



School Council

Minutes of the ÉEVE School Council Meeting May 9, 2023 7:00pm In-person and via Zoom

SC Executive:

Caley Remington, Chair - regrets
Chelsey Conrad, Co-Chair - present
Judi Hunter, School Board Trustee - present
Jennifer Tanguay, Secretary - present
Sharelle Stitt, Treasurer - regrets
Logan Martin, Community Outreach Coordinator - regrets

School Administration Members:

Brendan Trinca, Principal - present
Alanna Berger, Assistant Principal - present

Attendees:

Tasha, Manhar Cheema

1. Call to Order

Chelsey called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chelsey motioned to accept both the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting as circulated; seconded by Judi; no objections; motion carried.

3. Co-Chair Report

Had some great things happen this year. Community getting involved, gracious with time, energy and sponsorship was amazing to see. MusicFest on May 3, impressive to get all the students on such a big stage - the Jubilee. Parents were so impressed and excited. Big thanks to Sharelle for her help with seating arrangements. A lot that happens behind the scenes to put this all together.

4. Principal's Report

Time of year to celebrate accomplishments and have one foot into next year. Want to highlight some of our accomplishments this year:

Literacy/Numeracy: Literacy Week - week long was new this year. Family Literacy Night was a big highlight, over 500 in attendance, a huge success - engaged community a big part of this success. Province has put money forward for learning disruption funds, gets filtered down through school divisions to schools. Used to increase FTE of learning support teachers, for Grade 1 added a staff member for May 8-June 23 to work with small groups in the afternoon. Could buy stuff, but not the answer in terms of boosting kids. Numeracy games block after lunch recess helpful in increasing practice. Cohort of teachers attended RVS Thinking Classrooms professional learning. Judi presented on this to the board. Peter Liljedahl (author), model his learnings to every classroom by having a learning specialist present to 2 classrooms at a time at the learning commons. Good model as no substitute teachers required, exposed all teachers to a slightly different way of teaching math.

Community connections: big want with things opening up was getting together, Welcome Back BBQ, Family Dance, MusicFest, nursing student volunteers that led student clubs, Trickster Theatre carried on from June and turned into a partnership where they used our space and trained people and we got some mini residencies out of it. Positive Behaviour Supports In Schools - created visual for character focuses in French and English: brave, responsible, respectful, community which were celebrated every month with house team assemblies.

Next Year: protected for 518 students, slightly less than this year (have a lot of Grade 4 students leaving), situated well to accommodate within our budget/teachers. Seeking feedback from parents, survey sent out from RVS.

MusicFest: really special evening, very successful, positive feedback, super organized, 1700 in attendance.

5. School Trustee Report

Loved MusicFest. Attended a dinner theatre at a high school a week prior. Performance allows kids to demonstrate to the public what they've learned, very powerful and heart-warming. Budget: flat, no more or less, basically status quo. Langdon: new school opening. Chestermere: possibly going to Langdon school. Cochrane: best use of newly acquired school (\$2 million spent to fix it up) is for Cochrane Christian Academy, currently occupying half of Manachaban school. Moving it over will reduce the stress on that school. Budget coming forward on Thursday. Will be attending Alberta School Boards Spring General Meeting June 3-5 and the Canadian School Boards Conference July 4-6. Alberta Health: new app - no more waiting in line for bloodwork, will notify you 15 minutes before your appointment. Online courses for dealing with chronic diseases. Pilot project on providing medical advice online done in Red Deer, going live later this

year. At National School Boards Conference, attended a couple presentations on AI. One speaker was Adam Cheyer, developer of Siri. Shared powerpoint "Technology Is Changing Everything" to highlight some things learned at the conference: waves of innovation from 1990 to today (internet, Google, iPod, iPhone). Technology has progressed faster in last 30 years than previous 200 years combined. AI will increase rate of innovation even more. Been using AI already for years (Alexa, Grammarly, autocorrect). ChatGPT3 published in 2022, ChatGPT4 is 500x bigger. Should we be afraid? Many leaders are, and are advocating to stop research in this area until we get a handle on it and have some legal ease in place. We assumed AI would displace jobs but were wrong, been the reverse. Creative work being farmed out to AI, will completely change the way we work and the way schools operate. Likely faster than we think. 100 million monthly users of Google was 78 months, only took 2 months for ChatGPT. When we use Google, it uses predictive search. ChatGPT4 does this differently, uses data cons and links and looks at data sources and compiles, deduces makes inferences. 60 Minutes AI episode. Bard is the AI on Google. ChatGPT4 passed the Bar and Medical exam, student developed art with it and got 1st place in international art competition, make a band, solve a biology problem scientists have been working on for years. ChatGPT4 has immense capacity to help us, need to develop skills to make sure it is being used appropriately and that we can identify when something is not man-made. 5 parameters U.S. government put out including that it can do no harm to people and something can be identified as being computer-generated. ChatGPT4 learns from it mistakes ie. learned how to play soccer with moves and strategies humans don't use. Heard of Grade 8-12 summer camp for kids that program, sponsored by top universities/companies, to get kids to use AI to write their entrance materials to get into those top universities in the U.S. Bard (Google), enhanced Maps with augmented reality (ie. look around restaurant). Bing (Microsoft), tried for fun, write reference for assistant principal in rural school division. Wrote professional reference letter in 30 seconds with professional terms used. Can de-bug programs. Disturbing that it can mimic any voice/picture on Zoom call, how can we tell we are talking to who we think we are? Coming our way fast and will present new challenges.

6. FEEVES Report

No report.

7. Open Floor

Manhar provided Yearbook update: Robin taking over next year. Cover contest on right now. Need to increase sales. New this year is 20 more pages, Kindergarten and Grade 4 grad focus.

Tasha: Is there a Grade 4 graduation or year-end windup? Cobbs cheque coming in June, around \$150-200. Could be used for a wind-up event? Brendan: money will be spent with Council approval. Farewell Assembly, will discuss/plan a celebration that teachers are on board with in regards to space and time. Manhar: could form a Grad Committee if it works for the school, teacher, timeline.

Judi: CPF 4th activity day, well-attended, kids had fun. Hopefully will continue.

8. Future SC Meetings

AGM will be held on June 13, 2023 at 1:00pm.

9. Adjournment

Chelsey adjourned the meeting at 8:21pm.