



RAINBOW CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes:

Date: January 28, 2025

Council Members		School and Trustee representation		Parents logged in/in attendance
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Amber Queen-Vanderstelt	X	Lisa Schultz	X	Ashveer
Amber Patterson	X	Joe Knight	X	
Candis Legacy	X	Shali Baziuk	X	
Glenda Durupt	X			
Kim Rogerson	X			
Melissa Price				

Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 1837 by 1st Candis L 2nd Amber QV

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda for today's meeting agenda: 1st Kim R, 2nd Amber QV

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from November 26, 2024, meeting 1st Amber QV, 2nd Candis L

Motion carried.

Trustee Report – Shali Baziuk

RVS Trustee report for School council

January

CHESTERMERE STUDENT ACCOMODATION CONSULTATION

A delegation in support of moving grade 7-9 French Immersion program from CLMS to East Lake school was presented to the board for consideration. The intent is for the board to make a decision regarding grade and boundary changes to Chestermere schools on January 23rd, to take effect for next September, the 2025-26 school year. A total of 204 online surveys were submitted and 67 people attended the in-person engagement session on Oct. 22. Those in support of the changes described positives such as shorter distances to travel to school, providing Chestermere with a second middle school and easing of the current pressures on East Lake School. Those who did not support the change cited a range of reasons including the potential for disruption for students, location of middle school French Immersion program and increasing enrolment at Rainbow Creek Elementary School.

SCHOOL SITE UPDATE

Work continues on the second K-9 school in the Chelsea development. The expectation is that this site will be ready by spring. The Dawson K-9 site has design funding and is considered site ready.



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The Chelsea high school site is also in finishing stages. We are hopeful to receive either design or construction funding in the spring budget announcements.

With all schools at or near capacity, the board will need to hold another public consultation for student accommodation in the next couple of years to determine how to balance utilization and populate a new K-9 school.

BOARD PROVIDED FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

RVS' budget continues to feel significant pressure despite an increase in the base grant received from the provincial government of \$4.1 million announced in July 2024. Lower than expected enrolment leading to a reduction in instructional funding as well as an increase in funding for mental health and curriculum grants means RVS is expecting a higher than budgeted revenue of \$328.5 million for the 2024/25 school year. This is an increase of \$4.6 million above the original expected revenue of \$323.8 million; however, despite this increase RVS is anticipating a deficit of approximately \$2.5 million to be drawn from the division's reserves. This is an increase from the \$1.8 million draw from reserves outlined in the spring budget. RVS' reserves at the end of August 2025 will be \$5.6 million or 1.69 per cent of the total operating budget.

Shali Baziuk

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RCE Administration report – Lisa Schultz

December and January at RCE

HR Updates

Ms. Forand and Ms. Diegel

Events

1. Thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped with swimming lessons. A special thank you to Ms. Candis Legacy!
2. Grade 5 Junior Achievement – January 29
3. Twin/Triplet Day – January 30
4. Next Colour House – February 6
5. Throwback Day – February 10
6. Grade 3 Clay for Kids – February 11
7. Red/Pink/White Day – February 14
8. No School for staff and Students – February 17-19
9. No School for Students – Teachers' Convention – February 20 & 21
10. Literacy Update
11. Diversity and Inclusion
12. Crochet Club
13. Grade 5+6 CLMS



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Upcoming Reminders

Kindergarten Registration opens Monday, February 3rd, 2025. Children must turn 5 years of age by December 31, 2025, to attend Kindergarten in the 2025/2026 school year.

School Council Report – Amber Queen-Vanderstelt and Amber Patterson

New Business:

1. Swimming update
 - Very well received. Positive feedback from students, parents and teachers
 - 48% of participants were non-swimmers/beginners (Grade 3, 4, 5)
 - Grade 6 Fun swim very well received
 - Will look to book again next year.
2. Parent Engagement fund/grant
 - a. \$500 +\$260 – Looking at options to host a presentation for students/parents in the evening or during school time. Looking something to support the arts
3. Parent resources - Strathmore/Chestermere resource network working to build family resiliency. Discussion on how we could/should link parents to receive this programing. Also Stepping Stones for Mental Health to support kids/parents.
4. Discuss RCMP presentation – March April timeline. Other schools are already on board, and
5. ASCA Conference – virtual this year. There are some budgeted dollars allocated for this.
6. Land Use – Discussions with City of Chestermere/Shali B and School Leadership to get more information.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn meeting at 1921 1st Amber QV 2nd Glenda D

Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Glenda Durupt