

CES School Council
Wednesday, Nov 2 2016

Attendance: Sherry Niven, Liz Grace, Krista White, Lynann Rogers, Lisa Metcalfe, Bob Rodgers, Norma Lang, Janice Graham, Shari Krukowski, Tracy Wasylucha, Jeff Wasylucha, Krista Benoit, Liz Marshall, Amy Spotswood

Call to order:

Meeting start time: 6:32 pm

Chair: Shari Kurkowski

Secretary: Janice Graham

Review and approval of previous minutes.

Motion to accept by: Krista White

Seconded by: Tracy Wasylucha

Vote: All in favour. Carried.

Review and approval of agenda:

Motion to accept by: Krista White

Seconded by: Krista Benoit

Vote: All in favour. Carried.

Reports:

- Chair: Nothing to report.
- Treasurer: Need to set up a meeting with Paul to transfer information and signing authority.
- Volunteer Coordinators:
(Meeting requested with coordinators and admin, -Bob-)
- Principal:
 1. Presentation of SARR (School Annual Results Report). Input sought. - Once the board and superintendent reviews the document, it will be made public on the website. The meeting with the superintendent is to take place November 18. CES is above the RVS average in every outcome. Overall, the data shows that CES is doing well and is meeting or exceeding standards.
 2. Criterion Movie Night- The school board has provided a subscription to all schools to Criterion, which provides copyright authority to show movies in school (15000 titles). This also includes the rights to show movies to community members within the school building, potentially at an admission fee or free. A future school community building activity could be to host family movie nights every few months in the gymnasium. Would this be something the Parent Council would be interested in taking on? The volunteer coordinators would be interested in spearheading this project. Families could bring own blankets, pillows, chairs, snacks, etc. Parent council could potentially have a concession as well. The first movie night could potentially be at the beginning of December. For an extra fee, we can

get access to a “new release” movie that is between theatres and DVD release.

3. Joint Board/School Council Meeting - The Board of Trustees invites up to three school councils representatives to attend its Joint Board/School Council Dinner Meeting on Nov. 17, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30p.m. in the Wild Rose room at the Education Centre. RSVP by November 10 to sgillisdevries@rockyview.ab.ca

- Assistant Principal:

1. Hazel Hutchins, Alberta author, will be in the school tomorrow to do presentations to grades in the library about her books and writing process.
2. Halloween events- the parade was a good event and many parents attended
3. Wee Reads: Volunteers Needed. This is a program sponsored through Calgary Reads which promotes reading in the schools. Volunteers are needed to come in and read to mainly kindergarten to grade 3 students on a weekly basis. Training is provided.
4. Remembrance Day Invitation
WGM; Nov 10, 11:10

- Staff Member: (Sherry Niven) The Breakfast Program is very successful. It is a Canada wide program that receives donations through Cobbs Bread and other organizations. This allows us to purchase or use donated food items to provide students with breakfast in the morning. All students are allowed to participate and this program has created a culture of friendship and visiting in the morning that the students are enjoying. More parent volunteers would be greatly appreciated to assist with this program.
-Report Cards will be going home December 1.

- Trustee:

(Discussion of new ward boundaries is listed under ‘new business’ below.)

-Joint school council meeting- there will be another one in the spring as well if you are unable to attend this fall’s meeting. The meeting in November will be centered around the new curriculum design and will have representatives from Alberta Ed.

-On the RVS website, there is a link to a survey from Alberta Ed regarding the curriculum redesign. The survey link is also in Bob’s weekly email.

-The CRC is also hosting some information sessions regarding the curriculum redesign. Norma will pass along a link.

-The board is currently working on a policy to make all school premises alcohol free for groups that use the buildings during off hours. Societies under the Societies Act are not impacted by this as long as the event is hosted off site.

Old Business: (Items from last meeting):

1. Discussion of having special meeting during school day for tour, etc.
2. Learning Commons Redesign conversation. Input sought from parent community.

3. Electronic bus passes. Norma spoke to the Director of Transportation regarding the questions of bus passes that came up at the last meeting. The purpose of the electronic passes is for student safety and in the future will allow parents access to information to their child regarding bus boarding and exiting. It is not intended to replace the relationships between the students, parents and drivers, but rather as another tool to allow parents to monitor their child's bus usage.

New Business:

1. Update to ward boundaries, parent input sought.

RVS is updating the ward boundaries. Next fall when the elections occur, the school trustees are elected. The wards currently are composed of 6 wards with 7 trustees. Crossfield is in Ward 1. It is the largest geographical ward but does not have the largest population (7.8% of the RVS population). The goal of the ward boundary review is to balance the wards by population. Ward 1 is likely to be most impacted by this restructuring. The board is considering the status quo as well as 3 other proposals which include 7 trustees, 5 trustees and 9 trustees. There will be a link on the RVS site that will be available between November 7 to December 9 to review the various proposals and to complete the questionnaire. There will also be 4 dates of meetings for citizens looking for more information. The final decision needs to be made at least 6 months prior to the election to be sent to the Ministry for approval. A final vote by the Board of Trustees will take place in January.

Question Period: (This is a time for questions to the council chair, trustee, or school admin. Advance notice of questions, especially on controversial topics, will help us to provide complete answers. A time limit may be imposed if needed.)

What is Power School and are CES teachers and students using this? All students in Rockyview are in the Power School system. It is an online program for schools to organize and parents to view student information. The Gradebook part of it is for grades and assessment. At a high school level, it is easier to use in relation to student achievement in percentages. In elementary school, most teachers prefer to use a narrative or anecdotal reporting process. This is not as easy to fit into the Power School system currently. Our school will be starting slowly and will be including information for one subject at this time.

Adjournment:

Moved by: Janice Graham
Seconded by: Amy Spotswood
Vote: All in favour. Carried.

Next meeting: Dec 7, 2016

Adjourn at: 8:10pm