

Prairie Waters School Council | **January** Meeting Minutes | **2020**

DATE: Monday January 13, 2020

TIME: 8:30 am

LOCATION: Prairie Waters Elementary

SIGNED IN:

**Michelle Doz, Karen Fillier, Lyn Paschinski, Linnea Santarossa, Suzan Jensen,
Shali Baziuk, Coralee MacIntosh, Priya Anavaranthan, Ashley Lieske**

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- Linnea welcomes everyone to the meeting. Meeting called to order at 8:40 am.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Quorum not met. To approve in February.

3. Approval of December 2019 Minutes

- Quorum not met. To approve in February.

4. Community Services

- Susan from City of Chestermere - Parent link center, registration starts the third week in January. Funding changes coming, the parent link center will cease as of March 31, they will be Family resource center instead. Waiting to hear from the province for funding in February. Offering parent education and development.
- Postpartum support January 31, in Strathmore. Positive parenting program, Good food box dates have changed, support passes for Telus spark, and newsletter.
- Synergy - Shout girls program finished in December, and will restart in January. Offering 4 shout programs in Chestermere and in surrounding area. The community shout program starts again in February. We can take a few more boys 10-14 social skill development, Thursday nights \$50.00 fee annually. Hoping to do homework helpers again as well as dabble program 6-8 weeks. Pretty in pink campaign for the month of February, 26th is the assembly typically last Wednesday is pink shirt day. Bring awareness for anti-bullying for the whole month, button sales.
- Home alone and babysitting course coming in March and June. Amanda Normand school liaison, will be running a program at the learning center for parents of kids from 12-17 – 8 week program, relationships and attachment.

5. Trustee Report - Shali Baziuk

- School Calendars - 2021/22 calendar has been approved. Highlights are that students will start school after labour day, Sept 7th, winter break will be Dec 17-Jan 3, and spring break beginning April 15th.
- Ministry of Education - Budget - the spring budget is expected to be released sometime in March. We anticipate low to no increases to account for growth so, like other school boards, RVS is anticipating cutbacks to staff and services. To this end, a public consultation will be held once the budget is announced to ensure we have parent/community voice in what is important to you so we can prioritize the dollars we have.
- Funding formula - how schools are funded are going through a change process by the government with input from stakeholders that include RVS. We are not sure what this formula will mean for RVS, but it is expected to be released this spring.
- Choice in Education - we anticipate the government to move forward with its push towards choice in education which will mean an increase in the number of charter and private schools allowed and might also change the way programs of choice are offered. RVS believes choice in public education is strong and to that end we are working with the Alberta School Board Association on an advocacy campaign to highlight the excellent choices in public education and the need to continue to fund them. More provincial money allocated to private schools, who can choose which students attend, will mean less money for public schools, who must allow all area students to attend.
- Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) - I have been elected as a Director with the ASBA, representing Zone 5, which is a group of 9 school boards that include Calgary Public, Calgary Catholic, RVS, Golden Hills, Foothills, Canadian Rockies, Christ the Redeemer, Prairielands, and the FrancoSud school divisions. I will also serve on the ASBA Advocacy committee. I hope this position will allow me to further our students needs at RVS and in Alberta in a much more impactful way.
- School boundary discussion - Kathryn K-8 school - There will be a public consultation held at Kathryn school to discuss options to increase the student population at that school which is just over 50% capacity. The impact to Chestermere schools might include a boundary change, but at this point there are no options on the table, just a discussion as to what might be possible and what would best serve all students. Meeting is January 24th.

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- New Schools/portables - Showhomes are up in Chelsea and the site plan at the showhome depicts a school site that the developer indicates is on the plan but do not have a shovel ready eta. RVS has requested a meeting with the local municipality to discuss the need for school sites to be developed in phase one of planning and we are going to be asking for an eta on this particular site as well as the Dawson Landing site.
- Langdon school site has been funded for design, not build. What this means is that RVS will work with Alberta Infrastructure to finalize a school design plan, choose the builder, and then once the design is in place RVS will be able to put Langdon school site on the Capital Plan for consideration by the government for build funding. Since capital plans must be submitted in the spring, Langdon site design will not be completed and approved in time for submission and therefore will need to be included in the plan for next spring. Both Airdrie and Cochrane are working on school sites as well and are outpacing Chestermere in terms of capacity at schools.
- There are a lot of moving parts in education right now, please don't hesitate to ask questions. You will receive the facts as I know it from me or the RVS web site, the media does not always have all of the information you need so please consider carefully where you source your information.
- Shali Baziuk sbaziuk@rockyview.ab.ca 403 850 5758

6. Administration Report - Michelle Doz & Karen Fillier

- Playbook video, focus for staff or further improvements RTR, PYP and Learning support. Frequency of RTR, aligning and consistency for reporting across grade levels. If we can't communicate it well, the parents will not be able to understand it either. The students need clear targets on what they need to do to achieve a level of success. Finding ways to have powerschool habits to input feedback to students and parents. Newer teachers are having a more difficult time updating. PYP Planners are being filled in, real work will be next year, likely the casino funds for PYP IB program. \$8000.00 American for membership, courses are mostly in the US. A few people will go, or we can bring someone in for \$10,000.00 to educate the staff. Revamping learning support, there's a push in the division are we meeting the needs for the entire class, or just the special needs students.
- Furniture has come for portable, and replacing furniture that went missing from the last year. Teacher that has been using bookshelves for desks. Washer and Dryer are coming, and the new door for security at the front door. Lunch room supervisor has stepped down, now there are some changes coming. Volunteers are needed for K, 1 and 2, and new supervisors are needed, pays \$14.50 per hour, buddy will be there to cover, opportunity to make new changes.
- Need of new outdoor items for recess and lunch.

7. Committee Review

- Volunteers have tapered off, things are running smoothly.

8. Treasurer Update

- Balance \$29,215.78. Admazing wrapped up. Fundscrip \$13,195.00 total sold. Yearbook presales going well, now at full price. Basketball court. Swimming bus costs.

9. Chair Report

- Previous Agenda Items - Nothing at this time.
- Future Agenda Items - Leadership group will present next month. Staff Appreciation May 12th. Stampede Fun Day. PYP Hot dog day, build on this for the end of year event. Ignite, meet the teacher, also do a goodbye in June to draw families back in for the end of the year. Staff culture building community in the school.

10. Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am made by Priya Anavaranthan and Lyn Paschinski. Motion Passed.

Next Meeting: Monday February 24, 2020 @ 8:30 am