



School Council

**Minutes of the ÉEVE School Council Meeting
February 13, 2024
2:00pm In-person and Zoom**

SC Executive:

Caley Remington, Chair - present
Chelsey Conrad, Co-Chair - regrets
Judi Hunter, School Board Trustee - present
Jennifer Tanguay, Secretary - present
Sharelle Stitt, Treasurer - present

School Administration Members:

Denise Weaver, Principal - present
Alanna Berger, Assistant Principal - present

Attendees:

Robin Somji, Kirsten Inglis, Jessica Gergely, Janelle Wimperis

1. Call to Order

Caley called the meeting to order at 2:10pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Caley motioned to accept the agenda and minutes as circulated; Kirsten requested to go first for reports; amendment noted without objection; motion carried.

3. Volunteer Coordinator (Kirsten)

Mr. Lofthouse still looking for volunteers on some sign-up genius spots, request sent to learning commons committee. Caley will pass on via class-rep fanout list. Fun Day (HH money) idea to pass on, 'Crate Art Therapy' with Kristy Herdman, 1 hour workshop/class is \$150/class; artist in residence rates: 1/2 day \$500, full day \$700, full school assembly option for 2 hour workshop \$700. \$1-2/student art supply cost. Denise: Every vendor needs to be vetted by RVS bus/ops, "therapy" is tricky, artist in residence encouraged. We don't provide therapeutic intervention.

4. School Trustee Report

See newsletter below for full report. Community Association in the past have had a robotics program for kids, wondering if that would be supported here - kids pay but program held here at the school, would need to book a room, CPF would provide translation in French. Denise: Just spent \$10K on robotics, computer science new science strand. No curriculum money, worked with divisional team, our team, every grade level represented, option to do in French after school would be great. Supplies bought. Judi: Would be done in French alongside English teacher, would pay and supplies provided. I will book space with RVS, will let community association know to go ahead. Also, animation in French on iPad, can we use iPads at the school. Denise: Waiting on 30 purchased with casino money, kit they sign out. Judi: 1hr project. Collective agreement with teachers done.

FEBRUARY 2024 TRUSTEE REPORT JUDI HUNTER, WARD 5

Division Administration provided an update on the progress of RVS '2023-2027 Education Plan, approved by the Board of Trustees in May 2023 .

Highlights from the first four months of the 2023/24 school year include:

Goal 1 Advancing students 'literacy and numeracy skills.

Schools have developed School improvement plans to align with the system goals. All schools have set literacy and numeracy goals and targets to improve student literacy and numeracy.

Goal 2 Building future-ready students.

33 schools formed a Career Connections Strategy to discuss current practices related to career education planning and best practices for providing students in Grades 6 – 12 with access to initiatives intended to help build career skills development programs. A Career Connections Practice Guide is being developed.

Goal 3 Creating inclusive, engaging, healthy learning opportunities for all students.

Schools are focused on teaching Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)-focused lessons in each classroom, expanding their use of 'catching kids doing good 'and rewarding them in various ways for positive behavior.

January to June will see the launching of the following initiatives:

Development of the RVS Math Assessment tool in the spring.

Implementation the "OURSCHOOL "survey for students in Grades 4 – 12; this survey replaces the Education Plan Survey conducted by RVS in support of the previous Four Year Education Plan.

Implementation of new curriculum and the use of learning disruption funding to support our youngest readers and mathematicians.

RVS is committed to investing time and resources in staff learning and development.

The Administrative Leadership Program (ALP) explores concepts around leadership and is intended for certificated staff interested in advancing to an administrative role. There are currently 69 individuals enrolled in the program, at various levels. Additional opportunities for school leaders to learn more about instructional or managerial leadership are offered through focused capacity-building programs.

The Education Centre Leadership Development and Support Program encourages Education Centre staff to develop leadership skills. Now in its second year, there are 22 participants currently in the program.

Various other professional learning and development opportunities are available through the Learning department for teachers, support staff and administrators. Since the start of the school year, 1,620 staff have participated in the 66 offerings.

RVS 'centrally organized professional learning opportunities have a 94 percent rating from staff who said the session was valuable to them on exit surveys.

The Airdrie community consultation on Balancing Spaces for Students continues until March 17. A Board decision on how to proceed will be made April 25, 2024.

Communities of Springbank, Cochrane and Bearspaw have raised concerns over new developments proposed by Rockyview County and the impact on the ability of current schools to accommodate the potential new students. School space shortages are an issue across Canada.

Rocky View Schools (RVS) Divisions and the local Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) have reached a collective agreement.

5. Administration Report

Denise: Literacy Night - a lot of parents, different as no kids. Feedback has been great. Caley: Liked it was interactive, not in a room listening and taking notes, learned a lot. Robin: Loved it, walk around, take what you want out of it, fantastic, implemented a few things at home already. Excellent job to you and staff. Caley: Everyone stayed on task, didn't transfer into chatter/conversation. Feedback has been I went last year so why do it again. Last year was the first in a long time, big turnout, people didn't realize it would be different this year. Jessica: Found it difficult because no kids, didn't have a sitter, is a kid-area an option for next year? Caley: High school or Girl Guide volunteers for babysitting. Sharelle: Liked grade-specific content, could look ahead at what's to come. Kirsten: Liked QR codes, take away info for later. Denise: Package being developed to send out with QR codes etc. Looking at new data, making huge gains. Exceptional team and team work. Proud and pleased with English and French. Trialled U Fly with Grade 3&4, can move around and get the help you need. Facebook and Instagram account: waited until now to start posting, daily posts started - my lens on what's happening here and now. Grade 4 felting, parents exceptional, so many came in.

Alanna: FI info night went amazing, 10-12 families, next one in May - invite English registrations and K moving into Grade 1. Don't have a visual presence we're a French school. Committed parents. Denise: School Tour that afternoon, huge turnout, lots of questions, may be that they didn't come back for the info night. Rhonda said we've never had that kind of a turn-out before. Moved OWL Outlook back to weekly, hope it's helpful. RVS moving all schools websites to same platform as RVS page, very well done. School website is all business, FB/IG personal. Judi: Want to reduce work on staff for managing website. Denise: Biweekly updates from teachers. Mar 19&21 student-led conferences. Grade 2&3 working on lunar new year project, dragon dance in gym tomorrow.

Alanna: PBIS - Team met, catch kids mistakes, F&E lesson plans. Brave, Respectful, Responsible, Community. Kids do this beautifully as do the staff. Will send out matrix, more details to parents. Want it to be more purposeful ie. What is it like to be respectful in the bathroom, bus, outside. Want it to be more purposeful. Want better permanent visuals, once solidified.

Healthy Hunger money is School Generated Funds currently sitting at \$8,907. Propose to SC to spend \$1,100 on hats for Friendly Helpers gifts at beginning of year, to make them identifiable. Caley: We did approve that at the special meeting held with myself, Chelsey and Sharelle. Up to \$5K to pay for French Culture Week: Rocks and Rings - busy that week but will come in another time \$1,000; Cabane à sucre (maple syrup) event \$1,500; Folkloforie music group; Spoons; up to \$5K for entire week based on last years budget. All students benefit. And, eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt up to \$500. Caley: SGF is an account that we administer, money from HH and dance goes here, needs to be spent by end of year.

Alanna moves that School Council use SGF up to \$5,000 for French Culture Week and up to \$500; seconded by Caley; no objections; all in favour; motion carried.

Kirsten moves that School Council use SGF up to \$500 for Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt with Mrs. Z; seconded by Robin; no objections; all in favour; motion carried.

6. Co-Chair's Report

Caley: Chelsey sends her regrets, dealing with a family emergency. Date for MD Motivator will be March 19 or 26. 19th is student-led conferences, anything in the school calendar for the 26th? Alanna: No. Day or evening? Caley: Parents in the evening, Eventbrite \$5/ticket, to recover cost. High School gym - need to figure out details. School: 45 minute presentation + 15 minute Q&A for EVE & SMS. Agreed to do 2 presentations per school for kids, doing a lot more than normally would do due to personal connection of manager with the school. Timing coordinated with an event in Calgary with Connor McDavid. Grant money to be used for parent engagement session, would need to offer to full community. Timing could be adjusted to the 19th, parents already here. Could choose other night if students planning to go to conference, but some don't bring them, up to parents. Judi: Westbrook wanting to come. Caley: I haven't heard from them.

7. Treasurer Report

Nothing to add, looks good.

8. Fun Lunch Report (Kim)

Current revenue sits at \$8,907. Mucho Burrito added 93 orders, \$111/17% profit which is the lowest but good considering the short window to order. 2 new dates added, March 28 and May 16.

9. Yearbook Committee Report (Robin)

Candids up to date, need more pictures, maybe a poster in staff room about it? Denise: Taking daily pictures, Rhonda creating a folder to put them in. Jessica: Need to be emailed in high-resolution, will let Rhonda know. Off phone, need to pick 'actual size'.

Caley: Set-up an air drop date for teachers. Robin: Cover contest went out. Changing from 8.5x11 to more images, being more inclusive, will acknowledge each child. Professional lettering on the front, portrait of each class. Candid pages will have more photos. Want to add more art work ie. for Welcome Back BBQ. Order call-out after cover contest done.

10. Canadian Parents for French (Janelle)

No report given.

11. Community Outreach (Katarina)

No report given.

12. FÉEVES

No report given.

13. Open Floor

Sharelle: MusicFest - helped a lot last year but busy with work, happy to share tips for someone else who takes this on. Alanna: No paper tickets this year from Jubilee, working on a way to make it work (blackouts, codes). Sharelle: If people can pick their own seats, suggest they can't leave a gap, this happened last year and we would have ran out of seats as a result. Caley: Sharelle, Logan and myself put in a lot of effort into this last year, painful and stressful, which should be acknowledged. Need to chunk off space, set limits (can't leave empty spaces/single seats), assign based on grade (Kindergarten in balcony because they tend to leave before it's done), deadline must be tight - don't want to turn anyone away, but people have refund requests, W/C accessible, a lot of requests to deal with. Alanna: Plan is to give codes based on grade, so you can only buy in a specific area, based on grade.

Robin: Snow removal piled high in parking lot, can it be moved into the back? Alanna: No, OH&S issue. More rocks, why it's moved up to buses. Denise: 2 trucks for all of RVS.

14. Future SC Meetings

March 12, 2024 at 1:00pm.

15. Adjournment

Caley adjourned the meeting at 3:10pm.