



School Council

**Minutes of the ÉEVE School Council Meeting
June 11, 2024
1:30pm In-person and Zoom**

SC Executive:

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

School Administration Members:

Mary Magee, Acting Principal - present
Alanna Berger, Assistant Principal - present

Attendees:

Simon Pols, Logan Martin, Robin Somji, Katarina Trutina, Kirsten Inglis, Kim Burchby, Meredith Cann

1. Call to Order

Caley called the meeting to order at 1:45pm.

2. Welcome

Caley: A lot to discuss today, including planning the SC calendar for next year. Welcome Mr. Simon Pols and Ms. Jodie Clease, our new Principal and Assistant Principal. Alanna sadly moving on to École Edwards Elementary in Airdrie, great you will be closer to home, we are happy for you but sad for us. Mary: Simon AP while I was Principal at Banded Peak, know him well, you are in good hands with both. Simon: Thank you, appreciate being here today, and looking forward to the fall.

3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Caley motioned to accept the agenda and minutes as circulated; no objections; motion carried.

4. Administration Report

Admin Report School Council June 11, 2024

This last month has been very busy! Be sure to check out the new website.

Staffing Update:

New Principal: Simon Pols

New Assistant Principal: Jodie Clease

Alanna Berger: moving to École Edwards Elementary as AP

May 8th Musicfest was spectacular! Thank you to Ms. Baratelli and Ms. Belisle, as well as all the volunteers, for helping our students execute this wonderful show at the Jubilee Auditorium. So many terrific performers in our midst!

May 10th House Team Assembly

Time for gathering with our house team members and enjoy fun activities as well as learning about our Positive Behaviour Intervention & Supports matrix. We are now into the month of "Community" focus.

May 10th Baby Chicks

The chicks were sent to the farms after hatching at the school.

May 14th Drumheller Fieldtrip

Gr. 3s and 3/4

May 14th Staff Meeting

May 15th Zoo Fieldtrip

Grade 2s

May 16th Butterfield Acres Fieldtrip

Grade 1s

May 16th Healthy Hunger - Mucho Burrito

May 17th PL Day – No school for students

Indigenous Learning

Presenters: Jeff Horvath (RVS Learning Specialist) and his mother, Florence Kelly, along with Cindy Stefanato (RVS Director of Indigenous Learning)

Staff were privileged to learn about the journey of Florence Kelly.

May 20th Victoria Day - No School

May 24th Healthy Hunger - Subway

May 27th & 28th Weaselhead Park Fieldtrip

Gr. 4s

May 27th -29th Plant Workshops – Online facilitator

Gr. 4s

May 29th Zoo Fieldtrip
Kindergarten students

May 30th Volunteer Tea
Thank you to all volunteers!

May 30th School Tour
For all newcomers

May 31st Principal for the Day
Purchased at the school dance auction - Gr. 1 student, Joey, got to enjoy some perks of being the Principal for the Day.

May 31st Health Hunger - Little Caesars

June 4th, 6th, & 10th Fort Calgary Fieldtrip
Gr. 2s

Update re: School Education Plan – Document at-a-Glance on Website

Feedback for next year (Also in Owl this week)
<https://forms.oDice.com/r/HqSQAnr8eB>

Coming up:

Grade 1s – Beehouses
June 10th – 13th IPP meetings
June 14th - Friendly Helpers Celebration – Alien Inline
June 18th – Gr. 4 Orientation at SMS
June 18th – Zoo Fieldtrip, Gr. 1s
June 20th – Kindergarten Grad
June 20th – Kindergarten Orientation (for next year's students/parents)
June 21st – Indigenous Peoples Day
June 24th – Calaway Park Fieldtrip, Gr. 4s
June 25th – Gr. 4 Water fun
June 26th – Final Day for Students
Sports Day & Farewell Assembly

Update on year-end assessments: Alanna

- Literacy results have improved considerably!
- Gr. 1: no FI at risk, <1% English at risk
- Gr. 2: improved
- Gr. 3: >90% meeting or exceeding expectations

Caley: Thanks to Mary for stepping in, Alanna for also stepping up and providing continuity. Remembering everyone's names, families names, what happened on the weekends. Alanna: Returning home, where I did my practicum. Will miss everyone. Chelsey: Thank you, we will miss you, and good luck!

5. School Trustee Report

June 2024 Newsletter Trustee Hunter, Ward 5

As we head into our final month of the school year, the Board proudly celebrates 16 students across the district that achieved 100% on the January Diploma Exams:

- Marcella Charlton, Springbank Community High School – Biology 30
- Devin Corti, Springbank Community High School – Chemistry 30, Physics 30
- Inga Dale, George McDougall High School – Math 30-1
- Amanvir Dhaliwal, Chestermere High School – Math 30-1, Chemistry 30
- Nicolas Edstrom, W.H. Croxford High School – Physics 30
- Kooper Hornung, Springbank Community High School – Physics 30
- Asher Hunter, Springbank Community High School – Math 30-1
- Gaurav Singh Jaswal, Bert Church High School – Chemistry 30, Math 30-1
- Gobind Singh Jaswal, Bert Church High School – Chemistry 30, Math 30-1
- Christian Labonte, George McDougall High School – Math 30-1
- Brady MacKenzie, Bert Church High School – Physics 30
- Reese Ochitwa, Bert Church High School – Chemistry 30
- Brigitte Simpson, Bert Church High School – Chemistry 30
- Alyssa Tai, Springbank Community High School – Math 30-1, Physics 30
- Taya Vlietstra, Bow Valley High School – Math 30-1
- Alice Zeng, Springbank Community High School – Math 30-1

Rocky View Education Plan Update

- RVS' Education Plan guides the work classroom staff and administration do every day to help students succeed in healthy and safe learning environments. Year one of the current Education Plan has been well received by school administrators tasked with connecting their School Education Plan to the division Education Plan.
- As this is the first year of a four-year Education Plan, identifying trends from the data is challenging. Early indicators demonstrate there has been some growth in both literacy and numeracy skills. Career pathway education opportunities are a focus of the provincial government's educational plan. Rocky View Schools has devoted resources to developing student opportunities in this area.
- RVS' Writing Assessment for Grades 3, 4, 8, 9 and 11 will be ready in fall, 2024

Student Bussing

- RVS' Transportation department provides transportation for 12,890 students operating 269 regular bus routes each day. Average bus ridership is 49 students.
- Bus driver shortages have eased since February as the bus contractors have been able to hire additional drivers, but a shortage of buses persists. RVS expects the shortage of both drivers and buses may extend into the 2024/25 school year.

- The Transportation department is facing rising contractor expenses for acquiring new buses/maintaining the current fleet and driver compensation.

Ward Boundary Review

- The Board is embarking on a Ward boundary review. Please consult rockyview.ab.ca for further information

Congratulations to all our Grade 12 graduates. All the best in your future endeavors!

Wishing all our families a wonderful summer break.

Discussion: Updates on snow removal - 2 trucks that pickup around the county, no change to piling up snow for pickup. Ice problems need to be addressed. Salt can be used, falls under caretaking. Caretaker needs to take care of outside. Kids walk across basketball court in front of school coming from bus, many slips and falls observed. Can basketball court be levelled?

6. Co-Chair's Report

Funding requests have been brought forward by administration for SC to purchase:

- Sports Day supplies (approximately \$600)
- New sports equipment (soccer balls, pylons etc. approximately \$1,000)
- Coffee machines for staff room (approximately \$1,600)

Discussion: supportive of SC funds being spent on items that benefit students directly.

Caley motioned to approve up to \$600 for supplies for Sports Day; seconded by Robin; no objections; all in favour; motion carried.

Chelsey motioned to approve up to \$1,000 for sports equipment (well-used items such as soccer balls, pylons etc.); seconded by Jennifer; no objections; all in favour; motion carried.

Calendar Planning for 2024-2025 School Year:

Welcome Back BBQ: Proposed date September 26 brought forward by administration: Thursday preferable over Friday; feedback from parents was they love the event but didn't love meeting the teacher there (too long after school has started, hard to identify who the teacher was, find them etc.); feedback from teachers was they prefer to have 'meet the teacher' before the start of school; plan is for Meet The Teacher morning of Friday August 30th. Teacher notification happens via email week before school starts, likely August 26th or 27th.

Discussion:

- BBQ traditionally hosted by the school, not SC. Brendan utilized school budget and private donation, teachers volunteered, SC not involved. Teachers would like SC to run the BBQ, found it to be too much.
- History of the BBQ: 1st year school provided buns and chips; private donation of chuckwagon, sausages, hot dogs; staff prepared and served food. 2nd year (this past September) food/chuckwagon provided same way but last minute scramble on day of event to prepare food etc., Caley called on people the day of to help. Coordinated with SMS who provided desserts (at the middle school which was open for meet the teacher in their classrooms)
- Cost of this years BBQ \$578
- Staff meeting: unanimous no
- Who are we doing it for? Teachers, kids, parents, community-building, parents meeting parents
- Several of those present willing to take this on, consensus this is an important community event that should continue and be run by SC if school not interested in hosting/running, look to coordinate with SMS SC to make it an event for both schools
- Date: long weekend end of September, discussed earlier dates, stick to a Thursday
- Committee: Robin, Katarina, Caley, Kim, Jennifer

Logan motioned to approve the Welcome Back BBQ as a school council event; Robin seconded; no objections; all in favour; motion carried.

Caley motioned to approve up to \$1,000 for supplies for the Welcome Back BBQ on September 19, 2024; seconded by Robin; no objections; all in favour; motion carried.

Volunteer Orientation: Very successful this year, creation of committees, parents stayed committed for what they signed up for. Can promote at BBQ, sign people up for committees at BBQ, hold orientation the following week to keep the momentum going.

Chelsey motioned to have Volunteer Orientation on September 25, 2024 at 9:00am; seconded by Caley; no objections; all in favour; motion carried.

School Dance: Discussed timing, historically before Easter - good timing this year, right around when sports wrapping up and before spring sports start. Next years theme: Ho Down - keep your Stampede decorations!

Caley motioned to have School Dance on April 17, 2025; seconded by Chelsey; no objections; all in favour; motion carried.

Staff Appreciation Week: Reviewed school calendar, discussed timing - historically week of Valentine's Day, shifted this year to less busy week. Had a mailbox treat day, coffee and muffins, students bring a flower, catered lunch for staff.

Chelsey motioned to have Staff Appreciation Week on April 1-4, 2025; seconded by Jennifer; no objections; all in favour; motion carried.

Literacy Week: TBD in fall.

7. Treasurer Report

Healthy Hunger revenue in May: \$2,200

Expenses: MD Motivator outstanding; Friendly Helpers \$1,000; Sports Day \$300 + what was approved today.

Net Balance: \$10,400 - approx. \$3,000 approved today = approx. \$6,500 which needs to be allocated by December 2024.

Discussed Financial Report, when does it need to be submitted? Possibly end of June along with SC Report.

8. Yearbook Coordinator Report (Robin)

SchoolCash Online issues: keeps showing up even when purchased, Rhonda takes care of issuing refunds. 337 officially sold, 40 for staff, 426 ordered to account for anyone who may have missed out. Cost to print \$17.11/book, sold for \$25. Anticipate approximately 50 extra copies. Due to arrive around June 21. Last page for autographs. Suggestion to sell extra copies at BBQ. Lifetouch made aware of poor quality with school photos, will arrange for better photographer next year. Caley: 40 copies for staff to come out of school budget. Thank you to Robin, Meagan and Rhonda for taking this on and getting this done before the end of the year, as planned.

9. Volunteer Coordinator Report (Kirsten)

Position available for next year as Kirsten will be co-chair. Katarina volunteered to fill this role.

Caley nominates Katarina Trutina as Volunteer Coordinator; seconded by Jennifer; no objections; all in favour; motion carried.

10. Fun Lunch Coordinator Report (Kim)

Little Caesars leads the profitability and total sales with the least number of lunch items. Mucho Burrito was introduced part way through the year and likely lower in sales as a result; profitability was slightly lower than other vendors due to the prices set. Vendor profit margins range from 19-30%. Average monthly sales are quite consistent with September and February having the lowest numbers (although these months are lower, the variation is relatively insignificant).

2023-2024 Healthy Hunger Sales Summary:

Total # of Days: 42

Average # of Orders/Day: 230

Total Sales: \$70,989

Total Net Profit: \$16,525

Average % Profit: 23%

*Based on sales from September to end of June, as of June 5/24

Feedback has been to increase options (add snack items like apples, yogurt to McDonald's) and offer after long weekends - will increase days to 47 for next year. Request for a couple of donut/treat days (school will get back to us on that).

Changing delivery time from 11:30-12:00, so food doesn't sit here for 30 minutes before being delivered to classrooms.

11. Canadian Parents for French Report (Janelle)

No report given.

12. Community Outreach Coordinator (Katarina)

No report given.

13. FÉEVES

No report given.

14. Open Floor

Judi: BusOp's has replied about basketball court levelling, engineering firm looking into things, unsure if that will happen this summer or next.

Robin: Is there any concern with continuity for administration moving forward?

Simon: Alanna is going far, easy to contact and will. Open door, invite constructive dialogue. Will meet with Mary before end of June, Jody is coming in today, Alanna reached out to her. Everyone knows each other, my 15th year, confident moving forward.

Mary: Change is good, take and bring things wherever you go.

Judi: 4 new principals since I've been trustee, hope for longevity.

Katarina: Makerspace plan - will there be communication with Denise to continue that on?

Mary: RVS will pass on info to Simon for outdoor classroom, can't find Makerspace info.

Judi: Need to ask the right questions, targeted specific questions will improve feedback with survey.

Caley: Wish list, conversations sooner the better. Keep momentum going, don't wait too long.

Katarina: We need to put our own goals forward.

Robin: Thank you to Caley, you poured your heart and soul into this.

Mary: Thank you everyone, enjoyed my time here.

15. Future SC Meetings

September 10, 2024 at 1:30pm.

Remainder TBD.

16. Adjournment

Caley adjourned the meeting at 3:10pm.