

RancheView School School Council Meeting Minutes March 19, 2019 at 630-800PM

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| Jaya D | Amy | Sharon |
| Diane | Lindsey H | Rochelle |
| Tracey D | Fiona | |

1. Call to Order : 6:33pm - Jaya
2. Welcome & Introductions - Jaya
3. Approval of Minutes
Approve of November, 20,2018 minutes 1st Lindsey 2nd Diane

4. Approval of Agenda -

Motion made by Rochelle to approve agenda with addition of new business.
1st Rochelle 2nd Amy

5. Literacy Presentation by Tracey Drummond

6. Committee Reports

- Fundraising

-RancheView Fundraising will provide approximately \$28,000 to RancheView School to cover cost overruns on playground installation, permanent fencing around playground, additional garbage can and bench , and the permanent installation of a basketball net on a post.

-Spring Bottle Drop - May 24 and 25 Tentative Date

-We will not host a Year End Celebration in June this year.

- Casino

- a. Dates July 26 and 27 , approx hours 9am - 3am at Century Casino, Calgary
- b. Volunteers - 36 will be needed.

- Next meeting AGM Thursday May 2, 7-8pm

Fun Lunch

No report.

Treasurer

No report.

7. Admin Report

-Sharon discussed traffic/cross guards and the retraction of traffic control by school staff.

- The school population is projected to reach 840 next year, we are reported at 780 and we are currently sitting at 754 students.

- New portable is in the books for next year on the west side of the school.

-3 Way Conferences are canceled . Two were only required for the year for the prototype schools that are doing the Real Time Reporting .

- PAT (Grade 6) results were lower than expected.

- L.A. went from 95% down to 74%

- Math went from 76% down to 63%

- Science went from 89% down to 81%

- Socials Studies went from 81% down to 75%

These were acceptable standards and were expected with RancheView being a new school.

- Real Time Reporting survey arriving end of March 19th week for parents to fill out.

8.. Trustee Report

[See Trustee report attachment]

9. New Business

-Movie Theatre Day - June 21st, 2019 - not year 8 connected. School Council will now host . Movie : TOY STORY 4 . Deposit of \$200 required asap.

Motion to spend and hold made. 1st Amy 2nd Lindsey H
All in favour.

Discussion of revisiting School Council “advertising” to receive more interest in the school council. Discussion o sharing council information on social media platforms. Council will return to this conversation at next meeting.

Discussion of adding 7th School Council meeting.

April 16th -Council meeting

May 21st - Council meeting

June 4th - AGM - Last meeting.

All in favour.

10. Adjournment at 8:45pm

NEXT MEETING : April 16th. 2019 at 6:30PM

**RancheView School Council
Trustee Report
March 2019**

This report covers from December to March, so is a little longer than usual.

Advocacy Priorities

This past November, the Board approved their 2018/2019 Advocacy Priorities which will be used when talking to provincial and municipal governments, and other education partners and stakeholders. The complete Advocacy Communique can be accessed at <http://trustees.rockyview.ab.ca/2018-19-advocacy-communique>

1. Equitable Access to Funding - Rocky View School District has been identified as one of the lowest per student funded jurisdictions in the province. The Board believes that the Ministry should engage school authorities in a collaborative process to evaluate and redesign Alberta Education's funding formula to ensure equitable access to funding.
2. New Schools for Growing Jurisdictions - The Rocky View School Board is one of the fastest growing and 5th largest school boards in the province. The Board is asking the government for capital approvals that are transparent, predictable and in alignment with a provincial 4 year strategic program that clearly articulates the priorities in which school projects will be approved.
3. Provincial Review of Inclusion - With an increasingly diverse student population, the Board advocates for a provincial review of funding and supports afforded for the implementation of inclusive education.

Administrative Procedure Update

The Superintendent of Schools has made changes to 39 administrative procedures (AP) over the past year. The development or review of APs is typically initiated by the Superintendent, however suggestions for development or review can be made by any stakeholder through a formal request process. New and revised APs that may be of interest to school councils include: AP110 School Councils; AP112 School Societies and RVS; AP170 Kirpans in Schools; AP207 Learning Environments that Respect Diverse Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities & Gender Expressions; AP313 Student Concussion; and AP316 Administering Medication or Medical Treatments to Students. All APs can be accessed on the public website under Board/Administrative Procedures. Changes to APs also are communicated via Replay, RVS' community newsletter.

Land Acknowledgment

RVS established a Wisdom and Guidance committee in 2016 to guide the collaborative creation of a Land Acknowledgment statement. A Land Acknowledgment is an act of reconciliation and meant to honour and respect both the land and the Indigenous Peoples in our local area. It also is meant to be an expression of gratitude and appreciation. Using the Wisdom and Guidance committee's initial draft, the Board made a few modifications and approved the following statement:

"Rocky View Schools acknowledges and recognizes all the Indigenous Peoples whose footprints have marked these lands from time immemorial. Together, we can learn and honour the ways of knowing of Indigenous Peoples, and all peoples, for future generations." Guidelines on the use the Land Acknowledgment are in development

Support for Alberta School Councils Association AGM & Conference

As previously reported, the Board is providing some funding support for school councils to attend the ASCA AGM and Conference in Edmonton at the end of April. The response from school councils was tremendous and while unable to fund everyone who applied, I am pleased to report that Glenbow and

Elizabeth Barrett School Councils have both been awarded monies to attend. Resolutions for this years AGM are now available at www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca

Infrastructure/Maintenance Renewal Project Recommendations

Each year, Alberta Education allocates dedicated funding to school authorities for Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) projects. RVS received just over \$5 million from the province for 2018/19 and had approximately \$3.3million in carryover from the previous year. This brought the total available IMR budget to just under \$8.5 million. Based on recommendations made by the Department of Business and Operations, the Board of Trustees approved the 2018/19 IMR budget on Jan 24, 2019. With its IMR funding, RVS will make upgrades to lighting, flooring, HVAC systems, roofing and washrooms. Funding also will be allocated towards Indus School's modernization.

RVS class size report

Findings from the annual Alberta Education Class Size initiative suggests overall, RVS experienced a reduction in class size compared to the 2017/2018 school year. Based on September 30, 2018 enrolment numbers, RVS class size averages for all subjects were as follows:

K – Gr. 3 = **21.4**; Gr. 4 – 6 = **25.1**; Gr. 7 – 9 = **26.2**; Gr. 10 – 12 = **24.6**.

There are a variety of factors that can influence class sizes, including but not limited to student enrolment growth, French immersion dual-track schools, the establishment of new programs and individual school student enrolment breakdown. Please note that these statistics reflect classroom teacher-student ratios only. They do not include support staff such as child development advisors, guidance counsellors, classroom assistant, literacy specialists, etc.

Westbrook School – donations approved for gym expansion

RVS' Board of Trustees approved to accept \$200,000 in donations from Friends of Westbrook Society and Rocky View County (\$100K each) that will be allocated towards expanding the gym in the new Westbrook School. RVS' initial plans were to construct a 430m² gymnasium, the provincial standard for a 250-student capacity school. However, feedback garnered from community stakeholders identified that the school and the community could both benefit from a larger gym, allowing for the addition of bleachers.

New name for Hillcrest community K – Gr. 8 school

After being presented with two recommendations from RVS' Hillcrest Area School Ad Hoc Naming Committee, Feb. 7, 2019, Trustees voted in favour of naming the school Northcott Prairie School. Two names had been put forward for consideration: Northcott Prairie School and Hillcrest Point School. The City of Airdrie's Community Development group put forward Northcott School as Northcott represents two prominent Airdrie families. The naming committee added Prairie to the name as it gives homage to the history of the school's location and recognizes the environmental features that will be included in the school design.

Prince of Peace School

Board of Trustees voted, March 7, 2019, to accept SAGE Properties' five-year lease agreement with an 18-month termination clause, subject to approval of the lease by SAGE's Directors. Although this allows RVS to maintain the program for the near future, a long-term solution is required given that the property owners intend to eventually sell the building. Trustees also voted to begin managing the number of students at Prince of Peace, given that Chestermere's current schools are full. Effective immediately no new non-resident students will be accepted.

Approval of RVS' 2019-2023 Four Year Plan

Trustees approved the goals, outcomes and design principles identified in RVS' DRAFT 2019 – 2023 Four Year Plan, Innovation by Design. The new plan is based on the hopes and desires of multiple stakeholder groups who provided direct input into the development of a learning narrative and the plan's goals, outcomes, design principles and strategies during an extensive 10-month consultation process.

Goal 1: Connect to passions, interests and people

Outcomes:

Students engage in real-world, hands-on learning experiences that matter to them.

Students demonstrate ownership of their learning.

Goal 2: Achieve their potential

Outcomes:

Students are literate, numerate, and acquire core competencies.

Students meet high expectations and learning outcomes, tailored to their individual capabilities.

Goal 3: Navigate successfully as global citizens

Outcomes:

Students are healthy, safe, resilient and value diversity, cultures and traditions.

Students make a positive difference in their life, school, community and the world

Over the next five months, RVS will identify performance measures for the plan with the intent to find a balance between required provincial measures and local measures that will chart the jurisdiction's progress towards achieving the plan's outcomes. The full plan will return to the Board Table in November 2019 for final approval and submission to the Ministry of Education.

2019/20 Budget Priorities

Students continue to be the primary focus of RVS' Board of Trustees, as evidenced by the 2019/20 budget priorities, which emphasize direct classroom instruction, inclusive education, mental health supports and balanced literacy and numeracy skills. Approved by the Board March 7, 2019, the budget priorities are driven by the goals and strategies of RVS' Four Year Plan, to foster innovators in their learning journey while supporting the operational needs of the jurisdiction. RVS' complete 2019/20 budget will be presented for approval in the spring.

Memorandum of Agreement

Rocky View Schools Board of Trustees and ATA Rocky View Local 35 have recently ratified the local bargaining sections of the collective agreement for September 2016-August 2018. Central table negotiations are currently ongoing for the next central table collective agreement.

ATA Induction Ceremony

Congratulations and welcome to the 71 teachers who were inducted into the Alberta Teachers Association Local 35 on March 7, 2019, several from RancheView School. These are recently graduated new teachers on their first teaching assignment or new to RVS teachers who have not been a member of the ATA Local 35 before.

Modular Approvals

Back in November, the Board approved the request to the Government for 39 modular classrooms to support the growing enrollment needs across RVS. Four of these modular were ear-marked for RancheView School. RVS has recently been notified that only 7 have been approved for the division. Administration is currently working on a plan on how best to use these modulars to accommodate students for the 2019/2020 school year.

Joint Board School Council Meeting

Up to 3 members of School Council are invited to attend the Joint Board School Council meeting on Thu Apr 4 from 5:30-7:30 and the RVS Education Centre in Airdrie. A great opportunity to network with other council members from across the division. Agenda will be circulated soon. RSVP requested.

Provincial Election

It is official that Albertans will be going to the polls on April 16, 2019 for the provincial election. I strongly encourage you to get informed about the candidates running in our area, specifically regarding public education, and the views and campaign platforms of each of the political parties. Cochrane is in a new riding, Airdrie-Cochrane, so we have new candidates. The Board approved four non-partisan questions specific to education which stakeholders are encouraged to ask candidates. These questions, presented in a postcard format, will be distributed to schools and school councils shortly.

If elected, how will you ensure:

- that every school board in the province is funded equitably?
- the mental health of students is supported?
- supports exist for increasingly complex and diverse classrooms?
- new schools are built for growing jurisdictions?

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