RancheView School Council

Meeting highlights - May 16, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Krista.

2. Welcome and introductions.

Attendees: Lynette Lepan-Smith, Principal

Cody Kempster, Assistant Principal Fiona Gilbert, RVS Board of Trustees

Krista T. Debbie R. Rochelle S. Jen B. Annika P.

3. Land acknowledgement given by Cody.

4. Approval of the agenda; approved with no objections.

5. Approval of minutes, from April 18th meeting, no objections with amendment.

6. AGM Items

Following voting procedures, members agreed that Krista will retain her role as school council chair, and Debbie will continue as secretary. Jaya will not run again as vice-chair, this position will be filled in September, as will the position of volunteer co-ordinator.

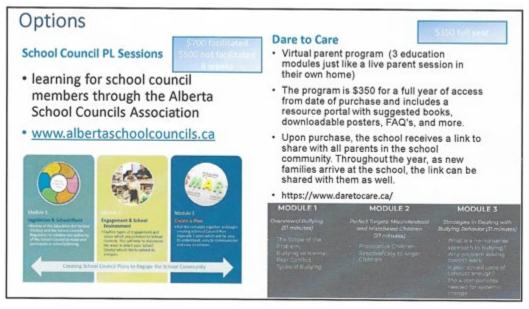
58 responses were received for the school council meeting times survey; 40 people stated they prefer evening meetings, 7 prefer afternoons, and 11 voted for a hybrid option. Members agreed to go with the majority and continue to hold evening meetings, but a hybrid option will also be used to allow parents to listen to the meeting online if they are unable to attend in person.

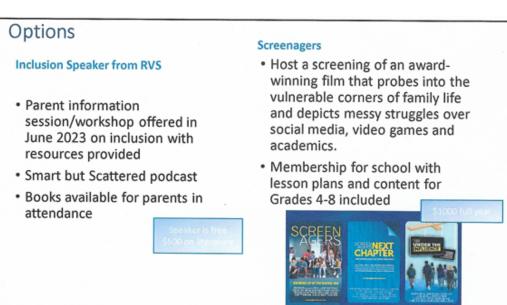
The school council meetings will be held at 7pm on the following dates:

September 19 th , 2023	February - no meeting
October 17 th , 2023	March 19 th , 2024
November 21 st , 2023	April 16 th , 2024
December - no meeting	May 21 st , 2024 – AGM
January 16 th , 2024	June – no meeting

7. Grant Potential Options

Krista presented the following 4 options for the expenditure of the \$500 communications money:





All options were discussed, and members agreed that the best use of the money would be to invest in Screenagers. This will be a \$500 investment this year, and \$500 next year. The purchase will be made in June and a screening will be organized prior to the summer break for school council members. Screenings for parents will be scheduled after the summer.

Additionally, a speaker series will be organized by the school council, inviting students from Bow Valley College to connect with RancheView students, an inclusion speaker from RVS, and an officer from RCMP.

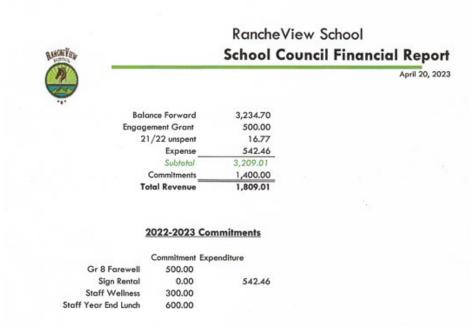
8. The social media platform is now live in the form of a Facebook page; 'RancheView School Official'.

9. Kinder Night Open House

This is scheduled for May 30th at 6:30pm in the learning commons. Lynette, Whitney Edworthy and Nicole Birchall will be there to provide valuable information to parents of the new kindergarten class. There will also be an optometrist, a dentist, and a learning support teacher. Rochelle will attend to represent the fundraising society, and Krista and Debbie will represent the school council.

10. Updated Financials

Lynette provided the updated financial figures as follows:



Members then discussed options for the staff year end lunch and settled on a Mucho Burrito lunch on Wednesday, June 28, the first of two PL days, and there were no objections to using the \$600 available for this.

Members also agreed that a staff appreciation breakfast will be scheduled for Wednesday, June 21. A sign-up genius will be set-up so parents can donate items such as coffee, muffins, banana bread, fruit platters, juice, napkins, and cups.

Additionally, the \$300 in the 'staff wellness' fund will be used to purchase prizes for a staff appreciation draw.

11. Lynette provided the admin update as follows:

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CASINO VOLUNTEERS 💖

Staffing Update

- Veronica Doyle grade 5
- o Grace Clarke
- Learning Assistants
- o Rhea Tanzola
- o Julie Schmitt
- o Randi Brauer
- o Mel Miket
- Chelsea McFayden

Hiring for 7 vacant teaching positions for elementary and middle school

- Retirement Bill Belsey
- Resignations new school divisions
- Transfers
- Growing school

Additional 3 temporary contracts

Maternity leaves

Next Year's Enrollment

- 2022-23 653
- 2023-24 677
- By 2027 770

Next Year's Class Sizes

Parent/guardian class requests should be directed to homeroom teachers.

Read-a-thon

- Overall, \$13,472.99.
- Uriah Wilde LC Facilitator of the Day most read minutes
- Charlotte Kimmett Principal of the Day LCF top fundraiser
- Thank you to 4 Cubs Children's Boutique for donating 2 x \$25 gift cards.
- Assembly saw Graham Selwood & Lanny Lam fulfil their incentives.

• Parent committee to run next year's event.

Mathlympics

- May 23 28
- Lanny Lam Lead
- All grade levels.
- Log page
- Not a fundraiser

Career & Technology Foundations grades 6-8

- Continue with Grade 6 CTF
- o Band, Art, Music, Drama, Foods, Woodshop, Outdoor Ed, Robotics
- Combine 7 & 8 CTF again.
- Strong Band program next year
- Looking at a Band Camp
- o Art, Music, Drama, Foods, Woodshop, OutdooreEd, Robotics, Leadership
- Will pick CTF courses through PowerSchool again.
- Pick in June

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Volunteer Opportunities

- Thursday May 18 Canadian Citizenship Ceremony
- Tuesday May 30 Middle School Track Meet
- Thursday June 1 Elementary Sports Day
- Yearbook Cole (Annika's husband!)
- 12. The Trustee Report for May 2023 from Fiona Gilbert will be added later.
- 13. RancheView Fundraising Society Update

Rochelle stated that the Fundraising Society had their AGM and board members were re-elected as follows:

Aaron G. President

Chelsea M. Vice-President

Rochelle S. Secretary

Nicole C. Treasurer

Scott M. Director at large

The Fundraising Society will have another apple fundraiser in the fall, and Rochelle passed on her thanks to the 33 casino fundraiser volunteers.

14. New Business

Return to school BBQ – A return to school celebration hotdog BBQ will be scheduled for Friday September 8th at the end of the school day.

A member requested that the Indigenous rocks on the west side of the school building be moved as they are getting damaged. Lynette will look into this and the possibility that they could be respectfully moved on June 21, as part of National Indigenous Peoples Day.

- 15. Next meeting: September 19, 2023, at 7pm.
- 16. Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.