



RAINBOW CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting #1 – September 19, 2023

Signed In:

Amber Queen-Vanderstelt Sherri Billingsley Amber Patterson Kris Lea Sherri Billingsley	Tammy Rahn Cristy Leonard Shali Baziuk	Candis Legacy Glenda Durupt Jennifer Kasur (Zoom) Jody Bell Kamaldeep Kelly Pouteaux Kim Rogerson Nikki Dhaliwal (Zoom) Pinky More Svitlana Tricia Kupchenko Yobit (Zoom)
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 18:05 by Amber Queen-Vanderstelt

Welcome and Introductions

Still looking for a Treasurer position, if there is anyone interested please encourage them to reach out to council

Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve agenda for September 19, 2023, meeting agenda; Jody, 2nd Kris

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve minutes from June 13, 2023, meeting; Jody, 2nd Kris

Motion carried.

School Administration Report – Tammy Rahn & Cristy Leonard

- Staffing configuration hasn't changed a lot
 - 4 grade 1 teachers
 - 3 grade 6 classes
 - Tiffany Speers in grade 3
 - Lindsay Visser into Kindergarten
 - Sherry Merkoski in reception



- School Education Plan
 - Goal 1: Advancing student numeracy and literacy skills
 - Flexible assessment, socio-emotional needs of the kids, increased opportunity for low-risk practice
 - Using data to inform our practice
 - Students learning English language find the play-language and informal discussion helpful
 - Discussion:** What is helpful for parents to work with the school to achieve the goal
 - Goal 2: Decrease the number of at-risk students in literacy and numeracy
- School Goal: Build resilience in students through self-confidence, social, emotional and mental health
 - Discussion:** Strategies the school is employing to achieve this goal
 - Discussion:** How to get through stressful times and model resilience at home
- Complete school and division surveys - traditionally not a very good response; issue across the board throughout the school division. Was there a better response when it was in paper form?
 - Discussion:** Ideas for incentives: Tickets for the Christmas concert, add it on PowerSchool as a form that may need to be filled out
- Trying to create opportunities for parents to have a say in their childrens' education
- 32% English Language Learning (ELL)
- Prairie waters is 60% ELL
- School Goal: Build a sense of ownership through actions, learning and environments
 - Opportunities for students to have ownership through leadership
 - Parents/caregivers attending school events
- School Goal: Have inclusion live in our school community
 - Value and support differences with people, embracing diversity by having multiple entry points to remove barriers to learning
 - Parents sharing their expertise and attending school events
- Code Ninjas have reached out and would like to come to our School Council meetings. They would love to come and talk to us
- UCMAS, maybe parents come to talk to us with a information night
- Information Nights - PowerSchool to find out where to go, tutorial re: how to do different homework
- How do parents/caregivers support kids in different areas; goals with math games, resources from the teachers, YouTube links to different resources, setting reasonable goals for parents/caregivers (reading together 20mins/3 times per week)

Trustee Report – Shali Baziuk

- Enrollment up 3.8% - 28,000 students in the school division
- 1052 students joined RVS this year
- Significant Challenges: Space in our already full schools, modular classrooms
- Modular Units:
 - RCE: 14 modulars, space for 2 more
 - CLMS: 11 modulars with 4 more estimated by end of October 2023; at maximum built out
 - CHS: modulars there will not be attached to the school, no bathrooms or sinks
- School Sites: update from the City of Chestermere; Earthworks is being moved on the high school site, land titles will be applied for transfer



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- October/November meet with the school division to review priorities
- Provincial government will not give money for a school without a school site ready to put a school on. Needs to be shovel ready
- 1 other school site ready in the school division and that is Airdrie, if the high school site is ready it might look promising
- Chestermere needs a new school; however, it will take 3 years to build, modulars required in the meantime
- Langdon Jr/Sr high school to open September 2024. Approx 300 kids from CHS will go to the Langdon school, but Chestermere will probably have that amount of kids new to the school that year
- If enough Chestermere students want to go to Langdon High School RVS will offer a bus to take the students from Chestermere to Langdon
- Options: Grades 7-11 or 9-11; all the options are on the table
- Ask the students what they want to do for high school or if there are other options for them
- If there is the option for Chestermere kids to go to Langdon school it will be for all of Chestermere, not just one community of Chestermere
- September 27th at 630pm - School Council Orientation
- Capital Priorities list currently - priority 1-4 (2023) Chestermere k-9
- Chestermere High school priority 11
- Continued advocacy - continue to ask the city to get the school sites ready
- Early next year (spring) going to start talking about a grade/boundary reconfiguration to inform the board's decision
- Capital Plan will be attached to the report
- See Appendix 1

Council Chair Report – Amber Queen-Vanderstelt & Sherri Billingsley

- Refer to agenda
- Mrs Bell from Learning Commons is posting the meeting minutes on the school website

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn meeting @ 19:14; Jody, 2nd Kelly

Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Amber Patterson and formatted by Melissa Price.



Appendix 1

RVS Trustee report for School council
September

ENROLMENT

Enrolment in RVS Schools Climbs 3.8 per cent

Students returned to classrooms across RVS the week of Sept. 5 – early enrolment numbers indicate an additional 1,052 students joined the division.

RVS is required to submit its enrolment total as of Sept. 30 to the Government of Alberta. Total enrolment as of Sept. 6 is 28,664; however, it is important to note this number will continue to flex both up to and after the Sept. 30 deadline. We welcome all new students and those returning to our schools this September.

While enrolment growth is positive, it continues to pose significant challenges in two vital areas: - space in already full to over-full schools while we wait for new schools to be funded and built and for more modular classrooms -inequities created by the Weighted Moving Average funding model, which underfunds growing school divisions. For RVS, this funding model means around 800 students will not be funded by the provincial government this school year. More information on these advocacy priorities is available on the RVS website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

RVS will host a school grade and boundary configuration consultation on October 17th in Langdon. Chestermere families are welcome to attend and/or provide feedback through the RVS Engage link that can be found on our Web site.

RVS will host a school council orientation on Sept 27th at 630pm via zoom. Link is attached here.

SCHOOL SITES

An update was received from Travis Fillier, the Director of Planning at the City of Chestermere regarding the high school site. Travis is confident the high school site will have title transferred to RVS within 2 months. I relayed my thanks for the information but that with so many previous missed deadlines we will wait to receive confirmation from land titles and not assume the work is complete.

Don't hesitate to contact me anytime.

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