

RancheView School
School Council AGM Meeting Minutes
Oct 19, 2021 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Via Zoom

Present: Fiona Gilbert, Lynette LePan-Smith, Jaya Dixit, Rochelle Snively, Marianna Moodie, Tina Pearson, Laura McRobbie, Desiree Kastendieck, Carmen Brown, Mandy House, Brittany Hamilton, Courtney Chung, Devina Shah, Matt House, Jennie, Cory Wilde

1. Call to order - Lynette Lepad-Smith
2. Council election for chair, vice chair and secretary
Tina only nomination for chair
Jaya and Brittany nominated for Vice chair - Jaya won the vote
Desiree only nomination for secretary
No need for treasurer, as stated by Fiona Gilbert, school trustee
3. Approval of AGM minutes 2020
Tina approves
4. Business arising from last meeting: none
5. Fundraising update: none
6. Administration update:
 - Congratulations to Fiona Gilbert on another term as Ward 6 Trustee.
 - A huge thank you goes out to those parents who put forward their name for our School Council elections. The time and commitment is so appreciated.
 - There have been a few questions in regards to the contact notification. Right now we're relying on parents to notify us. AHS doesn't let us know until the end of the day. One of the positive things is that the kids have been amazing through needing to wear masks all day. These kids are amazing and learning is still happening. Mask breaks - recess time and at snack, 15 minutes when everyone is sitting forward, lunch 30 minutes and 30 minutes outside or whenever the teacher is able to have everyone facing forward, they can and children are able to go into the hall to take extra mask breaks if needed.
 - Fun Lunch Fridays. Lunches are allowed to go if they are made in a commercial kitchen and prepacked. The office will set up the Fun Lunches and Grade 8 students will volunteer to distribute them. A donation to the grade 8 for their Farewell will be made from the school.
 - Breakfast Club and Canteen may be taken on by School Council.
 - Teacher Appreciation. Really, staff appreciate anything!!! With 3 Way Conferences now going to Zoom it is a bit more difficult to have dinner served. Food, drinks, gift cards, notes of appreciation are a few ideas thrown around.

- School Sign. The school sign is a joint cost between Council and the School. We each pay about \$1039 a year for it. Currently it has not been changed and we have had no calls through the office regarding it. Wonders I have are around the purpose of the sign and if we wish to continue on with the fee knowing that Council had a year of no cash flow. **from meeting: Carmen Brown will investigate for local sign companies and email Tina. Tina also suggested submitting announcements to the free digital sign board by the Safeway. Leave the sign up for now and look into options over the month and reassess next meeting.*
- Grade 8 Hoodies. Another joint cost of Council and the School. A total of \$2000 was put towards the purchase of a hoodie for each grade 8. Council's share was \$1000. The cost of this year's hoodies would be about \$30. Is this also something that Council wants to move forward with or do we have it as a user pay for parents? **from meeting: Maybe we incorporate a sliding scale for financial contribution depending on family circumstances so it respects dignity? Maybe we should ask the grade 8s if they want hoodies or tshirts or yearbooks, etc.*
- School Cross Walk. In the past the sidewalk to the South of the building was considered for a Drop and Go for parents. Parents would not be able to get out and park. Grade 6 classes access this side of the school; grade 1 & 2 classes have moved to the West side of the building. Upon watching traffic at this we wondered if this was still something that parents were wanting. If so I would connect with the Cochrane Bylaw Services and Cochrane RCMP as currently there are multiple cars that are parked in the drop zone.

7. Trustee Update

- Election yesterday. Pleased with the results. 6 incumbents coming back, 2 new trustees
- Covid updates - cohorting in K-6 and contact notification are the newest; if there are 3+ positive cases in a class in a 5 day time frame, the class must move to online; for mask exemption, there is a form that now needs to be filled and signed by one of 3 professionals
- Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding as RVS continues to navigate the ever-changing public health guidance and protocols related to the pandemic. Special shout out to school admin and office staff for the additional work that has been downloaded on to them related to contact notification. Please continue to review [RVS' Return to School Operational Plan](#) for current guidelines.
- The last board meeting for this current Board was held on October 7th where the Board said goodbye to Trustees Forrest and Sproule who have chosen not to seek re-election. The Board approved the Capital Maintenance & Renewal project list for the year which allocates funding for looking after and upgrading school facilities and mechanical systems(Rancheview is still too new of a school to qualify). At this meeting the Board also approved the creation of an Indigenous Advisory Committee to help support the work of the Board and the division in our commitment to truth and reconciliation.
- Total RVS enrolments for September 30, 2021 have increased by 1,333 students (+5.27%) to a total of 26,662 students. Enrolment in Cochrane is up over 300 students from Sept 2020 to Sep 2021 with Glenbow School sitting at 87% capacity as of Sep 30, 2021

- Government continues to receives feedback on the current draft K-6 new curriculum at www.alberta.ca/curriculum. Stay tuned for information on opportunity to participate in RVS parent focus groups.
- 8. New business matters:
Talking about Transparency next meeting. Think about what Courtney said between now and November.
- 9. Adjournment: 8:00 - Jen H

Next Meeting: November 16, 2021 6:30-8:00