

## RancheView School Council

### Meeting highlights – November 21, 2023

Prior to this month's meeting, our RCMP Community Resource Officer gave a very informative presentation on Digital Citizenship and Internet Safety. If you would like a copy of the PowerPoint presentation emailed to you, please contact school council chair, Krista.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:07pm by Krista.
2. Welcome and introductions.

Attendees: Lynette Lapan-Smith, Principal  
Fiona Gilbert, RVS Board of Trustees  
Krista T.  
Debbie R.  
Candace W.  
Lesley J.  
Chelsea E.  
Brittany D.  
Erin W.  
Sarah L.  
Ashley R.  
Will H.  
Rochelle S.  
Caitlyn P.  
Annika P.  
Jennifer B.

3. Land acknowledgement given by Lynette.
4. Approval of the agenda; approved with no objections by Lesley, seconded by Jennifer.
5. Approval of minutes, from October meeting, by Candace, no objections.
6. Executive nominations

Jennifer B and Annika P were elected as Volunteer Co-ordinators.

Brittany D was elected as Social Media Co-ordinator.

Chelsea E was elected as Financial Communicator (formal title to be confirmed).

## 7. RancheView Fundraising Society Update

Rochelle S provided an update on behalf of RancheView Fundraising Society as follows:

Thank you to those who attended our meeting at the start of this month.

We were able to fund several projects – a \$5,000 fund to off set transportation costs for field trips to be used for all grades, a guitar stand for the music room and some wiring kits to facilitate use of the projectors in each classroom.

We also agreed that the fundraising society would support school council's plans for a family dance by hosting any raffles that are planned.

Before the additional ticket sales at tonight's events, the family bowling raffle had raised approximately \$150.00.

The next meeting for the RancheView Fundraising Society is February 1, 2024, at 7pm.

Please follow us on [facebook.com/rancheviewfundraising](https://facebook.com/rancheviewfundraising), or email [rancheviewfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:rancheviewfundraising@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Raffle

Two tickets were drawn during the school council meeting; the two winners are:

W.Houston, who was present at the meeting and was given his prize.

J.Ness, who was not present at the meeting and will be contacted by one of the board members.

## 8. Report from the Board of Trustees – Fiona Gilbert

- RVS currently have around 28,000 students however around 800 students are not funded by the government which amounts to almost \$4.5m.
- 22 modular classrooms were requested however only 7 were approved (3 for Fireside, 2 for Cochrane High, and 2 for CCA).
- At present, no modular classrooms are being removed from RancheView however this could change in the future.
- RancheView is now at 84% capacity.
- Bow Valley High were awarded an expansion; the design has still to be approved but the plan is for shovels to be in the ground in Spring 2024. The expansion means that the gym and music room must be demolished.

- As part of its annual fiscal process, RVS administration brings Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) spending for the coming year to the Board for their approval.
- In March of 2023, RVS was granted \$2,795,116 in the provincial budget for IMR for the 2023-2024 school year.
  - Highlights of upcoming projects include: Student washroom/change room upgrades for Glenbow School in Cochrane
  - Electrical/fire panel upgrades at schools in Cochrane and Bearspaw
  - Painting and flooring repairs/upgrades throughout the division
  - Ceiling/LED lighting upgrades at schools in Langdon, Airdrie and Bearspaw
  - School front door security enhancements for 27 schools
- The result for the 2022/23 year included revenues of \$298.3 million and expenses of \$307.6 million resulting in a deficit of \$9.4 Million. RVS planned to draw \$7.9 million from reserves in 2022/23 but ended up drawing \$9.4 million. The additional draw resulted from increased teacher sick / medical appointment leaves, increased furniture and equipment spending, land acquisition on the Powell Street school site, and 21/22 projects that extended into the 22/23 school year.
- At the end of the 2022/23 year, RVS' operating reserves were at \$3.9 million (1.3% of operating budget). This is at the lower end of government's required operating reserve range (between 1 and 3.2%). Almost all those funds are in our transportation reserve which cannot be used for other needs across the division.
- Nearly all the \$3.8 million of capital reserves were used on the renovation of the school on Powell Street in Cochrane (now Cochrane Christian Academy) and preparing the new high school site in south-west Airdrie.

## 9. Administration Update

Lynette provided the following admin updates:

- December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm – the Emergency Services food drive will be in Sunset.
- Brodie McDonald had a baby boy last week, who has been named Edward.
- The Literacy Committee are hosting a family literacy night in January and are looking for donations for prizes. There will be activities to make reading fun, and this will kickstart the readathon, which is due to start on January 27<sup>th</sup> and run for 3 weeks.
- A popcorn maker was purchased using funds from Healthy Hunger. Learning Support have been using the popcorn maker to promote life skills for complex learners to assist with handling currency and food safety.
- Junior B volleyball for girls is on right now; 82% of grade 7 & 8 girls are playing volleyball.
- Junior A basketball try outs are on right now for grade 6, and there is a possibility of a grade 5 basketball club in January.
- The winter musical for Grade 1 & 2 is on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm; volunteers are required to help set up the cookie table and bake/buy cookies.
- Grades 3 & 4 will have a spring musical, details will follow in the new year.
- Almost 100 students are now involved in the choir and will be performing at the Bearspaw Christmas market on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

- The winter concert for choir and band is on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- The kindergarten Christmas concert is on December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Lynette gave thanks to the RancheView Fundraising Society and highlighted that the casino night made \$64,000 which can be used to buy items for the school over the next 2 years.
- There are now 28 English additional language learners coming to RancheView.
- The school is being provided with some extra funds from the Learning & Disruption fund from Government.
- The pride crosswalk in front of the school will be repainted in the spring.

Lynette then shared the draft school education plan with attendees and gave an overview of the 4-year plan.

## 10. New Business

### School Dance

Candace proposed the idea of a ‘spring fling’ dance on May 10, 2024. Discussions followed regarding the cost of tickets, the number of people who could attend in respect of fire code regulations, and if the dance would be open to all grades. Attendees agreed on the formation of a school dance committee to facilitate plans for this, and available members signed up to take part. If you would like to sign up to assist with this, please contact Krista or Candace.

Lynette provided a current version of the School Council Financial Report:

RancheView School	
School Council Financial Report	
November 21, 2023	
Balance Forward	1,000.00
Engagement Grant	500.00
carryover	16.77
Expense	514.59
Subtotal	1,002.18
Commitments	0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,002.18</b>
<b>2023-2024 Commitments</b>	
	Commitment Expenditure
Screenagers	500      514.59
Gr 8 Farewell	
Staff Wellness	
Staff Year End Lunch	

Krista confirmed that Cochrane Emergency Training Services will be running the Home Alone course at RancheView School on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Babysitting Course from March 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to sign your children up for either of these courses, please use the following links:

<https://www.cochraneemergencytraining.com/events/homealonerancheview>

<https://www.cochraneemergencytraining.com/events/babysittingrancheview>

11. Next meeting: January 16, 2024, at 7pm.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.