

CES School Council
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting

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RVS Land Acknowledgement

Rocky View Schools would like to acknowledge the land and recognize all the Indigenous Peoples whose footprints have marked these lands from time immemorial. Together, we can learn and honour the ways of knowing of Indigenous Peoples for all future generations.

Attendance: In Person: Lisa Metcalfe, Colin MacDonald, Cindy Edmundson, Katie Harris, Liz Grace, Kristy Thiessen, Nikki Roe, Nicole Vandenberghe, Allison Boettcher

Call to order:

Chair: Cindy Edmunson

Secretary:Liz Grace

Review and approval of previous minutes.

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Motion to accept by: Nicole Vandenberghe

Seconded by: Liz Grace

Vote: Carried

Review and approval of agenda.

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Vote: Carried

Reports:

Chair: Cindy Edmundson

- \$500 Grant - Any ideas?
 - Using it towards the end of the year to recruit new members. Will discuss specific ideas next meeting.
- Christmas Concert was great.

Vice Chair: Nicole Vandenberghe

Secretary: Liz Grace

Volunteer Coordinators: Katie Harris

- We need volunteers for the upcoming Hot Lunch Dates:
 - January 27 – Pizza
 - March 3 – Hot Dogs
 - March 31 – Stacked

- April 28 – Pizza
- May 26 – Stacked

Will also need volunteers to help with Bread Days and Breakfast cooking.

Principal: Colin MacDonald

1. Disruption of Learning Funds - \$12, 218.96
1. We are targeting 61 kids in grades 2, 3 and 4 for both literacy and numeracy
2. Grades 2 - purchasing more decodable books to enhance their collection and looking at adding LA time to support both numeracy and literacy in the classroom
3. Heggerty Resources - Bridge The Gap and Phonemic Awareness Curriculum Books to target literacy skills each day
 4. Grades 3 - 5 - purchasing decodable books and teacher release time to collaborate to continue building common language and programming
2. New Curriculum Funds - \$2500.00/grade
1. K - 3 - literacy, numeracy, PE and Wellness
 2. Grades 4 and 5 - PE/Wellness - \$2500 total
 3. Technology may not be purchased with this grant
3. New Playground

We will need to plan for a new playground in 2025. Early cost estimates will be 250k-400k. Colin will create a committee made up of parent council, whoos crew and administration and will assign specific tasks and responsibilities to key members.

Assistant Principal: Lisa Metcalfe

1. Christmas Concerts - were a great success despite very cold weather!
 1. Feedback re: formats for K - 2 and 3 - 5 concerts, held on one night rather than two?
 - Too early for the first show to begin
 - Hard to leave for those who lived out of town
 - Lots of mad rushing
 - Two nights are preferred by parents
 - We are thankful it still went ahead on the same night.
 - Let public know that if there is a cancellation this is plan B
 - We loved the format for Div. 1
2. COBS bread - Thanks for coming in to help cut bread. It really helps support both CES and WGM. Next pick up date is January 18th
3. March 6 - 16 - Revised date for Skating for all grades

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Norma Lang Ward 4 RVS Trustee Report – CES January 11 2023 – 7 pm

Inclement Weather Policy – discussion

MLA meetings

We met in Nov with all our local area MLAs and Ed Minister between Sept and Dec 2022. Letter just sent to additional MLAs – Ministers of MA and Infrastructure

Jan 12 Board meeting-

Exemplary practice will be BCS High School Students will be attending the Jan 12 Board meeting this week to share about their foods program, acknowledged as best practices / a front runner in the division

The ASCA 2023 Annual General Meeting / Conference is April 21-23, 2023

ASCA decision to hold their April conference in person in Edmonton – for anyone interested dates and a link to the event registration.

Resolution deadline is Jan 27 for any councils wanting to put forward positions.

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>

Dec 15 Board meeting highlights

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/whats_new/the_brief_dec_15_2022

Exemplary Practice: Chestermere High School Offers Hairstyling Apprenticeship

- Chestermere High School offers the only full Hairstyling Apprenticeship program in Rocky View Schools (RVS). Teacher, Melody McIntyre provided the Board with information about this innovative program as well as the school's barbering course. Students in both programs engage in hands-on learning, honing their skills on both mannequins and human models.

Board Approves 2022-26 Strategic Plan

- Trustees approved the 2022-26 Strategic Plan which will guide the division's focus over the next four years. Work on the strategic plan began in the spring of 2022 with feedback from parents/guardians and staff collected at various stages. This is RVS' first division-wide strategic plan. The priorities identified in the strategic plan are:

- o Improving our students' learning

- o Strengthening our workforce

- o Bolstering our infrastructure

- o Connecting with our community

- On Oct. 3, the Board released the draft strategic plan priorities and goals and received a total of 1,430 feedback responses from parents/guardians and staff which was used to finalize the plan.

- The Board and senior executive team wish to thank our students, parents, staff and community members whose feedback throughout the process helped to shape the strategic plan.

- A copy of the complete strategic plan can be found on the RVS website at rockyview.ab.ca

Annual Education Results Report Highlights Successes and Challenges in RVS

- Each year, school boards submit an Annual Education Results Report (AERR) to Alberta Education. RVS' 2021/22 AERR highlights the accomplishments and initiatives designed to help our students connect to passions, interests, and people, achieve their potential and navigate successfully as global citizens while attending our schools.

1. Discussion requesting feedback about school closures on extreme cold days.
 - There were some points about how travel to school on those days could be difficult and dangerous in temperatures that cold.
 - Availability of teachers, with some having vehicle and travel issues due to the weather.
 - Should schools always be open, as some children and parents would not have other options for childcare.
 - Norma to take discussion notes back the RVS trustees for more discussion and planning.
2. ASCA Conference in person again, April 21-23 in Edmonton.
3. School Board met with MLA's and ministers to request budget room for capital for new schools. This will be an ongoing advocacy focus with the province.

Old Business: (Items from last meeting):

New Business:

Question Period:

Adjournment: 8:13

Moved by: Nicole Vandenberghe

Seconded by: Kristy Thiessen

Vote: Carried

Adjourn at:

Next meeting: February 1 @ 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons at CES and via Zoom

Meeting Dates for the balance of the year: March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7- AGM