

RancheView School Council

Meeting highlights – April 18, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Krista.
2. Welcome and introductions.

Attendees: Cody Kempster, Assistant Principal
 Lanny Lam, Grade 8 Math Teacher
 Fiona Gilbert, RVS Board of Trustees
 Krista T.
 Rochelle S.
 Debbie R.
 Jocelyn K.
 Jen B.
 Agnes M.
 Michelle F.

3. Land acknowledgement given by Cody.
4. Approval of the agenda, with amendments, by Rochelle and seconded by Jen.
5. Approval of minutes, with amendments, from March 21st meeting by Rochelle and seconded by Krista.
6. Cody provided an update about the Social Media Platform, stating that Lynette has been working with communications to ensure that the new Facebook page complies with school criteria. The school admin staff are being added as page administrators so that they can post relevant information and events, all being well, posts should be live in the coming weeks.

Members also discussed what information should be included on the Facebook page and agreed that original forms of communication should still be utilized for parents who are not active on social media. The commenting facility will be turned off to prevent missed questions from parents or irrelevant comments.

7. Financials will be discussed at the next meeting.
8. Cody provided the admin update as follows:

Literacy & Numeracy:

We are wrapping up our Read-a-thon on April 21st. We will get a final count of reading minutes as well as the total amount of money raised. A celebratory assembly will be on May 5th to recognize all the students' work and money raised.

We will be doing our first every Mathlympics this year. One of our numeracy specialists, Lanny Lam, will be organizing this event in collaboration with members of the numeracy committee.

The purpose of this is to make numeracy connections between school, home, community members and Indigenous ways of knowing.

Performing Arts:

Our grade 7 & 8 Band had a wonderful time at Camp Evergreen where they were joined by the Manachaban Middle School Band. They took part in outdoor activities as well as spending time learning and practicing their instruments.

The grade 6-8 Band will also be going to the Calgary Performing Arts Festival on May 2.

Athletics:

Grade 6 Basketball ended very successfully. The girls played at Mitford and the boys played at Cochrane High. The learning was exponential, and all teams had a great time.

Badminton is wrapping up with the grade 8 tournament happening this Thursday, April 20th, and the grade 7 tournament happening on Thursday, April 27th.

Track and Field will be the next athletic season coming up in May.

Staffing:

Kelly Campbell – back from leave

Lisa Preston has joined the grade 5 team and will be with us for the remainder of the year as Anna LaFleche has begun her maternity leave.

Chantelle Giroux – off on medical leave until the end of the year. We are hoping to have a replacement join us by the beginning of next week.

Other:

Grade 6 Immunizations are on May 4th.

Grade 6 Camp Evergreen – This was a great success!! Students had lots of fun taking part in outdoor activities such as archery, horseback riding and climbing. They also enjoyed time at night around the fire, performing skits, playing games, and singing songs.

9. Fiona Gilbert provided the following update:

Trustee Report – April 2023

2024-2027 Capital Plan

School boards are required to submit their list of capital project requests to Alberta Education by April 1 each year. Government reviews these submissions and announces the projects it will fund in March of the following year, in conjunction with the release of the provincial budget. Seven priority projects have been requested by RVS for construction funding in 2024, two of which are in Cochrane – a K-8 school in Rivercrest and a new high school located north of Heritage Hills (Horse Creek).

Modular Classroom Program

RVS has been notified by government that we will be receiving only 10 of the requested 32 modular classrooms for the 2023/2024 school year.

Reviewing Optional Course Fees

The board has requested the superintendent to prepare a feasibility report (options and potential approaches) for eliminating all school fees for optional courses for the 2023-24 school

year. The report will be shared with the Board Budget Committee at its meeting on April 20, 2023, prior to the board making decisions related to school fees and the budget in May. Stay tuned.

Upcoming for the Board

April 27 – Decision on Powell St school accommodation and Transportation Fees for 2023/2024

May 11 – School and Community Use Fees set

May 25 – Divisional Budget approval

10. No new business was raised however discussions took place regarding the possibility of a donation facility to donate to the breakfast club or Healthy Hunger. Cody will discuss this with Lynette and bring the information to the next meeting.

Members also discussed the expenditure of the \$500 communications money which must be spent by the end of June; the consensus agreed that bringing an anti-bullying speaker into the school to raise awareness and enforce RancheView's anti-bullying stance would be beneficial. Krista will look over the grant criteria and meet with Lynette and Cody to discuss this.

11. Next meeting: May 16, 2023, at 7pm.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.