

**RancheView School
School Council Annual General Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2018 at 6:30-8:00 PM**



PRESENT

Holly R	Lindsey H	Sharon C	Stacey F	Fiona G
Michelle D	Amy S	Tracey D	Callandra	Jakki M
Jayda D	Jen H	Jen B	C	Rochelle S

1. Call to Order: 6:33pm – Sharon C (acting school council chair)
2. Welcome & Introductions – Sharon C
 - Minutes will be posted on the website and sent directly to those in attendance.
3. Approval of Agenda
 - Additions:
 - sign in front of school; other/new business; moving forward with movie fundraiser; Sept 30th, orange shirt day
4. Review of minutes from previous meeting
 - defer review of past AGM and past Meeting Minutes to next meeting
5. Explanation of Council Positions and Roles – Sharon C
 - Current roles need to be elected on, maximum 5 years
 - Chair must attend all meetings, if unable to attend, vice-chair takes over
 - treasurer role is redundant, need 5 days' notice to eliminate any role
 - Division has made changes to the treasurer role. Funds are managed through the school. Treasurer should liaise with school's financial secretary.
 - See attached School Council Operating Guidelines for detailed position descriptions
 - As per RancheView Fundraising Society Bylaws, executive from the society may not serve on school council executive
6. Elections facilitated by Sharon C – unanimously approved
 - Chair - Jen Harris
 - Vice Chair – Jaya
 - Secretary – Lindsay
 - Treasurer – Amy
7. Trustee report – Fiona G
 - What is a trustee – Rocky View Schools is governed by board of elected positions. Fiona G is elected for Cochrane area. The board's role is to govern schools' allocation of budget, policies, programs, and money where they are needed. RVS board feels strongly in the voice of parents, so a trustee attends all school council meetings. Shares division, provincial, Cochrane perspective.
 - Start up - Week 3, start up relatively smooth. 50+ schools in the division. Maintenance and Grounds team in RVS works hard during summer. Older schools need upkeep. End of July, Prince of Peace had a flood. Maintenance was busy with repairs. Students were housed with a CBE school for the first 2 weeks and are now back at Prince of Peace.

- 1000 new students in division, just under 25,000 students division wide. One of the fastest growing divisions in Alberta. Not legislated in Alberta for class size, only guidelines. RancheView is within those guidelines.
 - Summer, changes to legislation regulation for school council - Won't have a lot of impact in RVS. For example, kindergarten parents are now welcome in school council. Kindergarten legislation is mostly regarding private institution. 80% of students in kindergarten are going to private institutions. Laws now govern those. Establish private schools student records regulation. Transportation regulation changes are coming sometime this fall. Draft K-4 curriculum is available now. Sept 2019 or 2020 the curriculum will be implemented.
 - RVS engaged in 4 year plan - Big picture education plan for the division, will be put to public for input. October meeting at school council, board will present draft narrative. Joint board, school council meeting will be requesting feedback as well.
8. Admin report – Sharon C
- See attached report
9. New Business - Sharon C
- Childcare during school council meetings - \$40 each night, \$20 each babysitter even if there are no children to babysit. Current cost is \$280/year. Does school council still see the need?
 - Babysitting will continue for October meeting and topic will be revisited when financial information is available.
 - Cancel parent learning session commitment - look into presentations with no cost or ask Fundraising Society to donate funds.
 - Motion to remove \$500 donation to school for parent learning session. Michele D 1st, Jen H 2nd - motion carried, unanimous
 - Orange shirt day is Sept 30th - in recognition of indigenous people. Something we should recognize at the school. Oct 1st is recommended. Sharon C will take suggestion to school staff. Is the school doing a territorial ceremony at Assembly, and major school functions? RVS board is making decision if it will be approved or not.
 - Sign outside of school - feedback as to whether the sign is beneficial. Some parents didn't know we have a sign outside. Others have heard good feedback about the sign. If the colors change in the sign, it is more visible. Area neighbors without students at RancheView appreciate knowing what is happening at the school. Can we look into purchasing one like what is being rented? School will look into the cost of that purchase. Information will be reported at next meeting.
 - Fundraising movie date on hold – November 23rd afternoon, Ralph Wrecks the Internet. Fiona doesn't want to take this on by herself. Fundraising Society did not return enough funds in past to be involved again. Event does fit school council mandate. Cost for theatre \$750. Capacity is 130 plus 52 for second theatre. Cost of tickets were \$10 in the past. Fantastic beasts could be added with an additional \$750 cost. Previously voted on and passed. School will cover any missing funds if necessary as this is a great community building event. Motion to pass this event, run by school council and back up funds from school if needed. Motion called by Rochelle S, Callandra seconds motion – passed unanimously.
10. Adjournment at 8:24 PM – Sharon C
- Next meeting on October 16, 6:30-8:00 PM

Admin reports

September 18th

- We have 750 students registered this year
- Excellent start up with a real strong community feel right from our open house on August 30th.
- Many new staff: kindergarten, grade 2, grade 4, grade 6, grade 8, new office staff (2 secretaries and a CDA and a PBS)
- Playground update
- Sports teams have already started... grade 6 soccer, Junior A volleyball and cross country
- We are very excited for our focus this year with outdoor education... taking the learning outside and our motto of Growing Inside by Leading Outside
- Will be increasing our focus on the social/emotional supports in our building (PBS)
- Huge focus on collaboration and team teaching (grade 1, grade 6, grade 3, grade 4, grade 7 and grade 8 in particular with the sliding glass walls)
- Assemblies... we will start by having split assemblies due to fire code in the gym
- Student led clubs will get underway in October
- Can really use some help with our crosswalks
- RTR