

## CES School Council

Wednesday, December 3, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

Zoom Link

<https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/9568760570>

### **RVS Land Acknowledgement – read by Sarah Morrison**

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 honor the ways of knowing of Indigenous Peoples for all future generations.

### **Minutes from Nov 6, 2024 meeting**

**Attendance:** Graeme Ireland, Megan Kirkley, Jordan Flower, Sarah Morrison, Mahdiah Hossini, Megan Laing, Kris and Jen

### **Call to order:**

Chair: Graeme Ireland (filling in for Nicole Vandenberghe)

Secretary: Megan Kirkley

### **Review and approval of previous minutes.**

Motion to accept by: Mahdiah

Seconded by: Megan L

Vote: approved

### **Review and approval of agenda.**

Motion to accept by: Megan L

Seconded by: Mahdiah

Vote: Approved

### **Reports:**

Chair: Nicole Vandenberghe

- No update.

Vice Chair: Graeme Ireland

- Reporting on Alberta Bill 27 – has been approved and comes into affect Jan 2025
- 4 main points that are changing from existing:
  - Changing from an Opt IN curriculum to an Opt OUT – Parents have the choice to opt out of Gender identity, sexual identity, human sexuality education
  - Parents must consent to any child under 15 changing name or pronouns; 16/17yr olds parents will be notified.
  - All third party resource materials or presentations related to gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality available in Alberta classrooms must be pre-approved by the Ministry of Education to Ensure they are age-appropriate. As noted by Jordan this is a change from the current system where materials and presentations do not require approval.

- ASKA – opposed to legislation, would have like more consultation before it was enacted
- Teachers Assoc – worried about students feeling unsafe at school/not open to discussing with teachers
- Parent council can be advocates although the legislation has already been approved.
- Graeme is opposed – should be paused – concerns about safety for children, believes teachers/schools have no malicious intent to influence our children, teachers seem to be very open honest and welcoming
- Parent council had an open discussion about legislation – sounds like parental rights to opt in/out; worry about rising rates of suicide due to legislation; being informed may open conversation up at home or could go the other way; will it be illegal for teachers to call kids by their preferred names if not discussed with parents first; Teachers usually have close relationships with students/families allowing for open discussions about these topics; teachers are bound to what they are told to teach – opt in or out – we will teach what we are mandated.
- Table for next meeting when Norma (Trustee) is in attendance, to allow for more discussion and possible action items.

Secretary: Megan Kirkley

- No update

Volunteer Coordinator: Mahdiah Hossini

- Update on skip the dishes totes – would like to spend some money on purchasing some totes for keeping food warm on special lunch days, Mahdiah will quote the purchasing and let Jordan know.
- For pizza days, can folded napkins be provided as plates? School can provide at nominal fee. (note added by Alyson-Teachers do use paper towel when serving)
- DQ ordering menu will be finalized this month.- Alyson supporting.

Principal Jordan Flower and Assistant Principal Sarah Morrison:

Jordan - Month in Review

- Parent Teacher Interviews – well attended.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony went well.
- Fire Prevention Week – very educational, students seemed to be very engaged.
- Long Service Awards – Jacqui Kiernan, Dina Bradish, Jordan Flower (20 years of service)
- Staff Secret Spirit Week – Teachers dressed in black, anything but a cup, socks n sandals, dress as a holiday, Jersey day: Building rapport with students – creating fun environment.
- PL Day Numeracy/Literacy – Numeracy is focus.

Month Ahead

- IPP Term 1 review – term review on Nov 6
- Christmas Concert – Dec 17, 2024/Dec 18, 2024 7pm

Sarah – Completed school ed updates –

- 3 PL days dedicated to meeting and advancing goals;
- Literacy: standardized testing - Grade 1 LeNS Fall Results: 79% no requiring intervention; Grade 2 CC3: 94% not requiring intervention; Grade 3 CC3 Fall results: 91% not requiring intervention; grade 4 F&P Fall results: 48% not requiring intervention

- Numeracy: ANSA Grade 1, 24% not requiring intervention; ANSA Grade 2 69% not requiring intervention; ANSA Grade 3 95% not requiring intervention; EICS Grade 4 84% not requiring intervention; EICS Grade 5 95% not requiring intervention.

Jordan – Building Future Ready Students –

- AI – Assessment and Technology Committee has met twice; 2 PL days spent so far discussing assessment and strategies for assessment; embedded collaborative grade team time provided for planning and diffing into new curriculum
- Creating inclusive learning environments (PBIS) – Committee – respect blitz in November, sharing on announcement and hot chocolate for students recognized – school wide lessons created and delivered for respect – 2 PL days with focus on PBIS

Sarah - Learning around the school

- Showed some of the art/interaction in classroom through pictures – playing in snow outside

Trustee: Norma Lang

- See attached report – Unable to attend in person

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

- Volunteer Opportunity – bottle recycling 1 – 2 times per month; as well as crossing guard/patrol support. Mahdieh is going to reach out to list of volunteers, Jordan will attach to weekly update and include Mahdiehs’ number for coordination.
- Alberta Government legislation regarding Alberta Education changes (see Graeme’s update)

**New Business:**

- Nothing to report

**Question Period: No questions**

**Adjournment:**

Moved by: Megan L

Seconded by: Mahdieh

Vote: Approved

**Adjourn at: 7:05pm**

Next meeting: February 5, 2025 @6:00 pm – **No meeting in January**