

**Springbank Community High School Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 5:00 pm**

Attendance: Michelle P, Rob M, Kim C, Kirsten H, Tara S, Monica W, Allison S., Judi H., Raquel C., Jean B., Tara S., Grace M., Amale J., Arlene A., Andrea W., Mark

1. **Welcome:** meeting called to order at 5:04pm
2. **Approval of June 2024 Meeting Minutes.**

Moved By: Raquel
Seconded: Alison
Discussion: None
Motion Carried

3. **Chair Report** – Michelle Pellegrin

a. 2024-2025 Council Introductions

Council Chair	Michelle Pellegrin
Vice- Chair	Raquel Chondronikolis
Treasurer	Kirsten Hunter
Secretary	Kim Corti
Volunteer Coordinator(s)	Allison Salazar
Grad Representative	Stephanie Morrison and Arlene Aboud
Canadian Parents for French Representative	
School Trustee – Ward 5	Judi Hunter

b. Review and approval of 2024/2025 Council Meeting dates and times listed below:

Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 5 pm
 Wednesday, October 16th, 2024 5 pm
 Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 5 pm
 Wednesday, December 18th, 2024 5 pm
 Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 5 pm
 Wednesday, April 16th, 2025 5 pm
 Wednesday, June 18th, 2025 – Annual General Meeting 5 pm

Motion: to approve the 2024/2025 Council Meeting dates and times.
 Moved By: Monica
 Seconded: Arlene
 Discussion: None
 Motion Carried

4. **Principal's Report** – Mr. Robert Makkreel

a. **School Update.**

- Principal Makkreel excited to be in Springbank – from Bert Church High School.
- About 13 new staff members this year, all new teachers are experienced teachers.
- Importance of having administration visible to the kids, Admin will be visible at extra curricular events.
- There have been some bumps with this years start up, still missing a guidance counsellor, new secretary just started, complex needs teacher has been changed. However it is improving.
- Learning support has been moved to the bottom part of the learning commons
- 2 adults are in the learning commons during the day
- Sports have started.

b. **Cell Phone Policy**

- New policy has been introduced to maintain undisturbed instruction time.
- Policy has been presented to the kids during assembly
- During class time there is no cell phone use even in the hallway. Cell phone use is allowed in the learning commons during spare.
- It is being received well by the students
- Teachers have admin support and cell phones will be held in office until the end of day if required
- This is not just a Springbank policy.

c. **School Needs**

- Approximately 20 older ipads were removed from school because they could not be updated. Ipads have been used by students with IPPs that required audio files. Short term workaround has been done but it is not secure. Can we fundraise to replace the ipads. We need about 5 to 10 ipads to start with.
- Volleyball nets are not up to standard and need to be replaced. All students play volleyball in gym class and we host lots of competitive games.
- Our school population has decreased, we are at 681 kids versus 715 kids expected. Due to the drop in enrollment funding will decrease. Need to make the funds most effective.

5. **Financial Update** – Kirsten Hunter

School Council Bank Account:

- Estimated Balance 19-Jun-24 \$2,294.43
- A reconciliation of the School Council Bank Account has been completed and after committed monies that have been deposited to the FOSCHH General Account the balance will be \$280.41
- Activities include TNT Ice Cream, Leadership Treats

6. **School Trustee Report** - Judi Hunter

- See attached September Report
- Province announced major infrastructure dollars and we are hoping Rockyview will get some of that.
- 30 schools each 3 years – total of 90 schools
- We don't know yet how the funding is rolling out
- Community news – new Petro Canada station hearing scheduled
- Calaway park – there is a new road going in there – with a traffic circle.
- Hoping for stability with administration for our schools
- Would like to see these meeting have an online component. Let parents phone in

7. **Other Reports:**

a. **Volunteer Coordinator** – Allison Salazar

- Healthy Hunger – Will start up after Thanksgiving. Last year struggled with our volunteer base – possibly how request was being made. Will revisit this.
- Presence on the web. Need to connect the WHY we are doing healthy hunger.
- Road signs are \$50 a week for any advertisement.

b. **Grad Representative** – Stephanie Morrison and Arlene About

Motion to have Stephanie and Arlene on council as grad representatives for 2024/2025

Moved By: Monica

Seconded by: Raquel

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

- Looking at changing venues, last two years have had some challenges and looking for alternatives

c. **French Program Representative** – Vacant

- Desperately need one. None of the 3 Springbank schools have a French Program Rep.
- Need help with the fundraising piece and build some outside the school day opportunities for the French students to see their accomplishments.

- Email will be sent to all French student parents asking for a volunteer.

d. **Teacher Representatives** – Tara Sly

Motion to approve Tara Sly as the Teacher Representative on Council.

Moved By: Monica

Seconded by: Raquel

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

e. **Student Representative** – Vacant

- Rob Makreel will look for a representative .

8. New Business

- In future events where parents come to the school we need to have a meet the council table. Also advertisement on what council does for the school.
- Need to have more information on what Friends of Springbank is, why do we have it, what has it done for the school? For example the Fitness Center
- Consider at future school start up host a structured high school 101

Motion to post agenda on the website the week prior to council meeting

Moved By: Jean

Seconded by: Mark

Discussion: None

Adjourn SCHS meeting 6:00pm

Next Meeting Wednesday, October 16th, 2024 – 5:00 PM for Council and Approx 5:45 pm FOSCHSS

October 2024 Newsletter Ward 5 Trustee Hunter



School has been in session for over a month now and students are busy with their studies, and extra-curricular activities. School calendars are posted on the school's website for family planning.

The Board is scheduling student accommodation community engagements for the City of Cochrane and the Town of Chestermere.

A few community updates

- Rocky View County held its meeting on the proposed Petro Canada station at RR33 and highway 1. A decision to follow.
- Calaway Park will be expanded TWP Road 45 to the West. This will impact access to Springbank Middle School – more to come on that.
- Please be aware that many RVS buses are equipped with cameras to register the license plates of cars who do not stop and pass the bus while the stop arm is out
- Schools report satisfaction with the new cellphone use policy. Link to parent awareness of social media. <https://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/digital-danger-parents-key-to-keeping-kids-safe-on-social-media>
- The City of Airdrie held a successful back-to-school clothing drive and swap in September.
- <https://www.discoverairdrie.com/articles/over-150-families-helped-at-back-to-school-clothing-drive-and-swap>

Alberta opens its first Autism school. <https://globalnews.ca/news/10753356/jim-jiwani-autism-academy-edmonton/>

Link to children's autism organization: www.childrensautism.ca

Alberta Beef Producers has initiated a new program for elementary students called "Running with Ranchers". It is sponsored by the Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation (GRPF).

Link to initiative

<https://www.stalbertgazette.com/beyond-local/new-curriculum-at-some-alberta-schools-has-students-learning-from-ranchers-9505693>

Alberta government in a joint initiative with CASA Mental Health is supporting 9 new 5 - month student mental health programs for across the province. This a link to the story.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/10750131/alberta-mental-health-classrooms-fall-2024/>

Link to CASA website <https://casamentalhealth.org/getting-help-2/casa-classrooms/>

Across the country

In Manitoba, Bill 35, the Education Administration Amendment Act, was passed unanimously last spring. It is like bills in Alberta and other provinces that offer public information regarding teacher misconduct

Manitoba implement school nutrition program

<https://www.kenoraminerandnews.com/news/local-news/manitoba-launches-universal-school-nutrition-program-for-all-students>

Recommended Reading

For those of you who would like educational related reading the following recommendations are worth a look:

Supercommunicators

Charles Duhigg

<https://www.indigo.ca/en-ca/supercommunicators-how-to-unlock-the-secret-language-of-connection/9780385697743.html>

Can American Capitalism Survive?

Steven Pearlstein

<https://www.indigo.ca/en-ca/can-american-capitalism-survive-why-greed-is-not-good-opportunity-is-not-equal-and-fairness-wont-make-us-poor/9781250185983.html>

Eco Anxiety

Harriet Dyer

[digo.ca/en-ca/eco-anxiety-and-what-to-do-about-it-practical-tips-to-allay-your-fears-and-live-a-more-environmentally-friendly-life/9781632280848.html?searchType=products&searchTerm=eco%20anxiety](https://www.indigo.ca/en-ca/eco-anxiety-and-what-to-do-about-it-practical-tips-to-allay-your-fears-and-live-a-more-environmentally-friendly-life/9781632280848.html?searchType=products&searchTerm=eco%20anxiety)

Links are provided so you can see the cover and read the synopsis