

Springbank Community High School Council Minutes
Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Attendance : Melanie S, Darrell L, Kim C, Raquel C, Kirsten H, Michelle H, Richard D, Summer D, Allison S, Judy H

Melanie calls the meeting to order at 1:02pm

1. Welcome – Melanie

2. Approval of February 2024 Meeting Minutes

Moved By: Raquel C.
Seconded: Kirsten H.
Discussion: None
Motion Carried

3. Chair Report – Melanie Spagrud

- Parent Engagement Grant - Banded peak chair has advised that they are not looking into using this grant for a presentation on AI this year. We have \$500 to spend on parent engagement, we may pursue a presentation on AI for parents on our own. SCHS has a staff committee looking at AI, we could follow up on this.
- ATA workshop on April 29 is coming to discuss AI.
- Some topics: Ethics of AI, pulls all biases not creating new knowledge, going faster than anyone can keep up with.
- Current positions for 2024-25 year – still looking to fill the Chair and the French Rep.

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

4. Financial Update – Kirsten Hunter

See attached report on financials.

- Ice cream treats for grade 12, leadership team will be making a request.
- Vending machine money – belongs to the school
- Bottle drive -first semester goes to life skills; Second semester goes to grad legacy project

5. Principal's Report – Darrell Lonsberry

- Proposed Fee Schedule 2024-2025 – see attached file. Note these numbers are the maximum fee that can be charged - not necessarily the fees that will be charged
- National volunteer week. Thanks to the volunteers
- January Diploma results shared. Compare year over year and general province (see attached) Overall very good results. Classes that are being watched that are slightly below province results: Math 30-2, English 30-1, Social 30-1
- There is a process in place to ensure students are getting courses and marks required to graduate.

6. School Trustee Report - Judi Hunter

- Facility use rental very occasionally in the school- it is not a revenue stream.
- 5 new schools have been announced for funding in the last round of the Provincial budget.
- Even with all the new schools planned Airdrie will still be at 95 to 100% capacity.
- Gov't only funds for construction – not furniture etc.
- Budget increase by about 2.2 %
- Transportation will increase in 2 years.
- Science hub at U of C
- Congrats to the robotics team on their performance at Provincials
- March 27 – French forum was enjoyable.
- Lion's club \$5000 scholarship – for student demonstrating financial need. Award is decided by the SCHS scholarship committee

7. Volunteer Coordinator - Allison Salazar

- May need volunteers in June when we bring the grade 8s over to help out with purchasing and serving hotdogs. No date yet
- Healthy hunger started.
- Staff appreciation- May/June

8. Grad Representative – Michelle Hornung

- Rehearsal Thursday May 30 9-11:30
- Grad meeting this evening
- Grad - 10am June 1 at Winsport

9. Teacher Representatives – Someya Inzinger, Richard Dupré

- Nothing to report

10. Student Representative – Summer D.

- French immersion at the middle school – 3 of the high school students went over to help out

11. New business

- Till next time (TNT) event – ice cream – need a volunteer to pick up at village ice cream and then coolers returned. Would like volunteers to hand out the ice cream. Friday May 31 – 10:50am Looking for volunteers – Judy Hunter offered.
- Finals for grade 10 and 11 – There can be a final exam but it must be done in class and during class time, this is up to individual teachers. If there is a final it will be optional however if students choose to write the final then the mark sticks. We have seen recently that Sciences have been doing a final exam and that the majority of students are electing to take the final. Lots of work done around assessment of learning. Transitioning away from higher stakes final exams. What will re-assessment time look like in the future? If a student is failing a course they need to attend the reassessment period. Results are not showing that the students are suffering due to not writing exams because the students are still doing ok in diplomas baring exam anxiety.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:51pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday June 19, 2024

Diploma Exam Results for January 2024

	ELA 30-1		Math 30-1		Math 30-2		SS 30-1		SS 30-2	
	SCHS	Prov	SCHS	Prov	SCHS	Prov	SCHS	Prov	SCHS	Prov
	School Awarded Marks									
Acceptable Standard	100%	98.8%	100%	96.8%	97%	94%	100%	99%	100%	96.4%
Standard of Excellence	65.7%	42.6%	76.8%	55.2%	24.2%	29.5%	59.1%	48.9%	56.3%	23.3%
	Diploma Exam Marks									
Acceptable Standard	87.6%	84.4%	87%	77.2%	85.4%	71.6%	95.5%	85.2%	100%	78.1%
Standard of Excellence	5.7%	9%	40.6%	36.4%	18.2%	15%	13.6%	18.4%	50%	13.3%

	Biology		Chemistry		Physics	
	SCHS	Prov	SCHS	Prov	SCHS	Prov
	School Awarded Marks					
Acceptable Standard	100%	97%	100%	97.4%	100%	97.9%
Standard of Excellence	77.2%	50.4%	61.4%	56.6%	84.4%	60.3%
	Diploma Exam Marks					
Acceptable Standard	98.2%	85.1%	95.5%	82.8%	100%	88%
Standard of Excellence	70.2%	34.3%	43.2%	34.1%	59.4%	48.4%

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Financial Update

March 31, 2024

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School Council Bank Account:

- Balance 31-Mar-24 \$3,831.72
- In February & March:
 1. No activity

Friends of Springbank Community High School

Casino Chequing Account

- Balance 31-Mar-24 \$129.91
- In February:
 1. The December 2023 Casino Funds were deposited then transferred to the T-Bill Account \$80,843.73
 2. The Council Executive Insurance for \$1,550 was paid

Casino T-Bill Account

- Balance 31-Mar-24 \$117,972.46
- In February & March:
 1. The December 2023 Casino Funds were transferred to the T-Bill Account \$80,843.73
 2. Total deposit interest for February and March was \$488.76

General Chequing Account

- Balance 31-Mar-24 \$564.12
- In February & March:
 1. No activity Bottle Depot and Vending Machine Cheques deposited in April

General T-Bill Account

- Balance 31-Mar-24 \$75.24
- In February & March:
 1. Total deposit interest for February and March was \$0.34

General Comments

- An adjustment was made to recognize a portion of the deferred revenue
- Melanie provided an updated committed funds worksheet – I will continue to update it as funds are spent
- Uncommitted funds at March 31st are \$29,248.95
 - Janell has submit for reimbursement for Grade 9 Humanities \$2,912.88 – the amount will be paid today

March Newsletter, Trustee Hunter Ward 5

Discovery Trails Online Learning School presented to the Board at the February 15 Board meeting. The presentation focused on the opportunities afforded to students by attending the online school. The school has reimagined approaches provide enhanced support for social and emotional well-being. The staff has developed strategies suited to support students by using meeting and chat rooms, working closely with parents, and providing a variety of wrap-around services.

The school caters to the unique needs of students – complex medical, competitive sports, mental health challenges, flexible and adaptable – different time zones or different hours.

The Franco-Sud school board is surveying parents in the Chestermere area to see if enough parents are interested in developing a Francophone school there.

The Bow Valley expansion which will bring the school attendance population to 1200 . Brendan Procé, communications director for Alberta Infrastructure, confirmed the \$55.1 million expansion is on budget and anticipated to be completed in late 2026.

This year's teacher's convention had a focus AI, benefits, and pitfalls. Attached are some links to AI tech information sites.

[Info-Tech report outlines 5 GenAI initiatives CIOs must key in on \(itworldcanada.com\)](https://www.itworldcanada.com/news/2024/03/05/Info-Tech-report-outlines-5-GenAI-initiatives-CIOs-must-key-in-on/)

[Google launches Bard GenAI in Canada, rebrands it to Gemini | IT World Canada News](https://www.itworldcanada.com/news/2024/03/05/Google-launches-Bard-GenAI-in-Canada-rebrands-it-to-Gemini-IT-World-Canada-News/)

The Board approved a change to RVS' benefits model for all staff. Within the next 18 months, RVS will transition from being self-insured to contracting with Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP) to administer employee health, dental, life and disability insurance, long-term disability plans, and employee and family assistance programs.

- ASEBP provides a comprehensive coverage plan similar to the current RVS self-insured plan and will result in a \$500,000 savings annually that can be reinvested into the division.
- ASEBP currently administers benefits for 58 of the 61 Alberta school divisions.
- The transition will be no later than Sept. 1, 2025, but could be as early as Sept. 1, 2024. More information will be provided to staff before the transition.

RVS' newest school, a high school in Langdon, is currently under construction and set to open for students in September 2024. It will be known as Horseshoe Crossing High School

The government will provide an additional \$5 million in support of student nutrition in the 2023/24 school year.

April 2024 Newsletter, Trustee Judi Hunter, Ward 5

Rocky View Schools (RVS) appreciates the provincial government's recognition of the division's urgent need for additional student spaces and the significant role investment in educational environments plays in student success.

The government announced funding for five highly anticipated RVS schools in Budget 2024:

- *Full construction funding for an Airdrie Kindergarten – Grade 8 school (South Windsong)*
- *Full construction funding for an Airdrie Kindergarten – Grade 8 school (Bayview)*
- *Full construction funding for a Cochrane Kindergarten – Grade 8 school (Rivercrest)*
- *Design funding for an Airdrie high school (Southwinds)*
- *Design funding for a Chestermere Kindergarten – Grade 9 school (Dawson's Landing)*

Budget Education Highlights

- More than \$1.2 billion over the next three years to address record enrolment growth and support the hiring of additional teachers and classroom support staff.
- More than \$1.5 billion to support specialized learning needs through learning support funding grants to serve the growing diverse needs of students for the increasing complexity of learning needs including language, social, and emotional supports.
- \$492.7 million in transportation funding to school jurisdictions and \$23 million to accredited independent schools and private Early Childhood Services operators to support the safe transportation of more than 335,000 students across the province, while saving families money and increasing access to transportation services; and
- \$50 million to promote parental choice in education by creating more pathways into post-secondary education and field experiences, which will lead to greater participation in the labour market. This bolsters our commitment to school-of-choice programs, including collegiate schools and dual credit opportunities.

Disability Supports:

Budget 2024 provides a 3.87% increase to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) budget which meets Alberta's projected population growth of 3.7%. Inflation is projected to be 2.5% in 2024. There was a 6 million dollar allocation for Program Unit Funding (PUF) which is provided to school authorities for Early Childhood Services (ECS) children with severe disabilities/delays who require additional support beyond that offered in a regular ECS program.

Alberta Government will invest \$55 million toward a new Multidisciplinary Science Hub at the University of Calgary. Alberta's post-secondary institutions offer world-class education, and this investment will help more students access science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) facilities and training at the University of Calgary. As the economy continues to grow and diversify, demand for the skills and expertise of STEM graduates is projected to increase.

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=8989335EDBF60-B863-395E-E4AB08477F82C566>

Congratulations to Bearspaw School on introducing a new archery option and club to the students. Two teachers were certified to instruct the class on how to safely use the equipment. While archery is new to most of our RVS schools, it is a program offered worldwide and is open to students of all abilities. Students can compete a local, provincial, and national levels.

An alumni of Springbank Community High School, Professor Sean Hum is the recipient of the prestigious University of Toronto Northrop Frye Award. Professor Hum was raised in Bragg Creek.

<https://news.engineering.utoronto.ca/professor-sean-hum-receives-the-university-of-toronto-northrop-frye-award/>

Springbank High School robotics teams competed in the Provincial Robotics competition. Teams placed 5 and 7, but won second place in the innovation category.

March 27, Grade 11 and 12 French immersion students participated in the French Forum in Cochrane.

Trustees were treated to a wonderful presentation by Chestermere teacher Mr. Autet describing the 10 years he has worked with students providing welding instruction. His students compete in the Welding Rodeo at the Provincial Skills Competition. Students graduate with successful welding job offers. Mr. Autet is an advocate for the trades and students who are not heading to post secondary.