

Springbank Community High School Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Apr 16, 2025 5:00 pm

Attendance:

Rob M, Kim C, Mark J., Michelle P, Allison S, Kirsten H, Stephanie M, Julia H, Amal J, Tara S, Arlene A,

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00pm
2. Approval of February 2025 Meeting Minutes
3. **Chair Report** – Michelle Pellegrin

Up Coming Meeting Dates and Times at SCHS
Wednesday, June 18th, 2025 – Annual General Meeting 5 pm

Proposed 2025/26 Meetings
Wednesday, September 10, 2025 – Meeting 5pm
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – Meeting 5 pm
Wednesday November 25, 2025 - Meeting 5 pm
Wednesday February 4, 2026 – Meeting 5 pm
Wednesday April 22, 2026 – Meeting 5 pm
Wednesday June 17, 2026 – Annual General Meeting 5 pm

Casino – 4th quarter in 2025

Motion: To approve the dates of the 2025/26 school council meetings

Moved by: Allison
Seconded by: Mark
All in favour

4. **Principal's Report** – Mr. Robert Makkreel
 - a. School Update
 - i) Graduation preparation will be reviewed with Students tomorrow
 - ii) Spring pep rally – e-mails went to families to talk about success of students who aren't necessarily school related. Not just phoenix stuff, but students who have done stuff outside of school
 - iii) 2025/26 – 50th anniversary of Springbank. We will be working with Judy H to start discussing ideas to celebrate Springbank next year.
 - iv) Principles of the all Springbank schools have met – middle school had the Cope program meet with the teachers to discuss safe internet usage and what signs to look for. Their school council is going to do a parent presentation at the middle school and we will invite our high school parents as well. Presentation for the community.
 - v) Request for teachers was put in today – new math teacher, chemistry, French immersion, other senior math teacher is going on leave next year.

- vi) Goals for 2025/26 is that every class to be under 32 students. Working on keeping class sizes as small as possible.
 - vii) About 70 students going through Rockyview for summer school. Most students taking Social. Vista Virtual and Golden Plains are other summer school programs.
 - viii) 48 Students have asked to do AP English – working at about 33 will get in.
 - ix) Huge number of students wanted to Fast Track biology – will go to about 30 students to do it working with the teachers
- b. Diploma Results
- i) January – 3 x 100% in Biology, Chemistry and Biology results were similar to class results, Physics was also good. Math and English had a large spread up to 45% change. 3 kids have redone math and Admin is working with this to narrow the gap.
 - ii) Compared Rockyview to see how the trends of all Rockyview schools were similar.
 - iii) More students taking Social 30-2 versus 30-1 this year so they can get a higher average for University entrance.
 - iv) There will be a Grade 11 – Grad planning meeting in May.
5. **Financial Update** – Kirsten Hunter
- a. School account \$2300 in it. We need to spend it and close it out.
 - b. Some money is earmarked for Grad legacy and possibly Life Skills. – in 2024 they got all the funds generated by the bottle depot. Grad has taken over the bottle collection and they are getting these funds.
 - c. Who is getting the vending machine funds?
6. **School Trustee Report** - Judi Hunter
7. **Volunteer Coordinator** – Allison Salazar
- i) Staff appreciation dinner – Thursday night of teacher interviews. Teachers liked it but would have liked to spend more time. Moving forward it might be better do it on a Professional Development day and have it a lunch so it isn't as rushed. Need a better plan for volunteers
8. **Grad Representative (School Event Only)** – Arlene Abboud and Stephanie Morson
- i) Hyatt is holding our day for 2026 Grad – we get first right on it but we need to put money down. There are no other dates available
9. **French Program Representative** – Julia H
- i) Kindergarten to Grade 12 coordinator. Hoping to foster the growth in the program. They are under the CPS chapter, Non-for profit. Looking for 10 volunteers. Grade 8 class is 41 kids – that will be the largest class coming into high school so far.

- ii) Planning a Wine and Cheese night in May.
- iii) There is some money in the funds to do something before year end for French students

Adjourn SCHS meeting at 6pm

March 2025 Trustee Hunter Ward 5

Mechanics Training Program Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Rocky View Schools' Mechanics Training Program was launched in 1999/2000 and celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. This unique program, located at Cam Clark Ford in Airdrie, allows high school students to work in a fully equipped shop while learning the mechanics trade through hands-on instruction. RVS highly values partners such as Cam Clark Ford that are instrumental in supporting longstanding programs connecting students to career pathways and hands-on learning opportunities.

Chestermere Grade Configuration and Attendance Areas Changes Better Balance Utilizations

With a 262 percent rise in population over the past two decades, RVS' schools in Chestermere are experiencing significant and sustained enrolment growth. The Board approved changes to East Lake School's grade configuration, which adds a second middle school to the city. The Christian and French Immersion programs for kindergarten to Grade 6 will remain at East Lake School and the Christian and French Immersion programs for Grades 7 to 9 will continue to be offered at Chestermere Lake Middle School.

School Designation Adjusted to Address Utilization at Muriel Clayton School

The Board of Trustees created new school designations for students residing in the Prairie Springs neighbourhood . as updated numbers indicated a change of designation for the Prairie Springs neighbourhood. Beginning in the 2025/26 school year, students residing in Prairie Springs will attend: Kindergarten to Grade 9 at Windsong Heights School; Grades 10 – 12 at W.H. Croxford High School

Education Plan Update

Administration provided the following updates:

- Provincial government mandatory literacy and numeracy screening and assessment results.
- Based on these literacy results, RVS will provide additional supports to 10 schools .
- RVS administered a new numeracy assessment aligned with the curriculum for Grade 4 – 10 students.
- A Career Learning Practice Guide provides guidance to all schools for advancing career learning Grade 1– 12.
- RVS is expanding positive behavior interventions and supports (PBIS) implementation across all schools and on school buses.

Trustee Orientation Ad Hoc Committee Created for Upcoming Trustee Election

An ad hoc committee has been created by the Board to guide development and delivery of the orientation process for new trustees following the election in October.

Building Upgrades to Schools in West Rocky View

Each year the maintenance department provides an update on the monies spent ensuring that our schools are safe and well.-maintained Alberta Education provides a grant to service our schools based on enrolment and square metres. The money comes in two buckets: (CMR Capital Maintenance and Renewal);and IMR (Infrastructure and Renewal. The following projects in West Rocky View are in process.

The site drainage project the Elbow Valley is completed except sod replacement

These are new projects that are scheduled: Springbank High School asphalt replacement, upgrading Westbrook condensing units in, Springbank Middle School elevator upgrade, a section of the roof at Elbow Valley being replaced, and Banded Peak Fob door installation is underway.

Board Approves Budget Development Process and Budget Priorities

Each year, the Board approves the budget development process and the budget priorities. These priorities are used to develop school/departmental budgets.

The budget priorities are strongly aligned with RVS' [Strategic Plan](#). The priorities for 2025/26 are:

- Provide direct resources to schools to support student learning with a focus on numeracy, literacy and new curriculum implementation.
- Support student and staff wellness.
- Enhance facilities and technology infrastructure.
- Target an operating reserve balance at the end of 2025/26 fiscal year, excluding transportation, at 1 to 2 per cent.

For 2025/26, schools have been directed to maintain optional school fees at the current levels, if possible, with no increases to individual courses greater than \$10 or five per cent. No new alternative program fees for programs of choice are to be introduced.