

## Rancheview School Council

### Meeting highlights – March 21, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 7:13pm by Krista.
2. Welcome and introductions.

Attendees: Lynette Lapan-Smith, Principal  
Cody Kempster, Assistant Principal  
Fiona Gilbert, RVS Board of Trustees  
Krista T.  
Rochelle S.  
Debbie R.  
Jocelyn K.  
Jen B.  
Annika P.  
Jeannette T.

3. Land acknowledgement given by Cody.
4. Approval of the agenda, with amendments, no objections.
5. Approval of minutes from February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting by Rochelle and seconded by Krista.
6. Business arising from February 14<sup>th</sup> minutes:

Discussion took place regarding the school social media platform; the new 'Rancheview School Official' Facebook page is live and will be utilized for forthcoming events, sports tournaments, general announcements, and access to paperwork. It was agreed that Jocelyn will assist school staff in the capacity of a social media coordinator.

Confirmation was provided that the school sign is now away, and the information which it was used for will now be posted on social media.

7. Updated financials information was unavailable and will be discussed at the next meeting.
8. School workbook: Lynette provided an update regarding the school workbook and highlighted that only 1% of parents have replied. The closing date for this is March 31<sup>st</sup>.
9. Administration update was provided by Lynette, as follows:

Thank you to:

- Breakfast Club volunteers
- Grade 2 swimming volunteers

Staffing:

- Janice Richter-Egan will remain on medical leave for the rest of the school year.
- Kelly Campbell is due back on April 17<sup>th</sup>; thank you to Lisa Preston who has been covering.
- Anna
- Wendy Sunderland had a baby boy named Emmett James.

School Messenger is now being used for attendance. This information is pushed to Powerschool which then calls parents to alert them that their child is absent. Lynette will investigate issues which arised for some users on the School Messenger App.

Readathon will start on March 31<sup>st</sup> and end on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers may be required to help with the readathon wrap-up party, and prize donations are being sought.

Yearbook: currently there are no parent or teacher volunteers to assist with the creation of the yearbook.

The last basketball tournament will be held at Rancheview on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

10. Report from the Board of Trustees – Fiona Gilbert

There will be an increase in operational dollars to cover teachers' salaries, transport, and maintenance increases; RVS will calculate where the money will be allocated.

RVS are expecting 1000 new students next year, however approximately 300 will not be funded by the government so RVS will have to cover the shortfall.

RVS did not receive any construction dollars for new schools.

The K-6 mileage eligibility for school bus transport has decreased to 1km or more, and 2km or more for grade 7+. This could cause issues due to a lack of drivers and buses.

The decision as to what will happen with the Powell Street school will be made at the end of April.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of new schools in Cochrane and the overcapacity of many of the local schools. Fiona stated that there is information on the advocacy website ([https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about\\_rvs/board\\_of\\_trustees/advocacy\\_priorities](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about_rvs/board_of_trustees/advocacy_priorities)) for parents to contact the Government of Alberta and give their story about how they will be impacted by overcapacity schools and no new construction.

Fiona confirmed that priority is being given to the site in Rivercrest but this will be discussed at the next meeting of the board. Additionally, there is a site north of Heritage Hills, Horsecreek Sports Park, which is the future site of a high school, this might be shovel ready in 2024.

11. The next Rancheview Fundraising Society meeting is in May so an update will be provided thereafter.

12. New business

- Discussion around a hybrid option for survey results was tabled for the next meeting.
- Money has been set aside for the creation of an outdoor little library; care and maintenance of this during the summer break requires organization.
- Discussion to take place at the next meeting regarding spending of communication money which was previously for the information sign.
- Discussion to take place at the next meeting regarding the possibility of speakers or a parent summit.

13. Next meeting: April 18, 2023, at 7pm.

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.