

CES School Council  
Wednesday, September 16, 2020  
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**Minutes from June 24, 2020 meeting -**

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**Attendance: Bob Rodgers, Chrissy Berard, Krista White, Lisa Metcalfe, Lani McLeod, Tracy Wasylucha, Janice Graham, Norma Lang, Cindy Edmundson, Liz Grace, Katie Harris, Krista Benoit, Tracey Oledale**

**Call to order:**

Chair: Krista White

Secretary: Chrissy Berard

**Review and approval of previous minutes.**

Motion to accept by: Cindy Edmundson

Seconded by: Tracy Wasylucha

Vote: Carried

**Review and approval of agenda.**

Motion to accept by: Liz Grace

Seconded by: Katie Harris

Vote: Carried

**Reports:**

- Chair: Krista White
  - Welcome and introductions
  - Meeting Dates for the year are: October 7th, Nov. 4, Dec. 2 , Jan. 6 , Feb.3 , March 3, April 14, May 5, June 2
- Vice Chair: Krista Benoit
- Secretary: Chrissy Berard
- Volunteer Coordinators:  
Katie Harris, Cindy Edmundson, Lani McLeod
- Principal: Bob Rodgers
  1. School Council Role within the school. School council (created under the School Act) represents the parents of the school community and provides an opportunity to provide input in various school initiatives. Sharing of information and input into school

events and activities is an important role of council members.

2. Fundraising- Whoo's Crew is a parent fundraising society and operates as an independent organization, under the authority of the society's act. The School Council is governed under the School Act and is in direct consultation with the school. The School Council *can* do fundraising, but does not typically take on fundraising other than the annual Mathathon. Whoo's Crew takes on the majority of fundraising. They are looking at recruiting more people and are open to ideas.
3. Christmas Concert and movie nights will be on hold
4. Staffing update:
  - a. Juliana Lau - online grade 5 teacher
  - b. Opening an afternoon Kindergarten class to begin Monday, September 21st with Mrs. Chicilo
  - c. 0.5 was posted this week for a Learning Assistant
  - d. We will be getting 2 student teachers to work with Mrs. vandersteen and Mrs. Graham from Red Deer and Lethbridge
5. Demographics:
  - a. Kindergarten - 47
  - b. Grade 1 - 35
  - c. Grade 2 - 52
  - d. Grade 3 - 39
  - e. Grade 4 - 42
  - f. Grade 5 - 55
  - g. Online Lau - 7 plus 21 kids from a variety of schools  
**Total: 294**
  - h. There are 24 from grades 1 - 5 from CES online
6. COVID Information
  - a. School is trying to prevent both COVID from coming into the building and from spreading within the building
  - b. Hand sanitizer is at entrances/exits and at every classroom door
  - c. Students in Grades 4 and 5 have to wear masks throughout the day except when outside (can physically distance), while eating and drinking, and during physical exercise

- d. Increased caretaking staff and practices - every night the whole school is sanitized using nebulizer- not harmful to humans
- e. Social distancing within the building is happening and students/staff utilizing outdoors when possible
- f. AHS screening for all students and staff before entering
- g. Ask the community to partake in mask wearing to prevent spread
- h. If there is a case, want to ensure no blame is on the student or staff member
  - names will never be publicized
- i. If there is a COVID case, school will follow AHS protocol
- j. School will NOT shut down for one case
- k. Mask use is encouraged for K-3
- l. Mask use is mandatory for 4-5 except where medically unable (note sent to school administration)

7. RVS Playbook - on hold to ensure a safe start up

8. Once we start this years Playbook, our priorities will be a continuation from last year along with COVID:

- a. to look at the new RVS 4YP and build PL around our personal context at CES. A key area of focus is to use the power of each other to emerge as leaders and learners. We will engage in a collaborative approach to address literacy, numeracy, wellness, assessment, and differentiation with a focus on Making Learning Visible. #becrossfield

9. Three Way Conferences - TBD

10. Field trips, hot lunches, guest speakers, open gym, book fair - on hold

- Assistant Principal: Lisa Metcalfe

1. Terry Fox - Thursday, September 24th

- a. Classes run on own time throughout the day
- b. 10:30 – Bob and Derick Keenan will do a Principal's run
- c. Toonies for Terry – a cup will be in each classroom to collect the toonies. It will also be set up for online donations. Collection will start on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.

2. Breakfast program is up and running. Starts at 8:20-8:40.
  - a. The kids meet Mrs. Shoemaker outside by the bike racks.
  - b. All food is prepackages - we have raisins, yogurt tubes, boiled eggs, granola bars etc.
  - c. We received a President's Choice grant for \$1350.00 to fund our breakfast program.

- Trustee: Norma Lang

September 2020 School Council Report – Norma Lang Ward 4 RVS Trustee

Board met 5 times over the summer to discuss elements of re-entry planning – key decisions included

August 20 - The Board of Trustees approves the implementation of Option 1, authorizing access of up to \$2,000,000 of Operations and Maintenance reserve funds to cover the additional caretaking costs.

August 25 – motion to approve a delayed start at Westbrook School and staggered entry for the first week of in person learning. Motion to host board meetings through the 2020/21 school year in person for Scenario 1 & 2.

#### SCHOOL RE-ENTRY UPDATE

In early September, Rocky View Schools (RVS) welcomed back approximately 22,500 students for in-class instruction and just over 3,000 for online learning.

Approximately 250 students have chosen to be homeschooled through RVS while approximately 500 students have chosen to defer Kindergarten or leave RVS for other educational opportunities.

Plans are considered living documents and updates to the Scenario One plan will be informed by new information, new prov direction and our own divisional lived experience. RVS will continue to monitor and adjust re-entry plans as the situation evolves.

· Federal government funding through the province to school boards to assist with the costs of opening schools this unique year

· Administration will bring to the Board options to be considered for the recently announced \$9.3 million resulting from the federal government's Safe Return to Class funding.

Note of appreciation staff – central office and at schools for dedication and hard work – and also thank you for the understanding, patience and flexibility of families throughout the implementation of these changes.

All the Re-Entry resources are linked from the RVS home page and include links to the provincial resources as well. <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/school-re-entry-plan/scenario-one>

#### Provincial Student Assessments

RVS will not be participating in provincial Grade 3 Student Learning Assessments and Grade 6/9 Provincial Achievement Tests for the 2020/21 school year. Grade 12 Diploma Exams are still required by the province and will continue to count as 30 per cent of the student's final diploma course mark.

#### WESTBROOK REPLACEMENT SCHOOL

##### The Board Celebrates the Opening of Westbrook School

Trustees celebrated the opening of the replacement Westbrook School and were provided a virtual walk through of the new facility.

The replacement school was funded by the Board and Alberta Government with additional support provided by the Friends of Westbrook School and Rocky View County to enhance the gym.

#### CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND RENEWAL PROJECTS UPDATE

RVS received approval, May 21, 2020, for 18 Capital Maintenance and Renewal (CMR) projects totalling \$6.7 million.

As some bids for CMR projects came in lower than projected, RVS was able to add extra projects, approved by Alberta Education, in order to fully utilize the funding allocation. Alberta Education has advised RVS that projects that have not commenced by October may be cancelled and projects that are underway will be considered on a case-by-base basis.

RVS aims to complete all projects by October 2020, however, given the tight timeline, the jurisdiction will inform Alberta Education on completion status and will seek funding extension approval, if needed.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS –

Board organizational meeting is Sept 24 – similar to your AGM – select chair and vice chair for the upcoming year, appoint trustees to the various internal committees and a few external boards.

School Council Chair Orientation – all exec invited – October 15 at 5.30 pm on zoom –

First Joint Council November 12 – zoom format

**Old Business:** (Items from last meeting):

- School Council report for 2019/20 was submitted in June. (10 days before due date! :)

**New Business:**

**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.)

-Only positive comments about online schooling thus far

**Adjournment:**

Moved by: Cindy Edmundson

Seconded by:Katie Harris

Vote: Carried

**Adjourn at: 4:57pm**

Next meeting: October 7th via Zoom - 4:00pm