full some days.
- Starting the conversation about what it would take to get yearbooks back. Lifetouch has a minimum order of 50 yearbooks which we would never meet as a small school. Carla will look into different options for a yearbook.

Upcoming meeting to be **September 9 at 8:45am**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:35am

Treasurer's Report by Nilsa Wise:

Kathryn Parent Council Financials, Acct 820-0000				
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
18/Jun/25	Costco- Family Dance		\$116.64	\$1,702.95
Acct 300-0613				
1/Sep/24	Deposit- RVS board	\$260.00		\$260.00
May	Churros-Staff Appreciation		\$74.95	\$185.05
May	Dance Decorations		\$36.71	\$148.34
Acct 370-0613				
1/Sep/24	ASCE Grant	\$500.00		\$500.00
Mar. 2025	Cup of Joy		\$500.00	\$0.00

Kathyrn 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		8.14	931.44
25/Nov/24	Costco		47.56	883.88
Dec. 2024	Parent Purchases	270.00		1,153.88
5/Dec/24	Dollarama		4.20	1,149.68

5/Dec/24	Wholesale Club		100.14	1,049.54
Jan 2025.	Parent Purchases	470.00		1,519.54
7/Jan/25	Costco		83.94	1,435.60
20/Jan/25	Costco		151.92	1,283.68
21/Jan/25	Save On Food		4.19	1,279.49
21/Jan/25	Superstore		12.71	1,266.78
Feb 2025.	Parent Purchases	180.00		1,446.78
2/Feb/25	Costco		113.94	1,332.84
3/Feb/25	Amazon, Index Card Holder		28.97	1,303.87
4/Feb/25	Costco		74.51	1,229.36
28/Feb/25	Walmart		16.00	1,213.36
28/Feb/25	Costco		119.06	1,094.30
March	Parent Purchases	560.00		1,654.30
6/Mar/25	Costco		66.20	1,588.10
12/Mar/25	Costco		142.16	1,445.94
17/Mar/25	Wholesale Club		171.62	1,274.32
20/Mar/25	Costco		212.14	1,062.18
April	Parent Purchases	430.00		1,492.18
7/Apr/25	Costco		18.99	1,473.19
8/Apr/25	Walmart		16.00	1,457.19
14/Apr/25	Costco		55.96	1,401.23
15/Apr/25	Wholesale Club		102.97	1,298.26
May	Parent Purchases	60.00		1,358.26
1/May/25	Costco		120.94	1,237.32
5/May/25	Costco		61.97	1,175.35
13/May/25	Costco		73.76	1,101.59
22/May/25	Costco/No Frills		35.99	1,065.60
28/May/25	Dollarama		4.20	1,061.40
29/May/25	Costco		23.99	1,037.41

	GST Rebate	35.12		1,072.53
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Trustee's Report by Norma Lang:

June 2025 Ward Four Trustee Report to School Councils -

Congratulations to RVS' Class of 2025!

Approximately 2,300 students from our 11 high schools across RVS

Construction of New Kindergarten – Grade 9 School in South Windsong About to Get Underway

Construction of the first of the new schools approved for Rocky View Schools (RVS) is expected to begin this spring, adding valuable student spaces in Airdrie's southwest.

Following years of strong advocacy for space for students, RVS received government approval for this much-needed school in Budget 2024. It currently takes about three years to build a new school after a division receives construction funding approval.

The design of the new Kindergarten – Grade 9 school is complete, and the construction contract has been awarded to EllisDon. It is being built as a P3 project, a collaboration between the public and private sector. The school will have capacity for 905 students when it opens, which is expected to be in the fall of 2027.

Changes coming – Ryan Reed Superintendent Designate started his work and will play superintendent at this week's board meeting while Sup L attends his son's university grad.

Jeff Smith will be taking the helm in Dept of Schools as the transition occurs this summer.

Fall Municipal Election – nomination process is underway and forms available for download from the RVS home page. Some new candidates coming forward – I met with someone from Springbank and an election in our area is taking shape, there is someone planning to run from Langdon. A person living in the RVS division can choose to run in an area other than the one they live in. Example – if someone lives just outside of Airdrie in our ward, they could run in Airdrie or in our ward. Or in Cochrane if maybe they knew they were moving to Cochrane. true for RVS because we have cities inside our ward.

May 22 Board Meeting Notes - delighted

Kathyrn School Celebrates Agricultural Roots

Students at Kathyrn School celebrate the agricultural heritage of this close-knit farming community through a variety of experiences and lessons throughout the year including the popular Aggie Day. Local farmers, businesses and community members share what they do in the agricultural field with students and staff from Kathyrn School and nearby

Beiseker Community School. Presenters provide information about a variety of topics, including crop management, cattle farming, vegetable farming, beekeeping, farm safety and agricultural equipment. It is a chance for students to learn more about the heritage and history of the local community and discover what the latest and greatest trends are in agriculture.

Given the rural location of the school, teachers regularly find opportunities to connect students with agricultural experiences to build their knowledge and provide exposure to career paths in the agricultural industry.

Real-world opportunities like Aggie Day help to build future-ready students, an important goal of RVS' Education Plan.

2025/26 Budget Focused on Supporting Students and Classrooms

The approved 2025/26 RVS Budget reflects the Board's key budget priority of providing direct resources to schools to support student learning with a focus on numeracy, literacy and new curriculum implementation. Most of the \$344.5 million budget (\$221.8 million) will go directly to schools in areas such as classroom and school staffing, numeracy, literacy, career learning and inclusion supports, Indigenous knowledge-building, technology, and school-based supplies and resources.

Every instructional dollar RVS receives is spent to directly support learning – zero instructional dollars are spent on division operations.

In 2025/26, \$16.3 million will be allocated directly to schools to strengthen the delivery of inclusion supports and services.

An additional \$1 million for classroom staffing will focus on improving numeracy support and intervention for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8/9. High schools will also see increased staffing to expand career education programming.

To meet the growing complexity of student needs, learning support teachers are placed in schools – ensuring every K–8/9 school has at least one dedicated learning support teacher. Additional support teachers will be assigned based on each school's population and unique needs. In alignment with the Board's budget priority to support student and staff wellness, ongoing government funding for mental health is another welcome step, replacing temporary pilot project funding and allowing for long-term, stable planning and effective use of resources.

Most school fees will remain unchanged for the coming school year. Diverse learning opportunities such as the Mechanics Training Centre, Building Futures and dual-credit programs will continue to be offered, providing important choice for students and supporting RVS' commitment to offering a diverse range of engaging opportunities to help prepare them for the future.

Transportation expenditures will increase to \$27.3 million for the 2025/26 school year based on increased contractor costs, student enrolment and an anticipated 14 additional bus routes. As a result, the fee per student will increase by \$70 per year for Grades 1 – 12. To mitigate the impact of this increase on RVS families, early registration and family discounts will be maintained and a half-time rate will be introduced for Kindergarten students.

RVS continues to face financial pressure due to rising inflation and increasing core

operating costs. To balance the 2025/26 budget, the division will need to use \$1.4 million in operating reserves for transportation services. This aligns with the Board's budget priority to target an operating reserve balance at 1 to 2 per cent while maintaining reserve levels within the range mandated by the provincial government at 1 to 6 per cent.

The current Average Adjusted Enrolment funding model, which does not provide funding for every student, every year, creates challenges for a growing division like RVS. The Board believes every student must be fully funded every year to ensure equitable access to quality education. In the upcoming school year, approximately 140 full-time students are expected to be unfunded by the province. As a result, RVS must redirect operational dollars that could have otherwise been used to enhance supports for all students.

The Board will continue to advocate to the provincial government for an equitable funding formula and increases to the funding needed for classroom complexities. The approved budget will be posted on RVS' website soon.

Adjustment Request Aims to Maximize Use of Modular Classrooms

On April 17, RVS was advised it had received approval from the provincial government for five new modular classrooms and the relocation of a washroom unit. To maximize efficiency, achieve the greatest cost savings and ensure these important student spaces are placed where they are most needed, the Board approved submitting a request to the government for amendments to the planned locations of these modular classrooms. If approved, four units will be placed at Nose Creek Elementary School in Airdrie, reducing utilization of the school from 118 per cent to 101 per cent for 2025/26. The remaining new classroom unit as well as the washroom unit will be installed at Rainbow Creek Elementary School in Chestermere, providing additional space for students newly designated to this school who will begin attending Rainbow Creek in 2025/26. (4 units were requested as part of 27 for CES)

2025/26 School Calendar Modified

The Board approved changes to the 2025/26 school calendar to better accommodate Kindergarten students and to provide options intended to decrease the anxiety some students may experience over the start of the school year. These changes will apply to all school calendars moving forward.

- Two three-way child-parent-teacher Kindergarten conference days will be held, one in the fall and one in the spring for all RVS schools.
- Full-day, alternating day Kindergarten was approved for five schools: Cochrane Christian Academy, Indus School, Langdon School, Kathyryn School and Westbrook School.
- All RVS schools can choose to adopt staggered entry for the start of the school year. Part of the student body will begin school on September 2 with the remainder beginning on September 3. **Staggered entry is totally optional and recommended mostly for large complex schools with students coming in midstream from various feeder schools.**

School Approvals and Funding Gains Reflect Strong Advocacy

Advocating for RVS students to ensure they receive a world-class education where they can achieve their absolute best is an important role of the Board. In 2024/25, the Board implemented a variety of strategies and tactics to bolster their advocacy efforts in priority areas of greatest need. Advocacy work in 2024/25 built on the learnings and successes of previous years' advocacy efforts which have resulted in **seven new schools being approved for RVS. The Board has also seen changes to the education funding formula and small increases to funding rates, two focus areas of its advocacy efforts.** Tactics included monthly advocacy focus topics shared through social media posts, Web stories, media releases and other activities that highlight the great work happening in RVS. Emails were sent to government officials and RVS' school councils to share information and maintain open lines of conversation and dialogue. Updates were also made to the Advocacy section of the RVS website. The Board participated in trade shows/fairs in Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere where the public had a chance to ask questions, offer feedback and pick up informational handouts.

Advocacy will remain a focus for the Board in 2025/26 – there is still work to be done to ensure all students can learn, belong and succeed in schools that are inclusive, safe and supportive.

RVS Board Meets with Infrastructure Minister on Top Space for Students Priorities

On May 21, the Board met with the Honourable Martin Long, Minister of Infrastructure, and members of his team. During the meeting, the Board shared key information about RVS, highlighted our top infrastructure advocacy priorities, and presented potential solutions aimed at streamlining the school construction and approval process.

Currently it takes about three years to build a new school after we receive construction funding approval. This process is slower than what RVS communities need, and the Board looks forward to working with Minister Long and Alberta Infrastructure to get schools designed, built and open for learning faster.

June 5 Board Meeting

Celebrating Staff Academic Achievement

Staff who have gained a professional certificate or completed post-secondary degrees over the last year were recognized by the Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools (RVS) at a special ceremony June 5.

Staff recognition event – Stacy:

Stacy Greenwood

Administrative Assistant III, Kathryn School

Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations (with Distinction) –

Athabasca University

“Stacy’s commitment to ongoing and life-long learning not only benefits RVS,

but also the community of Kathryn School where she interacts daily with families, students and staff members in her role. Stacy's achievement will further support her role in the competencies of fostering effective relationships and leadership, making her a valued member of the community she serves. Congratulations!"

Angela Rott, Assistant Principal

Student Suspensions Trending Downward

An analysis of the rate of student suspensions in 2024/25 by administration has shown the rate is trending downward. Trustees were provided with trend data on various categories of suspensions. An increasing number of families continue to access a number of supports for their children who might be struggling. The Board will continue to advocate for an increase in funding for mental health and well-being supports to meet the evolving needs of our students.

Response Received from Minister of Education and Childcare

On May 28, the Board received correspondence from the Minister of Education and Child Care in response to its March 19 letter. The Board is advocating for a more equitable funding model for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students and a steady stream of capital project approvals to alleviate future space pressures on RVS students and staff. In his response, the Minister highlighted the shift to a two-year average enrolment funding model and commended the Board for contributing to this important conversation.

- A.E. Bowers Elementary School – Angela Rott from Assistant Principal Kathryn School to Assistant Principal A.E. Bowers Elementary in Airdrie
- Beiseker Community School – Sean Mickelson from Teacher Springbank Community High School to Assistant Principal Beiseker Community School

Honouring 21 Years of Service

The Board congratulates Murray Besenski on his upcoming retirement. Murray has been a valued member of RVS since June 1, 2004, serving as Associate Superintendent of Schools for over 21 years. Throughout his tenure, he has provided exceptional support to our system, staff and students and we acknowledge the significant legacy he leaves behind – one marked by integrity, service and a genuine dedication to student success. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Murray for his unwavering commitment and many years of distinguished service to Rocky View Schools.

Administrator's Report by Kelly Huck: Principal Report June 2025

Money raised for walk a thon - \$12,700

Kindergarten orientation this Friday – we have 15 registered for the fall (coming for orientation)

School division is deciding this Friday on moving the Foods room

We have replaced the blinds in the school and will need to replace all the school mats in

the fall. We will need to put a request for mat replacement.

Staffing:

Andrea Wise was the successful candidate to replace Trevor for the month of June. We will be having a must place her next year moving forward

We are saying goodbye to Angela at the end of the year. We will be having a new assistant principal in the fall: Averie Meisner will be joining us

We are saying goodbye to Zoe – grade 7/8 teacher. Trevor Tedrick will be our new grade 7/8 teacher at .95 FTE

Meeting in the fall – before the barbeque – September 18 th

Babysitting course is completed – we have the home alone course scheduled for the fall

Grade 8 farewell – school is booked for the dance

Events for remainder of year

- June 11-Staff Meeting
- June 12- Zoo, Gr K-3
- June 13- Kinder Orientation
- June 13- All books should be returned by this date
- June 18-Indigenous Dancers
- June 19- Activity afternoon with hot dog lunch -Keoma Lions Club
- June 20-Farewell Assembly
- June 20-Last Day of Kindergarten
- June 23- Calaway Park, Gr 7/8
- June 23 – Grade 5 and 5/6 swimming Acme Pool
- June 25-Last Day of School and taco-in-a-bag
- June 26/27-Organizational Days