



School Council

Minutes of the ÉVE School Council Meeting October 11, 2022 1:00pm

Attendance: Chelsea Conrad/Cayley Remington/Brendan Trinca/Alanna Berger/Judi Hunter/Jennifer Tanguay/Sharelle Stitt/Logan

1:07- meeting called to order.

Last meeting was three weeks ago. We have an entirely new parent council. We are feeling really invigorated.

President report: looking for council interest

Principal Report/ Assistant Principal Report:

- sitting down with the co-chairs
- Rockyview trend collecting more data/provincial as well
- grade 1-9 students across RVS will be part of some diagnostic baseline data
- grade 1 will be in January
- Grade 2/3/4 the deadline was October 7th
- Admin/Learning support have been supporting getting that in
- entering data
- showed Cayley a screenshot to show what some of our data looks like
- we will be using this data to inform our instruction
- tough job for teachers but we are supporting them to use that data and to work with kids
- lots of fun making memes to start
- we will be coming back together with Elizabeth Barrett in March to continue this work
- general feeling was that teachers wanted to get to know kids rather than jump on assessment
- great baseline for academic understanding of students
- intent was good.
- this was not attached to finances like it was last year.
- teachers knew the assessments a bit more
- elementary students are data poor
- teachers know their students/they don't necessarily need an assessment
- each student took this test
- teachers will see by the students/class
- admin can see the entire school via grade level

- was this shared with parents? No, it was not shared with students
- we will need to do a bit of work with teachers how to share with parents
- some of these assessments are province wide
- province picked the tool they may not have been something we choose
- timeline was tight
- report cards can be challenging for parents to navigate
- we will continue to share this out as messaging

-WORKBOOK:

- we look at our own data
- we don't have a ton
- Alberta Education Assurance Measures
- generally, we are doing well
- lag data
- parental involvement was down
- we could easily point to covid
- Parent council- how do we welcome parents back in the building
- 19 parents responded to the survey
- Rockyview has a survey as well
- Brendan is combing through the data
- these tend to be quite a bit higher than Rockyview
- comparing to elementary schools is challenging
- this helps us to understand our community
- Brendan put out a form to help us to understand what we are doing well
- offering opportunity to offer us feedback

-How do we get parents to read the OWL outlook?

- 2 clicks max
- SMS sends theirs out Sunday
- Agenda are being used well
- print out the document?
- links are in the outlook
- presents well
- send out time to Sunday?

-Literacy and Numeracy Games

- work is steeped in literacy/numeracy
- we are doing a block of numeracy games for a bit after lunch
- getting in number reps
- sneaky numeracy
- having fun and learning at the same time
- infusing First Nation indigenous learning
- PBIS: positive behaviour
- we are making this very visible in our building

- it really supports us to have the same language
- we have tied the character focuses in to the PBIS pillars
- This is a rockyview structure
- PBIS is present in what we do

Parent comment: In one of my daughters 'classes, there is a little boy that is struggling. The teacher spoke to the kids about his brain and how it works. Created some amazing empathy.

- Zones of Regulations- speaking about everyone's differences

Trustee Report:

- apologies for missing last meeting
- rockyview's mandate for maintaining schools
- much of this happens over the summer
- SMS renovated cafeteria to auxiliary learning space
- Lagoon is finally finished
- Municipal land
- springbank high school renovated the foods room
- a lot of schools along the division have had upgrades
- new floors at Elbow Valley
- all schools are modernized
- municipal reserves agreement
- the former council has disconnected that
- if there was land available, ½ the money went to schools/ ½ went to the county
- we are working to renegotiate that agreement
- springbank schools are county schools
- many school have been renovated with those funds
- space for students
- from 2001-2021 we have huge population increase
- we have 91% more students from 2001-2021
- we have had to reconfigure schools to support student growth
- students are being bused across town
- we are at the point if we don't build some schools by 2026 we will have 500 students without spaces
- 1/3 of our students are in portable classrooms
- we add portables when we have need
- stresses the other spaces (gym/music)
- every year we identify the need for a school
- we look at the new communities coming
- the schools are not necessarily part of it
- we work with them to say we need a school
- all services have to be in for the school to be developed
- Harmony: The developer said he would build a school. He is getting the "site" ready

- this process can take 10 plus years
- the school needs to be approved by the province
- RVS puts in our top priority
- we are always competing against infrastructure
- 4 years out before it can be occupied
- reconfiguration? Would you consider bringing grade 5's down to Elbow Valley
- we are seeing growth out here
- as we look at SMS and look at the space that they don't have, and if we have space we will consider reconfiguration
- all spaces will be created to a learning space
- we have 2 online schools in Rockyview Schools
- during covid many parents choose that
- those numbers have dropped a little bit. The elementary school has dropped significantly
- Building Futures- Building houses
- Farm School- students going to school on the farm
- Learning connection schools- these are not traditional schools
- without those extra learning spaces what would our schools look like
- parents can lobby for schools
- we will need your voice
- we have met with the minister of education to plead our case
- every portable move 250 thousand dollars
- thank you for the wonderful barbeque
- those events are great ways to encourage parents to participate
- this is what school should be about
- one school returning to us: Holy Family School in Cochrane
- catholic school took our school and they are giving it back to us
- we are looking into how much money to spend on this
- strategic plan- email asking for input
- it was interesting to me how many kids asked for a quiet learning space
- most of the parents talked about safe and caring schools
- stick to the core: reading/writing/math
- goals have just gone out
- CPF meeting- Judi will be chairing this until we can find a chair
- BC- French Immersion Certificate when graduating
- Rockyview Schools can't do that
- we don't have the numbers in French Immersion
- we need to increase the numbers in High school
- options cause challenges for kids
- DELTA exam is available for French Immersion kids
- \$200 test
- DELTA B- world standard for French
- RVS is looking to supporting that
- How do we as a division try to keep the kids in French?
- How do we recognize them in French?

- CPF- doesn't have a good relationship with Alberta Education
- CPF doesn't have a chapter in Airdrie
- Faculty St-Jean is our home place for FI teachers
- Northern Alberta is better off as they have Francophone communities
- How do we support our teachers when they come?
- There is a cost to our French Programs, Judi spoke about this to the board
- there are lot of additional costs
- have we considered late Immersion?

YEARBOOK:

Kara Hamil/Holly Mclean/Manhar Cheema/Cayley Remington

- we will have a bigger book
- 74 pages
- we will fill them

Volunteer Orientation:

- opportunity for parent involvement
- get parents into the building
- used to be a regular thing
- we would like to get that on the books and get that going
- who can facilitate this?
- What is the best timing?
- relevant and exciting?
- it was 30 mins we answered questions
- volunteer coordinator
- sign-up sheet
- contact information, under the understanding that we will contact parents
- support council to find out people who are interested
- telling people what to expect when they come in to volunteer
- each grade has a coordinator that works with the teacher
- teacher will ask for the support they need
- supporting parents to know what they can do to help
- Class rep is teacher dependant
- Council helps with large school events
- we can send info to class reps about a volunteer orientation

-What do you want them to know?

- you will see life happen in the school
- confidentiality
- let a staff member know
- arranged volunteers are great
- we assume that you have planned with the teacher
- please don't take pictures
- road map of known opportunities

- shared yearly calendar?
- links to a sign-up genius
- Casino coming up
- Playschool has what a class rep does? Overview for people wishing to volunteer
- Let plan to do it?

If there are any objections to holding a Volunteer Orientation event here at the school, then we agree. (ALL IN FAVOR)

OCTOBER 25th

- we could do a daytime
- 9:00 am coffee
- Orientation
- Flyers in the parking lot
- school will communicate this out to everyone

OPEN FLOOR:

- Calendar of events that we have going on. (Brendan will send to Cayley/Chelsea)
- Family Dance- March
- Don't walk in the hallways... if school council would be up to funding that for us?
- Cayley Motions to cover the cost of DON'T WALK IN THE HALLWAYS
- Seconded by Chelsea
- All in Favour- Agreed
- Opposed? No
- **Motion carried:** School council will fund the decals for DON'T WALK IN THE HALLWAYS (\$150)
- Family volunteering as a collective
- Is there something that we can look at showing kids that there are people that are not as fortunate as them
- We are doing socktober
- Backpacks
- Teddy bear toss
- Adopt-a-Family
- Christmas Cards for seniors
- Christmas cards for first responders
- Shoebox campaign
- Cayley Motions for Logan to be the community outreach coordinator
- Chelsea seconds the motion
- All in favour
- Motion passed
- Cayley moves for the meeting to be adjourned
- Chelsea seconds
- Meeting adjourned 2:45

How do we raise money: Council can't raise money for it to just sit in the account. Money needs to be allocated for something.

- Christmas cards
- Mathathon
- School dance
- fun lunches

School Council has funded:

- sound creations
- subscriptions
- inline skating
- character focus/speakers
- Trickster