

Springbank Community High School Council Minutes Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Attendance : Melanie S, Darrell L, Kim C, Raquel C, Kirsten H, Richard D, Monica W, Summer D, Allison S, Duska S, Amy C, Grace V, Judy H

Melanie calls the meeting to order at 1pm

1. Presentation by Leadership team requesting funds.

- DEIC and Leadership requesting funds two Grade 9 students presented their planned activities.
- Requesting financial support, the leadership group would like to have T-shirts so they can be identified when organizing events. 30 shirts = \$990.
- Funds for fun school events to boost morale of student body. Free treats such as Sugar cookies, pink lemonade, gold coins, suckers, button badges, Monday sucks -suckers, Valentine's Day - crush for a crush, Hot chocolate.
- Requesting \$1000 to help fund these events and an additional \$990 for shirts.
- This would then be a request for each year going forward.
- These items that are being requested cannot be purchased using casino funds.
- Council suggested they consider Jersey's which could be bought using casino funds and would be used every year.
- The Leadership team is going to revisit this request.

2. Guest – Robyn Bujold, RVS to discuss parent feedback on School Messenger/Safe Arrival

- Safe arrival vs school messenger- from parental side there is no difference. Safe arrival is part of school messenger. We need to message it as consistent to parents.
- No option for a midday absence.
- Safe arrival needs matching codes to PowerSchool
- The parents at council presented Robyn with a few different examples where Safe arrival is showing incorrect data, Robyn will investigate.

3. Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes as amended.

Moved By: Melanie

Seconded: Raquel

Discussion: December 2023 minutes incorrectly stated insurance increase. The correct wording is that insurance went up from \$1050 to the current rate of \$1550 (\$500 increase)

Motion Carried

4. Chair Report – Melanie Spagrud

- ASCA – Conference/AGM – April 26/28 in Edmonton. Rockyview will sponsor up to \$1000 for council attendees. Can also use \$500 grant money
- Parent Engagement Grant - Banded peak has asked to partner with us and Westbrook schools – ideas floated are: AI in education, sequel of Screenagers.

5. 2024-25 positions

- There are positions that need to be filled for the 2024-25 school year.

Position	Current	Will remain for 2024-25
Chair	Melanie Spagrud	
Vice- Chair	Raquel Chondronikolis	Yes
Treasurer	Kirsten Hunter	Yes
Secretary	Kim Corti	Yes
Volunteer Coordinator(s)	Allison Salazar	Yes
Grad Representative	Michelle Hornung	
Canadian Parents for French Representative		
School Trustee – Ward 5	Judi Hunter	Yes

- Can we make the meetings more widely accessible to people?
- Meetings need to be more inviting, advertisement in the messenger should include time and place of the meeting. Let everyone know they are welcome to attend.
- Time of meeting discussion – daytime versus evening meetings? Should we alternate afternoon/evening. In the past this has been tried and it was the same people attending the meetings, could not get more people in the evening. Afternoon meetings are easier for administration and student.
- Will look at hosting the meeting over zoom also.

6. Financial Update – Kirsten Hunter

School Council Bank Account Balance 31-Jan-24 - \$3,831.72 - hot chocolate \$528.32 only thing paid since last meeting

7. Principal's Report – Darrell Lonsberry

- Darrell introduced a Grade 9 course timetable change that will go into effect fall 2024.
- The current schedule affects the entire school. New schedule will open more course windows for entire school. Grade 9 students will be more integrated into the high school timetable.
- Grade 8 orientation Thursday Feb 29. In person open house March 7, 2024 - 5pm to 6pm
- Grade 8 will visit the school in June.
- Planning for a staggered entry in September.

8. School Trustee Report - Judi Hunter

- Negotiated settlement with teachers.
- All Rockyview schools are full in Airdrie, Chestermere, and Cochrane

9. Volunteer Coordinator - Allison Salazar

- Healthy hunger started. Grade 9 and 10 were busier. Parents and Students need to know proceeds are going to grad. About 75 lunches. Need an extra push.
- Staff appreciation- May/June

10. Teacher Representatives – Someya Inzinger, Richard Dupré

- No update

11. Student Representative – Summer D.

- Morning announcements – Summer will provide information about Healthy Hunger and any other council details we request.
- Fundraising for French grad – class is planning a bottle drive. Will encourage people to bring bottles to school. Can advertise in the flyer. Bottles can be delivered to school.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:54 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 17, 2024

January 2024 Newsletter, Trustee Hunter Ward 5

The new school in Langdon has been approved as a 9-12 high school. Doors are set to open September 2024, initially with students from grades 9-11.

The Board is in an accommodation consultation with parents of Airdrie school to address the space issues in schools.

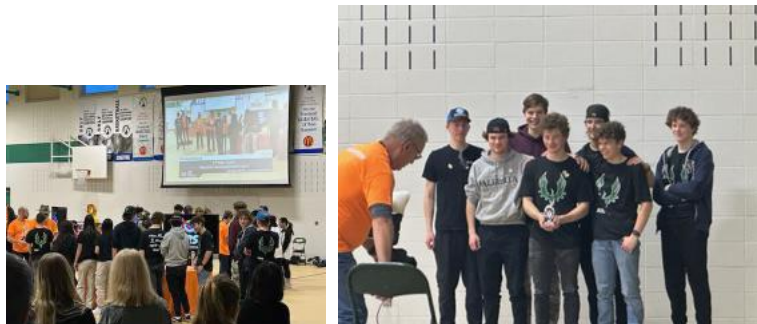
Long Service Award

On Nov. 17, RVS hosted our 42nd Long-Service and Retiree Celebration. This long-running event recognizes the contributions of our veteran staff members and offers a chance for us to reflect on and celebrate the positive difference they have made in the lives of so many students.

This year, we recognized 71 individuals who have passed either a 20-, 25-, 30- or 35-year milestone with RVS, and congratulated 58 retirees who are embarking on exciting next chapters of life.

Thank you to Springbank Community Association on a successful raffle raising 15000 dollars to support the physical education department at Springbank Community High.

Congratulations to the Springbank Community High School Robotics teacher Mr. Matthews and robotics parents on hosting its first and successful Robotics competition with other 27 teams competing and over 500 people in attendance. All three Springbank Teams won a seat at the provincial robotics competition in February.



The Canadian Parents for French held a fun afterschool event at Elbow Valley School where children created Christmas centrepieces and had a chance to practice their French. They also hosted a luncheon for the Grade 8 students at Springbank High School where the French high school students shared their love of the program and the opportunities provided by a second language.

Kudos to Banded Peak School on their entrepreneurial evening event which was well attended and appreciated.

Thank you to all our school councils for their tireless work in supporting student learning.

Across Canada, School Divisions struggle with Accommodation Spaces for Students

[Surrey school district's survey seeking solutions to overcrowding draws outrage from parents, teachers](#)

Parents and teachers are calling on the B.C. government to construct more schools in Surrey after the school district sent out a survey seeking solutions to a worsening overcrowding problem. Surrey Schools says it's seeing an average of 2,400 students join over the last two years, compared to 800 new students per year in the previous decade — a 200 percent increase in school enrolment. On Nov. 20, the school district sent parents a survey, asking for their input on long-term educational strategies to manage the ballooning enrolment numbers — with some proposed solutions including hybrid learning, tri-semester schooling, evening classes and bussing students to other schools. Similar issues appear across Canada.

Space Shortages are not just in Education

Surrey city councillor Linda Annis, called the city the “portables capital of B.C.” after Fraser Health installed a temporary pediatric emergency wait room in portables at Surrey Memorial Hospital. In a news release Thursday (Nov. 23)

Pronoun Controversy

Alberta's government is having an "active conversation" about whether school employees should require parents' permission before changing the names or pronouns they use to address students. Minister Demetrios Nicolaides said parent concerns and inconsistent policies across the province have sparked the discussion about whether to introduce optional guidance or binding rules. New Brunswick's new law on this issue has sparked a court challenge.

Holocaust Education

The head of the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada applauds a move by Manitoba to make Holocaust education mandatory. "Holocaust education is a key tool for countering prejudice and cultivating inclusion. It's not just about this tragedy that happened, of course, to the Jewish people, but its implications for broader society," said Belle Jarniewski, executive director of the Winnipeg-based organization. "When students learn about the Holocaust, they engage with very complicated moral questions — some that do not come with simple answers — and critical thinking is also a big part of this."

Math and reading scores for Canadian students declined sharply since 2018, study finds

Math and reading scores of Canadian students continue to decline steeply, matching a global trend, according to a new study. The state of global education was given a bleak appraisal in the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), which is the first study to examine the academic progress of 15-year-old students in dozens of countries during the pandemic. Released Tuesday, it finds the average international math score fell by the equivalent of 15 points compared to 2018 scores, while reading scores fell 10 points.

Alberta Students, however, performed well.

The 2022 PISA results released December 5, show that Alberta continues to be a leader in education in Canada and worldwide. Alberta students rank first in Canada in reading, first in Canada in science and second only behind Quebec in math. In addition to our impressive results nationally, Alberta students also perform exceptionally well against international competitors. Globally, Alberta ranked second in reading, second in science and seventh in math, within statistical deviation.

FEBRUARY 2024 TRUSTEE REPORT JUDI HUNTER, WARD 5

Division Administration provided an update on the progress of RVS' 2023-2027 Education Plan, approved by the Board of Trustees in May 2023 .

Highlights from the first four months of the 2023/24 school year include:

Goal 1 Advancing students' literacy and numeracy skills.

- Schools have developed School improvement plans to align with the system goals. All schools have set literacy and numeracy goals and targets to improve student literacy and numeracy.

Goal 2 Building future-ready students.

- 33 schools formed a Career Connections Strategy to discuss current practices related to career education planning and best practices for providing students in Grades 6 – 12 with access to initiatives intended to help build career skills development programs. A Career Connections Practice Guide is being developed.

Goal 3 Creating inclusive, engaging, healthy learning opportunities for all students.

- Schools are focused on teaching Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)-focused lessons in each classroom, expanding their use of 'catching kids doing good' and rewarding them in various ways for positive behavior.

January to June will see the launching of the following initiatives:

- Development of the RVS Math Assessment tool in the spring.
- Implementation the "OURSCHOOL" survey for students in Grades 4 – 12; this survey replaces the Education Plan Survey conducted by RVS in support of the previous Four Year Education Plan.
- Implementation of new curriculum and the use of learning disruption funding to support our youngest readers and mathematicians.

RVS is committed to investing time and resources in staff learning and development.

The Administrative Leadership Program (ALP) explores concepts around leadership and is intended for certificated staff interested in advancing to an administrative role. There are currently 69 individuals enrolled in the program, at various levels. Additional opportunities for school leaders to learn more about instructional or managerial leadership are offered through focused capacity-building programs.

The Education Centre Leadership Development and Support Program encourages Education Centre staff to develop leadership skills. Now in its second year, there are 22 participants currently in the program.

Various other professional learning and development opportunities are available through the Learning department for teachers, support staff and administrators. Since the start of the school year, 1,620 staff have participated in the 66 offerings. RVS' centrally organized professional learning opportunities have a 94 percent rating from staff who said the session was valuable to them on exit surveys.

The Airdrie community consultation on Balancing Spaces for Students continues until March 17. A Board decision on how to proceed will be made April 25, 2024.

Communities of Springbank, Cochrane and Bearspaw have raised concerns over new developments proposed by Rockyview County and the impact on the ability of current schools to accommodate the potential new students. School space shortages are an issue across Canada.

Rocky View Schools (RVS) Divisions and the local Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) have reached a collective agreement.