

RancheView School
School Council Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Via Zoom

Present:Lynette Lapan-Smith, Tina Pearson, Jaya Dixit, Desirée Kastendieck, Fiona Gilbert, Colin Cheverie and wife, Candace Wray, Courtney Chung, Ashleigh Naden, Erin Wiseman, Mandy House, Matt House, Michele Delaney, Niki Maffescioni, Scott Maguire, Ashley Ridley, Stacey Fluker, Marianna Moodie, Rochelle Snively, Marcia Gilbert, Diane Kashuba

Regrets: none

1. Call to order - Tina Pearson 6:32
2. Approval of agenda - 1st Desirée Kastendieck, 2nd Rochelle Snively
3. Approval of September minutes - Jaya Dixit
4. Business arising from last meeting:
 - Transparency in the Classroom - Concerns have arisen that teachers are not telling parents that they are reading or discussing controversial topics. There were comments made about how teachers have enough on their plates that to add sending a list to parents is more than we should ask. On the other side, comments were made that even a heads up about topics that might be discussed or read about in class would be appreciated so parents can have those conversations with their children before it's addressed at school. The possibility of forming a committee to try to find more permanent solutions was brought up. No final decisions made but it will likely resurface as parents discuss with each other
 - Healthy hunger Program being brought back in the near future. Angela in the office arranged for Subway, Panago, Opa and Edo to be delivered and possibly a doughnut place for off weeks as a treat. Dec 3 will be Subway, Dec 16 will be Panago. Grade 8s ready to volunteer
 - Breakfast club - no parents coming in yet. Food coming through homeroom teachers
 - Bylaws for Student Council - Tina is still working on it
 - Sign on the corner - switched twice in November. Tina has emailed the town about the digital signs around town - great opportunity for big announcement. Possibly have the kids help put up the magnets.
5. Fundraising update: RancheView School Fundraising Society has set the following schedule for fundraising campaigns this year, to provide the school with funds for bike and scooter racks, outdoor classroom, updating technology/Chromebooks, and books for classrooms.

Currently: Rebel Bean Coffee and Tea, closes November 22 for delivery to the school by December 13.

January: Bacon and other meats

For Spring/Easter: Purdy's Chocolate

For Spring/Mother's Day: Plants

We would like to remind families, as always, that there are ongoing ways to support fundraising.

We have partnered with Skip The Depot, they will pick up your beverage containers right at your home and donate the refunds to RancheView School Fundraising Society. If you're new to Alberta, this is not only for liquor containers as in some other provinces -- any ready to serve beverage containers, including juice boxes, milk cartons and pop cans or bottles will be collected. Just use this link to arrange your pick up!

<https://app.skipthedepot.com/rvsfs>

Community members can drop off any unused clothing or household textiles in the collection bins at the school, and funds are provided to us based on the volume and weight collected. Once collected items are sorted to be re-sold, dismantled and recycled, as needed.

We also have a partnership with Mabels Labels, a portion of all sales are donated back to us when you choose "support a fundraiser", then "RancheView Fundraising" from the drop down menu. <https://mabelslabels.ca/>

If you have questions, or would like to get involved, please join us at our next meeting Thursday January 6 at 7pm or email rancheviewfundraising@gmail.com

6. Administration update:

- Thank you to the following staff:
 - Volleyball coaches
 - Jr A Girls – Graham Selwood– finished 4th
 - Jr A Boys – Nicole Birchall & Erin Spooner– finished 6th
 - Jr B Girls – Kelly Campbell(Just starting)
 - Grade 6 Girls – Bill Belsey
 - Grade 6 Boys - Wendy Sunderland
 - GSA supervisors
 - Wendy Sunderland, Hailey McManus & Morgan Wood-Lane
 - Run Club coach

- o Laura Huck
 - SHOUT OUT to our Remembrance Day Committee – Amanda Klager, Kelly Campbell, Stephanie Larocque, Rebecca Campbell, Megan Wall, Bill Belsey, Tenneil Mullin, Kristin Yager, Jen Krawetz & Jenny Sinclair
 - Sign - Tina Pearson
- o Staff Professional Learning
 - Self-Directed Day this past Friday
 - o First Aid
 - o 4 Seasons of Reconciliation
 - o Numeracy
 - Grade 1-3
 - o Layers of Reading Part 2
 - Teacher Professional Growth Plans
 - o Fireside Chats
 - Book Club
 - o Smart but Scattered by Peg Dawson & Richard Guare
- o RancheView Fundraising Society
 - Coffee – orders in by November 22
- o RockyView Workbook
 - Fall collection of insights
 - Parent Insights Form
- o Healthy Hunger
 - Subway
 - Panago
 - Opa
 - Edo
 - Donut / Cookie
 - Booster Juice
 - Start December 3rd with Subway then December 16th Panago.
 - Grade 8's will deliver

7. Trustee Update:

- o **Welcome to a new Board**
 Welcome and congratulations to recently elected trustees who have been selected to represent their community as a member of the Board of Trustees for the 2021-2025 term. The new Board was sworn in at its organizational meeting on Oct. 28, where trustees elected a Chair (Fiona Gilbert) and Vice-Chair (Norma Lang) from among their ranks, as well as appointed members to various committee roles.

- **Draft K-6 Curriculum Parent Focus Groups**
The Alberta government has announced that they will introduce a new Kindergarten to Grade 6 curriculum for all elementary schools across the province starting in the 2022/23 school year. Rocky View Schools (RVS) would like to hear from parents/guardians who have children in these grades and then share that feedback with government prior to government finalizing the K-6 curriculum. This feedback will be collected through facilitated small group discussions held virtually on Zoom with the last one scheduled for Nov 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Please call 403.945.4031 to register.
- **Modulars**
Every year at the end of October, RVS submits a Modular Unit Request to government asking for modular classrooms for the coming year. This year, RVS is requesting 18 modular units (aka portables) – 2 @ Mitford, 4 @ Fireside, 6 @ Northcott Prairie and 6 @ George MacDougal HS. RVS continues to experience areas of growth that modular classrooms can help address. While securing these modular units helps to alleviate space constraints in some schools, RVS continues to require new schools to be built in alignment with the needs of growing communities with increasing student populations.
- **New COVID-19 Hazard Reduction Administrative Procedure**
A new Administrative Procedure, AP 173 – COVID-19 Hazard Reduction, requires all individuals 18 years or older who are NOT students in RVS to either show proof of being fully immunized or provide a recent negative COVID-19 rapid test result to access RVS schools or facilities starting Jan. 3, 2022. The Board recognizes that not everyone will agree with the approach that RVS is taking. The decision to require proof of vaccination or a negative test was made in response to the government's request of all school divisions and in support of our commitment to measures that reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in our schools. The implementation of AP173 is another important step in RVS' multi-layer approach to keep the 26,600+ students in our care safe and in school, and to protect our 2,600+ staff.
- Save the Date – the next Joint Board School Council Meeting is taking place on Thu Nov 25th at 6:30pm via Zoom. Invitations have gone out to school principals and council chairs. Please register in advance.
- Questions for Fiona:
- What was the date for the draft focus group zoom again? - This Thursday night, Nov 18th.
- Do you think they would change boundaries so RancheView feeds into Cochrane High? - Probably not is the easy answer to that - until the next high school comes on board in Cochrane - 7-9 years away. Cochrane High is too full to accommodate more.

8. New business matters:

- Milk program - hopefully bringing it in soon
- You need a QR code of double vaccination or negative COVID test to enter the school as of January 3rd, not applicable to students.
- Hopefully doing a Read-a-thon in 2022
- The website has lots of information
- Do the parent feedback for the workbook
- Next meeting discussing Matt House's motion about O Canada and Desirée Kastendieck's about kindergarten

9. Adjournment: Tina Pearson 8:05

Next Meeting: January 18, 2022 6:30-8:00 Zoom