

RancheView School Council
Minutes
Tuesday, Feb 28, 2017

Attendees:

Erin Sturgeon
Fiona Gilbert
Stacey Fluker

Kim Demarce
Brenda Simons
Jonathan Klinger

Regrets:

Michele Delaney, Sharon Cronin, Christa Hoff

1. Call to order at 6:36pm.
2. Welcome
3. Approval of agenda, with addition of Item 10 – New Business, by Fiona Gilbert, seconded by Kim Demarce.
4. Approval of Jan 17, 2017 minutes by Stacey Fluker, seconded by Erin Sturgeon.
5. School Report – RancheView Administration - Jonathan Klinger
 - Regrets for Sharon's absence (due to illness)
 - Successful student learning showcases. Parent Feedback: request for a better opportunity to get time with the teacher one on one.
 - Had a great week before the break with a huge focus on kindness... with the reminder that we don't just need to wait for Valentine's to be kind to everyone. The We Lead club did a candy sale (made around \$200 with 70% going to the playground)
 - Staff participated in "dress down" for charity the week before the break and the selected charity was the playground... around \$250 was made.
 - Teachers are in the full throes of CoSL (report card) writing with them going home on March 17th.
 - Update on the shop, purchase of snowshoes, the sound system.screen in the gym
 - Full on prep for the Grand Opening on March 23rd is underway
 - Grade 7 basketball teams are well under way and start their first of 3 tournaments this Friday.
 - We have been working with our kindergarten parents about safety in our staff parking lot and not picking up/dropping off children in the parking lot (we had focused on older grades but it was brought to our attention that there were many issues near the kindergarten doors).
 - Kelly Huck had her last day today :(

6. Trustee Report – Fiona Gilbert

Fireside School Attendance Boundary - With the significant growth in the Cochrane, Rocky View Schools (RVS) has had to modify attendance boundaries for the new Fireside School, slated to open this fall. With latest projections showing that the new school would exceed its capacity within two years of opening, students residing in the communities of Bow Ridge, Bow Meadows, and Jumping Pound will remain in their current schools, rather than be directed to Fireside. This was approved by the Board at the January 26, 2017 meeting.

Electoral Ward Boundaries - On Jan. 26, 2017, RVS' Board of Trustees voted in favour of seeking the Minister of Education's approval to modify its boundaries for the 2017 municipal elections. The option chosen outlines six wards and eight trustees:

Ward 1 - City of Chestermere (1 trustee)

Ward 2 - Langdon, Indus and rural Chestermere (1 trustee)

Ward 3 - City of Airdrie (3 trustees)

Ward 4 - Crossfield, Beiseker, Kathryn and rural Airdrie (1 trustee)

Ward 5 - Springbank, Bearspaw, Bragg Creek, Westbrook, and rural Cochrane (1 trustee)

Ward 6 - Town of Cochrane (1 trustee)

This option meets the criteria set by the Board and comes very close to meeting the population variance test. As defined by Section 262 of the School Act, a bylaw was passed by the Board at a special Board meeting on February 16th and it will now be forwarded to the Minister for final approval.

Transportation Policy - At the January 26, 2017, the Board approved second read of Policy 17 Transportation, which brings greater clarity to the policy's background information and the definitions. Guideline 1.6 and 1.9 also were deleted as no "grandfathered" students live within the 1989 and 1995 annexed areas, nor does RVS provide transportation to private Kindergarten programs adjacent to or in our school facilities. Greater clarity also was added to Service Level 6.4, regarding late requests for service to Day Care.

Modular Classrooms at Mitford/CCA - The Board has received approval from Alberta Education to remove 8 modular classrooms from the pod at Mitford/CCA and move them to AE Bowers in Airdrie. This move will happen once Fireside School is ready to welcome students.

IMR Budget - The Board approved the spending of \$7.7M from the Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal Budget for various renovation, modernization and upgrade projects around the Division ranging from learning space modernizations, repairing floors, replacing roofs, mechanical upgrades and more. IMR priorities are based on 1. Health & Safety, 2. Priority building life cycle items, 3. Functional modernizations to accommodate students, and 4. Program enhancements

Alberta Education Surveys - As an annual check-up on the education system, Alberta Education administers a satisfaction survey each year among students and parents of student in grades 4, 7, and 10 and with certificated staff. Now in progress, the survey weighs various aspects of education quality, including student outcomes such as workplace preparedness. All surveys are anonymous, with results available to school authorities in May 2017, and reported publicly as part of Four-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports. RVS is one of the districts piloting an online version of this survey. All parents are encouraged to complete the survey.

Cochrane Cares Survey - Cochrane Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is leading a project to review the quality of life in our community through access to effective programs and services

that meet residents' social, recreational and health needs. The Cochrane Cares review is designed to engage residents of Cochrane and Western Rockyview in identifying current assets, gaps, opportunities and priorities. The overall goal is to produce a comprehensive assessment the Town of Cochrane can use to inform decisions over the next several years. Over the next couple of months, Cochrane Cares provides a variety of opportunities to tell your story and share your experiences of living in Cochrane, including online surveys, community events, sounding boards, and targeted focus groups. There are surveys designed specifically for Adult, Youth, and Seniors. www.cochrane.ca/cares

7. RancheView School Fundraising Society Update – Christa Hoff

Moved to next meeting.

8. Fun Lunch – Stacey Fluker

- Approximately \$2200 in funds available. Recommendations on spending will be discussed at the March meeting.
- Lunches are going well. The ability to order month by month is good for parents.
- Boston Pizza has been added to the vendor options as well as footlong subs being available with Subway.

9. RancheView School Council Operating Procedures – Review and Approval

Discussion among the group.

Agreed adjustments:

- Removal of the word “Executive” in the title of section 9.
- Add to section 9B – Coordinate with the principal to establish meeting agendas
- Revision to section 14. It will now say “...the School Council may make suggestions regarding policies in the school that the School Council considers helpful to carry out its functions, in consultation with school administration.”
- Spelling and capitalization corrections.

Motion: to accept the RancheView School Council Operating Procedures with all changes listed by Erin Sturgeon, seconded by Stacey Fluker. All approved.

10. New Business:

1. Minister Youth Council – Minister of Education is implementing a Youth Council to involve junior and senior high students in providing feedback on education. It is open to all Alberta students Grade 7 to 12. Applications are due by May 5, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year. The email with the details will be forwarded to the council contact list.

2. Council Table at Small Business Night (April 11) - We have been offered by the fundraising society a table at their Small Business night on April 11th. It is agreed to use the table to help build our exposure to RancheView parents. Kim Demarce and Brenda Simons will look into a banner. A pamphlet will be built for handing out. Erin Sturgeon will let the RSFS know that we will use the table.

11. Questions?

1. Stacey Fluker – requesting no idling signs at the school as there are buses and vans from the providers who leave their vehicles running in the pick up/drop off area. Jonathan Klinger and school administration will follow up.

2. Brenda Simons - has an option offer. Erin will forward the info to Sharon.

12. Adjournment at 8pm. Next meeting is March 21.