

**RancheView School
School Council Meeting Minutes
January 21st, 2019 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

Present Jen H, Diane, Sharon, Amy van Lankvelt, Jaya, Stacey, Fiona, Amy, Rochelle, Krista
Regrets Lindsay

1. Call to Order: 6:37 p.m. - Jen H
2. Approval of October Minutes (did not have quorum at November meeting):
 - a. 1st – Amy
 - b. 2nd – Diane with spelling correctionNotes from November meeting were distributed, no approval of notes required
3. Business arising from November meeting: none
4. Approval of January Agenda:
 - a. 1st – Diane
 - b. 2nd – Jaya
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Fun lunch Report
 - Added OPA to fun lunch offering
 - Pizza lunch is very popular with about 350 orders
 - There will be no fun lunch in June because of field trips etc
 - b. Treasurer Report
 - Council has \$631.39 left after commitments through August
 - Roadside sign is being updated more regularly
 - c. Fundraising report - none
6. Trustee Report:
 - a. 2019/20 Fall Budget
 - RVS' Board of Trustees approved the 2019/20 fall budget, Nov. 28, 2019. With expenditures of \$278.7 million, over 77.6 per cent will be directed towards instruction, 13.2 per cent to plant operations and maintenance, 6.3 per cent to transportation, and 2.9 per cent to governance and administration. In keeping with Board priorities, 84.2 per cent of total monies available for instruction will be directed to schools. As announced previously, provincial grant rates outlined with the Alberta government's 2019 budget in October left RVS with a budget shortfall for the 2019/20 school year. To address the shortfall, RVS will be drawing down \$4.32 million from central reserves and \$1 million from school reserves, with Education Centre budgets reduced by \$1.53 million and school budgets by \$1.75 million. Schools were able to achieve these reductions through reducing supply and equipment spending and making a handful of temporary staffing adjustments.

b. Budget 2020 Consultation Plan

- In recognition that reserves are not a sustainable resource and the current budget contains a one-time provincial transition grant of \$5.1 million, reductions will be required for the 2020/2021 school year. The board directed the superintendent to draft a community engagement/consultation plan to seek input and feedback from RVS stakeholders into budget and program priorities for future school years. The plan is to be brought forward for Board consideration in January. Stay tuned.

c. 2018/19 Audited Financial Statement

- The Board approved the RVS 2018/19 Audited Financial Statement (AFS) which painted a relatively strong financial position for the jurisdiction. Revenue for the 2018/19 school year rose to \$285 million, with the bulk of the increase resulting from increased student enrolments of 4.13 per cent. Of the total expenses, 76.7 per cent was spent on instruction, 14.2 per cent on plant operations and maintenance, 6.3 per cent on transportation, 0.1 on external services, and 2.7 per cent on board governance and system administration - well below the government's ceiling of 3.6 per cent. The largest expenditure was for salaries and benefits, totalling \$208 million.

d. Memorandum of Agreement Achieved

- The Board of Trustees and Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Local 35 have ratified a collective agreement for the term September 1, 2018, to August 31, 2020.

e. Board Approves 2020/21 and 2021/2022 School Calendars

- RVS Trustees approved the school calendar for the 2020/21 school year on Dec 12, 2019 which has students starting school, Sept. 2, 2020, before Labour Day. The last day of classes before winter break will be Dec. 18, 2020, with classes resuming, Jan. 4, 2021, and spring break will begin, April 2, 2021 (Good Friday), with classes resuming, April 12, 2021.
- The Board approved the 2021/22 school calendar, Jan. 9, 2020, which will see students start school after Labour Day, Sept. 7, 2021. The calendar outlines the winter break will run from Dec. 17, 2021, with classes resuming, Jan. 3, 2022, and the spring break beginning Apr. 15, 2022.

f. Cochrane Accommodation Consultation

- Rocky View Schools (RVS) will be holding a public consultation from Jan. 16 to April 23, 2020, to share information and hear feedback on proposed accommodation options for K - Gr. 8 students attending Cochrane

schools. First meeting is on Thu Jan 16 at 7pm at RancheView School. RVS will share information on enrolments and school capacity trends, possible accommodation changes, and other items relating to providing quality learning environments for our students in Cochrane. This meeting will see participants involved in roundtable discussion to ensure all feedback is documented and heard. For full information, visit https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/studentaccommodations/cochrane_accommodation

- g. Gov't of Alberta is seeking engagement around their 2020 budget. You can fill out questionnaire online.
 - h. RVS' Four Year Plan Approved by Board
 - RVS' 2019-2023 Four Year Plan, Innovators by Design, has officially launched following the Board of Trustees' approval, Nov. 28, 2019. Based on the hopes and desires of students, parents, staff, business/community leaders and service providers who provided direct input into its development, the plan features a new learning narrative and new goal statements crafted around "I CAN" – Innovators Connect, Achieve, Navigate. The plan can be accessed on the jurisdiction's website under Publications/Four Year Plans.
7. Admin Update:
- a. Christmas
 - Christmas celebrations, concerts and carolling all went well.
 - b. Staffing
 - Acting admin for Tracey until at least the end of January is Amy van Lankvelt
 - Cody Kempster is with us as acting admin until the end of the year which means Ms. Yanos also stays on as full time teacher in grade 7
 - Melissa Elves leaves on a maternity leave... her last day with students is Feb. 13th. We are in the process of filling this position
 - Pieter van Staalduinen joins our staff at the grade 4 level (including French at grade 4) covering a leave
 - c. Dare to Care
 - students had assemblies first week back and parent night coming up on Jan. 27th
 - d. Advanced Registration
 - began last week- we have 70 kindergarten registrations already
 - e. Sports
 - Junior A basketball is going well. It started in December . A shout out to Martina Mees and Cody Kempster who are coaching Junior A girls and to Sarah Warwick who is coaching Junior B boys
 - Grade 6 basketball is next, starting Feb 3 through Feb 28, and Junior B basketball will follow that.

- f. Fine Arts
 - Drama Production is Alice and Wonderland- Ms. Ornmadee and Ms. Yanos
 - Band with Bow Valley High and Mitford/CCA and Fireside on March 24th- food donations are being collected
 - We want to explore offering band next year starting in grade 5
- 8. New Business Matters –
 - a. Follow-up on letter to town council from school council
 - Jenn drafted it but didn't get a response. Felt as though there had been improvement. Sharon emailed Bonnie Sauve to ask for her advice. Jenn will tweak letter to reflect current situation, redistribute to the group and then send to Council.
 - b. Celebrating retirement for staff that interact with council
 - Motion to purchase \$50 gift for retirees out of school council funds: Amy
 - 2nd – Jaya
 - All in favour - yes
- 9. Adjournment: 8:00 p.m. - Jen H

Next Meeting: March 17, 2020 6:30-8:00pm