

Springbank Community High School Council
Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Attendance : Melanie S, Darrell L, Kim C, Raquel C, Kirsten H, Richard D, Monica W, Summer D

Melanie calls the meeting to order: 1:00 pm.

1. Welcome

2. Approval of October 2023 Meeting Minutes

Moved By: Raquel

Seconded: Kirsten

Motion Carried

3. Chair Report – Melanie Spagrud

a. Parking – to stay status quo. People don't use physical passes – do we need them?

b. PowerSchool/School Messenger – timing between assessment and updating in

PowerSchool seems to be getting longer. Placeholder should not be zero as this affects grade 12 application grades – seems to be teacher dependent. If students need to submit a transcript teacher will remove the placeholder for a transcript. School is aware of this timing gap. English is significantly better at getting marks in. Social studies is taking a long time, assessments are not being switched to collected and leaving grade at zero. Division requirement for PowerSchool update is 2/3 weeks.

Safe arrival questions on the use of the app and approval of absences. Darryl will invite safe arrival tech to an upcoming council meeting.

c. ASCA – Conference/AGM – April 26-28 in Edmonton. \$250 for members if they want to go.

d. Science Olympics (APEGA) – Robotics is aware of this event

e. Engagement Grant - Principal and School chair of banded peak sent out a note about sharing (costs) for a speaker. Any topics that would interest you let Melanie know. \$500 per school

4. Financial Update – Kirsten Hunter

Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) committee used \$798 for Hot Chocolate during Spirit Week. Account currently at \$3,562

5. Principal's Report – Darrell Lonsberry

a. June 2023 PAT and Diploma Exam results – Darrell reviewed and explained results (see attachment). Concern on the math diploma results. Teachers are digging into the results and determining what and how they are changing the curriculum. COVID recovery is also a consideration. No Diploma over the last couple years.

b. Quest A+ replaced with VRETTA – will be used for part A exams in January. VRETTA has practice exam in the platform. VRETTA is supposed to have accommodations right on the platform, diploma marking will occur on the platform. Backup plan is paper and pencil.

6. School Trustee Report - Judi Hunter

Judi not present at meeting – see attached Newsletters

7. Other Reports:

- a. Volunteer Coordinator - Allison Salazar. Nothing to report.
- b. Grad Representative – Michelle Hornung. Nothing to report
- c. French Program Representative - Vacant
- d. Teacher Representatives – Someya Inzinger, Richard Dupré. Nothing to report
- e. Student Representative – Summer D. – Is passing information about school life to the Springbank Community center.

8. New Business

- a. **Vote to vote to strike** – This was in the news. Darrell explained that this was a vote to authorize a strike vote (93% positive vote) ATA local and school board has re-engaged. The vote was a message of discontent.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:48 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 14, 2024

June 2023 PAT and Diploma Exam* Results

Provincial Achievement Tests

| | ELA | | Math | | Sci | | SS | | FLA | | É.S. | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov |
| Participation rate | 92.7% | 83.9% | 93.3% | 84.0% | 93.8% | 84.2% | 88.2% | 83.4% | 92.3% | 94.2% | 92.3% | 95.2% |
| Acceptable Standard | 93.9% | 85.1% | 82.5% | 64.7% | 91.6% | 78.8% | 74.6% | 69.0% | 95.8% | 80.8% | 83.3% | 73.0% |
| Standard of Excellence | 25.5% | 15.9% | 19.9% | 16.0% | 35.3% | 23.9% | 14.2% | 19.0% | 20.8% | 11.5% | 37.5% | 16.5% |

Notes:

- 178 students were registered in grade 9, including 26 students who were registered in FLA and Études Sociales
- Results in table are based on the number of students writing the tests, NOT the number of students registered in the courses
- Results for SS include just the exams written in English (152 students registered), as Études Sociales are reported separately

Diploma Exam Results

| | ELA 30-1 | | ELA 30-2 | | Math 30-1 | | Math 30-2 | | SS 30-1 | | SS 30-2 | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov |
| | School Awarded Marks | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard | 99.2% | 98.4% | 100% | 96.7% | 98.9% | 96.1% | 100% | 94.1% | 100% | 99.3% | 100% | 97% |
| Standard of Excellence | 63.6% | 42.4% | 50.0% | 18.7% | 70.5% | 54.1% | 14.7% | 29.2% | 58.8% | 50.0% | 32.8% | 22.6% |
| | Diploma Exam Marks | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard | 89.3% | 83.7% | 100% | 86.2% | 70.5% | 70.8% | 67.6% | 71.1% | 97.1% | 83.5% | 95.1% | 78.1% |
| Standard of Excellence | 12.4% | 10.5% | 43.8% | 12.7% | 18.2% | 29% | 5.9% | 15.2% | 29.4% | 15.9% | 29.5% | 12.3% |

| | Biology | | Chemistry | | Physics | | Science 30 | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|------------|-------|
| | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov | SCHS | Prov |
| | School Awarded Marks | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard | 99% | 97.2% | 98.8% | 97.4% | 100% | 98.1% | 100% | 96.2% |
| Standard of Excellence | 70% | 51.6% | 70.9% | 56.3% | 92.1% | 61.2% | 28% | 35.5% |
| | Diploma Exam Marks | | | | | | | |
| Acceptable Standard | 96% | 82.7% | 91.9% | 80.5% | 94.7% | 82.3% | 72% | 79.4% |
| Standard of Excellence | 58% | 32.8% | 52.3% | 37% | 52.6% | 39.9% | 20% | 23.1% |

*Diploma Exam results include both January and June results

** did not include FLA 30-1 or Études Sociales breakdown because there were only 8 students registered in each course (everyone met at least acceptable standard in both courses)



On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish each of you a wonderful holiday break and a Merry Christmas.

Our staff and students have been working hard. Schools are busy places, not only focusing on academic learning and assessment but also giving band performances, engaging in sports competitions, drama productions, leadership activities, field trips, and community contribution activities. The Board has published its Annual Education Assurance Results Report. It is available on the Rocky View Schools website. www.rockyview.ab.ca

Congratulations to Airdrie City Council for working with the new Francophone school to build a gymnasium that can be used by the public. The City will run the gym. Strathmore built a similar facility. This model is an effective use of our taxpayers' hard-earned dollars. For those of you who would like to see this in action, I invite you to visit the George Freeman School in Strathmore. The gym is built with a separate and secure entrance for public use. Link to article <https://www.airdriecityview.com/local-news/airdrie-council-commits-up-to-4m-for-gym-at-new-francophone-school-7799160>

The new Hautes-Plaines Francophone school is set to open in Airdrie in 2027.

The name Hautes-Plaines refers to the topography of the territory where the school is located. The latter is located on a plateau of approximately 1,100 meters above sea level, surrounded by plains which form the beginning of the Canadian prairies and the beginning of the Rocky Mountains.

The Tsq̓ésceñ is the seventh First Nation to do so since 2022

<https://www.wltribune.com/news/tsgescen-first-nation-takes-control-of-childrens-education-6830875>

Indigenous Cultural Liaisons

The Indigenous Learning team is happy to welcome new Indigenous cultural liaisons. [Stacey Dyck](#) and [Nicole Runner](#). These two new members will support schools in offering cultural lessons, teachings, and support to staff and students, as well as support bridging communication between school and home for Indigenous students and families.

Mandatory Holocaust Education in BC High Schools

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/bc-holocaust-education-mandatory-1.7013308>

British Columbia will make Holocaust education mandatory for Grade 10 students starting in the fall of 2025. B.C. Premier David Eby says the move comes during a "frightening" time for the Jewish community, citing a rise in antisemitic incidents in B.C. amid the ongoing Israel-Hamas war.

[Education minister tasked with creating universal nutrition program](#)

Manitoba's new education minister has been handed an ambitious to-do list that includes developing a universal nutrition program, appointing a senior advisor of Indigenous excellence in schooling, and introducing P3 accountability legislation.

[Nova Scotia education minister says naloxone in schools being discussed for new year](#)

Nova Scotia's education minister says the government is discussing the idea of making naloxone kits available in the province's schools, as the Liberal opposition presses for rapid action. Naloxone is used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and can save lives if administered rapidly. Education Minister Becky Druhan says the use of opioids at high schools in the province is "concerning,"

[B.C. announces funding for prefab classrooms for growing Vancouver Island school district](#)

The B.C. government is funding the expansions of at least two schools using prefabricated additions — which are more permanent than portables and quicker to complete than traditional construction. T

November 2023 Newsletter

Trustee Hunter Ward 5

In this issue I have included two video links, the first the video celebrating Year 11 of the Building Futures program with Mckee homes.

<https://www.airdriecityview.com/coronavirus-covid-19-local-news/rvs-and-mckee-homes-dedicates-site-to-building-futures-program-7646504>

October 5 was the Building Futures site dedication to commemorate the start of the 2023/24 program.

Building Futures is a full-year academic program for Grade 10 students offered in partnership with McKee Homes in Airdrie. In addition to learning subjects like math, science, social studies and English, students work together to construct a house. Through the program, they engage in hands-on learning guided by tradespeople associated with residential home building.

The second video pays tribute to our dedicated cadre of teaching professionals in celebration of “World Teachers Day. Since its creation by UNESCO in 1994, World Teachers’ Day has grown into a celebration of more than 32 million teachers in over 170 countries through activities such as students writing letters or sharing videos, to making it a national holiday in some countries.”

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/ata-invites-video-tributes-to-mark-world-teachers-day>

On Nov. 16, 1885, Louis Riel, a prominent Métis leader and advocate for his peoples’ rights and identity, was executed. This date is recognized annually as Louis Riel Day and the week it falls (Nov. 12 – 18) is recognized as Métis Week.

Rocky View School Division welcomes Navi Kaur as RVS' new Director of Planning. Navi joins RVS from the City of Chestermere where she worked f as Senior Manager of Infrastructure Management.

RVS also welcomes RVS' new Director of Operations, Tod Tjoris. Tod joins RVS from the City of Calgary. Tod is a master electrician, an instrumental engineer with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta.

Congratulations to Franco-Albertan Justice Mary Moreau who has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

EDUCATIONAL INSIGHTS FROM ACROSS CANADA

Quebec students will soon have to undergo seven to nine hours of mandatory anti-violence training every year, starting as early as pre-K, following a series of violent incidents in the province’s schools. The measure is one of 11 outlined in Education Minister Bernard Drainville’s anti-violence action plan to be rolled out gradually by 2025. The training will be incorporated into the school curriculum, and may be included in the province’s new ‘citizenship and culture’ course.

[Most P.E.I. teachers have considered quitting, union says](#)

The P.E.I. Teachers' Federation is looking for what it is calling a Course Correction, following a survey of its members that found 62 per cent of them had considered leaving the profession. The federation launched a new awareness campaign this week to highlight problems of burnout in the profession. The survey found 78 per cent of teachers had experienced burnout in their career, citing unrealistic expectations.

As global instability rises — wars raging across Ukraine, sub-Saharan Africa and now the Middle East — public schools are supporting a growing number of refugee students in a unique program addressing their complex needs. <https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/refugee-students-lead-program-public-schools>