

RancheView School Parent Council Meeting
January 17, 2017
6:30pm – 8:00 pm
Teacher's Lounge

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Sharon Cronin	-	Principal
Tracey Drumond	-	Assistant Principal
Fiona Gilbert	-	Trustee and parent representative
Erin Sturgeon	-	Council Chair
Kim Demarce	-	Council Vice Chair
Brenda Simons	-	Council Treasurer
Michele Delaney	-	Council Secretary
Christa Hoff	-	Fundraising Society Representative
Tenneil Mullin		
Rochelle Snively		
Lanna Code		
Marlee McCully		

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm

2. Welcome and introductions – *Erin S.*

3. Approval of Agenda – 1st *Christa H.*
2nd *Tenneil M.*

4. Approval of Minutes – 1st *Rochelle S.*
2nd *Kim D.*

11. B. – Sherpa Kids Information (moved to start of meeting) – Lanna C.

- Introduced Assistant Manager (Lanna) and Manager (Marley).
- Both have backgrounds in special needs, specifically autistic children.
- Recently approved to provide care for up to 45 children; they are currently at approximately 30 children. There is a small waitlist.
- Those interested in care starting in September should have their names put on the list at their earliest convenience.
- Sherpa Kids will add more staff if it becomes needed.
- The RancheView site does not currently provide care on PD Days, vacation, etc., however other sites do provide care on these types of occasions.
- Pamphlets handed out to those in attendance at the meeting. Pamphlets will also be made available at the school.

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5. School Report – *Sharon C.*
 - Great start back after the holidays... kids and staff have settled in nicely!
 - We have had several registrations since last Monday and are currently at 498 with 2 more students starting this Monday
 - Student learning showcases are coming fast on Feb. 7th and 8th... we hope to see many of our families attend.
 - Our school wide assembly was to be this Friday but has been moved to Feb. 3rd...watch our calendar.
 - Our Grand Opening is happening March 23rd and we are in the process of planning the big day! Be sure to watch our Feb newsletter for details. We are wondering if parents/guardians might be interested in helping out... thoughts?

6. Trustee report- *Fiona G.*

Detailed summary attached below:

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Trustee Report
January 2017

Happy New Year!

Looking forward to a busy next few months as the Board will consider important items and issues such as Electoral Ward Boundaries, Budget Priorities, School and Transportation Fees, 2017/18 Budget, Capital Planning, attendance boundary changes and more!

Given the unexpected rate of growth in Cochrane over the last couple of years, RVS Administration is recommending a change to the attendance area boundaries for Fireside School that would see the communities of Bow Ridge, Bow Meadows, and Jumping Pound continuing to attend Glenbow Elementary School for grades K-5 and Mitford School for grades 6-8 (their current designated schools). The current projection, if boundaries are not adjusted, is that Fireside School would be at capacity within 2 years of opening. By having this group of students continue at Glenbow and Mitford allows space to be available at Fireside School for growth. An additional benefit to this alternative is that Mitford School will not experience such a strong decline in enrolment. Administration has scheduled a meeting on January 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Glenbow School to discuss accommodation strategies with the communities of Bow Ridge, Bow Meadows, and Jumping Pound as well as the greater school communities of Glenbow, Mitford, and Fireside. It is expected that the Board will consider the recommendation and make a decision late in March or early April.

Recent change to Alberta Public Health Act that will now enable AHS to collect student enrolment and contact information from Alberta Education for the purposes of contacting the parent or guardian of a student, or contacting an independent student, regarding voluntary health programs.

Revised Transportation Policy - Policy 17

The Board passed first read of a revised Policy 17 - Student Transportation. Revisions focus on updating it to current practice and using consistent language throughout. No changes to service levels have been implemented at this time, but the Board is aware that balancing service levels with decreasing funding is become more and more difficult.

Starting the 2017/18 school year, Grade 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) will be administered to students during an administration "window" specified by Alberta Education, rather than a pre-set, single date and time for each exam. School divisions will have the flexibility to establish PAT schedules for their respective schools, based on local needs and within the administration window – including at the individual school level.

Alberta Government has launched a campaign to get input from Albertans on Budget 2017 and in this challenging fiscal time, I encourage you to provide comments and suggestions to the province on priorities that are important to you and your family. Minister of Finance Joe Ceci will host meetings with community leaders and the public while visiting towns and cities around the province. Calgary meeting is Jan 20th and Town Hall style phone conversations take place Jan 30 and 31. Feedback can also be given on at <https://www.alberta.ca/budget-consultations.aspx> or email MLA Cam Westhead at banff.cochrane@assembly.ab.ca

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7. RancheView School Fundraising Society update – *Christa H.*

- Approximately \$61,600 has been raised to-date.
- Bottle drive was a success. Trailer was ~3/4 full, raised approximately \$500.
- Ongoing fundraising efforts include Fundscrip, Mabel's Labels, Textile bin.
- At the upcoming Student Learning Showcases there will be a "Gift of Time" fundraiser in which Staff donates their time for bid. Looking for volunteers.
- Travel raffle will begin on or near March 6th and go until approx. June 7th. Tickets will be \$100 each with 6 grand prizes to be drawn June 15th.
- Home business event will take place in the spring and held in the gym whereby individuals with home-based business can showcase their wares.
- Movie event on May 6th.

8. Fun Lunch – *Fiona G.*

- Recent Jugo Juice Fun Lunch had approximately 80 orders; Kids liked it however the portions were smaller than expected. May adjust the portion / cost going forward after the next Jugo event. Adjustment will not be until after the next as the next one is already in the works.
- Smoothie / Snack Day will be held during recess.
- Salad and sushi event being reviewed as not everyone wants salad with their sushi.
- Looking at pizza and salad pricing adjustment.
- Looking for feedback on Full Meal options for future.
- Will keep Hot Lunch program as-is for this year, however will continue to take feedback and possibly survey parents for feedback later in the year.

9. Topics of Interest

A. Student Led Clubs – *Sharon C.*

- Calendar in the front hall where students can see the details on all the clubs available to the as well as where/who, etc.
- Many clubs currently taking place such as magic club, dance, reading, acting, etc.
- The children come up with the idea, fill out a form available in the office indicating their idea as well as an adult leader to facilitate the club.
- Student led clubs are in addition to choir, intramurals, etc.

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B. Grade 6 / 7 Options – *Sharon C.*

- Options aka “CTF” Career, Technology Foundations
- Held in 6 week modules
- Will likely continue to be for grades 6, 7, & 8 however they are looking at including grade 5; Conversation to take place with teachers in March.
- Option classes include painting, pottery, architectural design, coding, robotics, cosmetology, culinary arts, a variety of drama, event planning, film studies, outdoor pursuits, photography, science based, video production, and more..
- Students have 5 hours per week in options. Is helping them learn prioritizing.
- Students in both band and French get first choice; Students in either band or French get next choice.

10. Old Business – *Erin S.*

A. Banking Update

- RockyView prefers all money stay in the school account as a separate item as opposed to a separate council bank account. Jen will look after and council will submit receipts to her. As an example, when council pays for council meeting babysitter, council will submit receipt to Jen and she will reimburse the next day. Accounting is submitted to Brenda.

B. Operating Procedures Update

- Draft is posted on school website.
- Council does not require a special meeting to vote on operating procedures.
- February Council Meeting will be held February 28th instead of 21st due to Winter Break. Operating Procedures will be voted on at the February 28th meeting. Council is still open to feedback from RancheView community and can contact the council to discuss or for clarification.

11. New Business – *Erin S.*

A. School Council Funds Spending

- Teacher's supplied a list of ideas and areas of need. Some of the suggestions made fall under RancheView School Fundraising Society's jurisdiction.
- Council does not currently have a tally of funds available; will have this available to discuss at next meeting.
- Upon discussion of how to spend funds a recommendation goes to School Admin.

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B. Sherpa Kids Information

- discussed after Approval of Meeting Minutes

C. Student Led Conferences Teacher Meals

- Rochelle will help with Council Volunteer Coordinator
- Aim to have food available around 3:15pm on the 7th and 4pm on the 8th

Adjournment - 8:03pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28th.