

## RancheView School Council

### Meeting highlights – May 16, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Krista.
2. Welcome and introductions.

Attendees: Lynette Lapan-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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	February - no meeting
October 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	March 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
November 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
December - no meeting	May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 – AGM
January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	June – no meeting

## 7. Grant Potential Options


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

### Options

#### School Council PL Sessions

\$700 facilitated  
\$500 not facilitated  
8 weeks

- learning for school council members through the Alberta School Councils Association
- [www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca](http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca)



#### Dare to Care

\$350 full year

- Virtual parent program (3 education modules just like a live parent session in their own home)
- The program is \$350 for a full year of access from date of purchase and includes a resource portal with suggested books, downloadable posters, FAQ's, and more.
- Upon purchase, the school receives a link to share with all parents in the school community. Throughout the year, as new families arrive at the school, the link can be shared with them as well.
- <https://www.daretocare.ca/>

MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
<b>Overview of Bullying (21 minutes)</b> The Scope of the Problem Bullying in Normal Peer Conflict Types of Bullying	<b>Perfect Targets: Misunderstood and Mislabeled Children (27 minutes)</b> Provocative Children Resolving Easy to Anger Children	<b>Strategies in Dealing with Bullying Behavior (31 minutes)</b> What is a non-violent approach to bullying? Why problem solving doesn't work Is your school code of conduct enough? The 4 most powerful reasons for systemic change

### Options

#### Inclusion Speaker from RVS


- Parent information session/workshop offered in June 2023 on inclusion with resources provided
- Smart but Scattered podcast
- Books available for parents in attendance

Speaker is free  
\$500 on literature

#### Screenagers

- Host a screening of an award-winning film that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games and academics.
- Membership for school with lesson plans and content for Grades 4-8 included

\$1000 full year



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 30<sup>th</sup> 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:

## RancheView School School Council Financial Report

April 20, 2023

Balance Forward	3,234.70
Engagement Grant	500.00
21/22 unspent	16.77
Expense	542.46
Subtotal	3,209.01
Commitments	1,400.00
Total Revenue	1,809.01

### 2022-2023 Commitments

	Commitment	Expenditure
Gr 8 Farewell	500.00	
Sign Rental	0.00	542.46
Staff Wellness	300.00	
Staff Year End Lunch	600.00	

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
- Grace Clarke
  
- Learning Assistants
- Rhea Tanzola
- Julie Schmitt
- Randi Brauer
- 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
  - Band, Art, Music, Drama, Foods, Woodshop, Outdoor Ed, Robotics
- Combine 7 & 8 CTF again.
  - Strong Band program next year
  - Looking at a Band Camp
  - Art, Music, Drama, Foods, Woodshop, OutdoorEd, Robotics, Leadership
- Will pick CTF courses through PowerSchool again.
- Pick in June

#### RancheView School Council Parent Survey

#### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.