



PRAIRIE WATERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

**October 2 2024 6:30pm at PWE & zoom**

School Council Meeting

### **Agenda**

**School council** is a structured group of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and community representatives whose purpose is to advise the principal and the school board respecting matters relating to the school. It is a means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning.

Key factors in collaborative relationships are building meaningful, two-way communication and supporting respectful interactions among education partners.

**In attendance:** Norm Ellis, Karen Fillier, Shali Baziuk, Jodi Soare, Laurie Kimpton, Shannon Kell, Kristin Fehr

**Approval of Agenda:** approved by Laurie and second by Shannon

**Approval of May 2024 AGM Minutes:** approved by Laurie and second by Kristin

#### **Trustee Report – Shali Baziuk**

RVS Trustee report for School council

September

##### **RVS ENROLMENT**

While official enrolment numbers will not be submitted to Alberta Education until Sept. 30, preliminary enrolment numbers indicate RVS' student population is expected to grow to 29,350 by Sept. 30, and increase from last year of approximately 750 students for the 2024/25 school year. This enrolment growth is being driven by population growth in many of the communities served by RVS. As of Sept. 4, RVS enrolment is 29,307 students, an increase of 700 students from September of 2023.

##### **NEW SCHOOLS**

The high school site in Chestermere (Chelsea) is READY as confirmed by the City of Chestermere. The school division will be able to request construction funding in spring of 2025. The province has confirmed that high schools will be built under a P3 model and that the build time is between 4-5 years. The K-9 school site in Dawson's Landing has received Design funding and is on track to be site ready by the end of this calendar year. There are several school sites in various stages of readiness. The municipal council has committed to keeping school site readiness a priority as these two sites are not nearly enough to keep pace with growth.

##### **MODULARS**

Modulars, or portables, are used as way to bridge the gap between building capacity and building utilization. Until new schools are opened, modulars are a necessary addition to RVS schools.

RVS received 10 modulars in the spring allocation, 5 more as surplus units from Drayton Valley. Over the summer we also received 12 more modulars and approval to move 12 more. There are a few modulars throughout RVS that can be repurposed. Rainbow Creek will receive 4 modulars, leaving space for 2 more in the future. Chestermere High school will receive 2 modulars. At this time, with the exception of Rainbow Creek, all Chestermere schools are now fully built out and any additional modulars will need to be unattached to school property.

A grade and boundary reconfiguration public consultation will take place Oct 22nd in person, with opportunity to share your thoughts online through RVS engage. Details will be provided in a parent letter that will be sent out this week. With the rapid growth in Chestermere and the lack of schools, we need to balance the utilization in our schools in Chestermere.

Please reach out with any questions you might have.

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### **Administration Report – Karen Fillier & Norman Ellis**

- There is a lot of new information from finance regarding fundraising, and they school can no longer ask for donations or hold fundraisers for specific things such as field trips.
- There will need to be discussions about how the "Friends Society" and the school work together to fundraise for events, playground, etc. moving forward, while still respecting these new rules.
- Classroom and school cell phone policy – available online through RVS site. It hasn't been a concern at PWE which made it a simple transition. It is at the discretion of our School Council to decide whether cell phones/watches/mobile devices are allowed during non-instructional time.
- Shannon has put a motion forward to include non instructional time in the PMD – All in favor – Everyone – motion carried.
- SEP (School Education Plan) – has been attached. Please review and all feedback is welcome at our next meeting.
- PBIS has been in place for the last 2 years, and with the Teachers utilizing the matrix and providing information to students regarding behaviour the school has, overall, seen big improvements.
- Parents feel more connected to school and are pleased with the opportunities to volunteer and participate.
- Literacy marks are up compared to last year.
- Writing assessment results - 44% of students are at or above grade level. This will be a new goal for this year.
- This year there will be a new goal scope and sequence from K-6

### **PYP Update – Hannah Lederer**

- We held our first assembly centered around the learner profile attribute "Caring," where 52 students won the caring award! Moving forward, our new attribute is "Inquirer," encouraging students to explore, ask questions, and nurture their curiosity. Additionally, we are excited to announce that the final documents from our PYP evaluation last fall have been approved, marking a significant step in our ongoing commitment to enhancing our PYP program.

### **Business Arising and Discussion Items (20+ mins)**

- Open nominations/vote in new Board positions (Secretary, Treasurer and Chair)
- Laurie has nominated Shannon Kell to take on the Chair position – all in favor – unanimous – motion carried
- Laurie has nominated Kristin Fehr to take on the Treasurer position – all in favor – unanimous – motion carried
- Jody Soare will think about taking on a board position
- Discussions around the \$500 grant that PWE Council receives - What would we like to use this for?

### **Motion to Adjourn at 7:52pm**

### **Next Meeting: November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

**'Being part of a place where we love to learn together.'**