

RancheView School Parent Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Attendees:

Sharon Cronin
Fiona Gilbert
Tracey Drummond
Kim Demarce
Jakki Mackenzie

Brenda Simons
Michele Delaney
Rochelle Snively

1. Call to order at 6:34pm. – Kim Demarce

2. Welcome & Introductions – Kim Demarce

3. Approval of agenda – 1st – Rochelle Snively, 2nd – Michele Delaney

4. Approval of February 28th minutes – 1st – Fiona Gilbert, 2nd – Rochelle Snively

5. School Report – RancheView Administration - Sharon Cronin

- RancheView has a new learning support teacher effective March 13th
- Basketball team has been successful
- New round of “options” classes have begun
- School now has a wood shop which will be outfitted and staffed in the Fall with either an instructor specific to the skill in conjunction with a teacher to supervise the teaching aspect, or possibly hiring a new teacher who also happens to possess the skill set
- An order of sewing machines has arrived for the textiles option course
- Silent auction items have been a success, will likely repeat
- Getting ready for the school’s Grand Opening event March 23rd; Representatives from grades K-7 will be MC’ing as well as representatives from K-7 who will be speaking
- Recently held the “We Lead” bake sale this past week with help from the culinary arts students
- Getting ready for Spring Break
- Have begun looking at staffing for next year; Conservatively adding 4 classes: one of each grades 1 and 2, and two grade 8 classes

6. Trustee Report – Fiona Gilbert

- Discussed the provincial budget; Alberta government appears to be working to protect education and health
- Part of budget plan includes Fee Reduction Grant which acts to reduce school fees, part of which includes transportation costs; Plenty of questions around how it will affect us; More information to follow
- New budget allows for 10 new schools across the province. RockyView is allotted one, which will be in Airdrie; This is the first new school for RockyView in 2.5 years.
- Discussed capital planning for 2018-2021; lists the needs for new schools. Airdrie would need one new school per year to keep up with need; Cochrane needs another K-9 school.
- New budget includes playgrounds for new schools to be funded by the province; Have not yet heard if this will include RancheView
- There will be a joint Board / Council meeting taking place March 30th at the head office in Airdrie from 5:30pm – 7:30pm

7. RancheView School Fundraising Society Update – Jakki Mackenzie

- 6 Fabulous Vacations fundraiser has begun; in the first week approx 100 tickets have been sold; signage will be going up around town to advertise.
- April 11th is Small Business night at the school; tables are almost sold out
- RVFS will be hosting a movie night in May; letter will be going out soon
- RVFS will be hosting a year end party in June; would appreciate if Council could assist by arranging / hosting food or beverage for the event; Ideas discussed included either bringing in a food truck, arranging for beverages, or Texas Doughnuts as an example has been a success at other schools previous events
- Total cash raised to date is \$65,700
- There is an additional \$5000 donation coming in from The Clothesline, which is not included in the above total
- Looking to do another bottle drive May 26th

8. Fun Lunch – Fiona Gilbert

- Administration of Fun Lunch has gotten easier with the use of School Cash online
- Trying a new vendor for this week's fun Lunch, Boston Pizza
- Fun Lunch has been going well; all dates through to the end of June are up

9. Old Business – Kim Demarce

- Table at Small Business Night; discussed whether or not attending Council members should have name tags; Volunteers needed. Fiona & Kim offered some time however still need more help
- Brenda & Kim completing banner and info pamphlets
- Erin to set up a sign-up for volunteers to help

10. New Business – discussion among group

- Spending of Fun Lunch funds; discussion among the group. Decided a broader discussion is needed regarding the intent of the spend, ie. for more direct benefit to the children, to assist parents, or to help the school

11. Questions?

1. Brenda Simons – Discussed possibility of bringing in Rayner Institute for option classes. Discussed possibility of offering a Financial Literacy program offered through the CPA.

12. Adjournment at 7:44pm. Next meeting is April 25th.