

**Chestermere High School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2024**

All in attendance: Amanda Jo C, Amanda D-S, Karla G, Heather B, Shelley, Chris

Amanda Jo called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Amanda Jo approved the meeting minutes from the last meeting. Amanda seconded that.

Amanda approved the agenda for the current meeting. Amanda Jo seconded that.

Chris gave the admin report:

Principal Report - School Council - April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Student Leadership Presentation - Amirah A.R. and Supneet D.

- Second semester student events.
- Culture Week - Our leadership students are excited to let everyone know that Culture Week is coming back to CHS during the week of April 22 – 26. This year, they have organized lunch hour activities, food trucks, prizes for participation, and a talent show. If any students would like to participate in the talent show or if you would like to provide feedback for the week, please fill out the Google Form.
- Pep Rally organized for May with Spirit Week.

HR Updates

- Ms. Atkinson has joined our staff as the new receptionist.
- We have posted for additional EA support for the rest of the year and support in guidance..
- Ms. Calore – new humanities teacher for semester 2.
- Ms. Chan – new math, science and computer science teacher for semester 2.

Alberta Student Leadership Conference

- Chestermere High School will be sending a delegation of 15 students and a teacher supervisor to the Alberta Student Leadership Conference (ASLC) being held at Bert Church High School in Airdrie, Alberta from Sunday, April 28th - Tuesday, April 30th, 2024. At ASLC, students get the opportunity to meet and network with hundreds of student leaders from across Alberta and build their individual capacity as student leaders and leaders of the future. During the conference, students participate in workshops, community-based activities, and attend sessions with incredible keynote speakers.

New Website

- Has gone live. Successful launch.

Welding Rodeo Presentation for RVS BoT

- Mr. Daum, Mr. Autet, and two CHS presented about their experience in the Welding Rodeo.

Congratulations to Cayley B., Stephen S., Emmitt L., and Austin C. who participated in the 2024 Welding Rodeo. As a team, our students placed second in the event competing against all other schools in Southern Alberta.

#### Parent-Teacher Interviews (PTIs)

- March 7 – excellent night for parents and teachers to discuss educational supports.
- Next PTI is ??? – both interviews and Grade 9 Parent Night. Highly successful last year. Update in my weekly email.

#### Accountability Room

- We will be launching our Accountability Room on Monday, February 26, 2024. The Accountability Room is a classroom space that is used during lunch period and is designed to support students' academic behaviours. When a teacher is concerned about a student's academic behaviour(s), they will have a discussion with that student regarding that behaviour. However, if the academic behavior continues, the teacher will contact parents/guardians and assign the student to a lunch period the following day in the Accountability Room to provide time to improve their academics.

#### March 26<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting

- Thank you to school council for providing feedback on our School Fees. They have all been submitted to RVS for Board of Trustee approval.

#### Athletics

- JV Boys Basketball team won bronze at the South-Central Zone Championship. Congratulations to athletes and Coach Wilson. Thank you to all the coaches and athletes who put together great basketball seasons for our students this year.
- Curling – excellent season for Ms. Burzuk's Curling Team.
- Rugby – practices have begun.
- Soccer – practices have begun.
- Girls Flag Football – practices have begun.
- Track and Field – practices have begun.
- Updated Long Jump, Discus, and Javelin facility in the South Field. Signage to be added as well.

#### Cosmetology

- Just a reminder: cosmetology is open for clients. The program is looking for haircut models, male or female. All services, availability, and prices are listed on the booking site. All services are supervised by a Red Seal Hairstylist Journeyman.  
<http://lakershair.youcanbook.me>

#### Art Display at EC

- Mr. Beseau – for the amazing art display at the EC. Many EC staff members have gone out of their way to compliment Paul and the wonderful work his students create.

#### Performing Arts

- The Fine Arts Academy has been working hard finalizing the spring musical. Tickets will be on sale soon for Shrek the Musical! Show dates are May 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. Any parents/guardians interested in volunteering please contact Ms. Fulthrope.

#### Band

- Honour Band - Congratulations to the following students who represented CHS at the Honour Band this year. Lyvia B., Amiah D-S, Nathan G., Taygan K., Sophia S., Robin S, and Ryan H.
- Chestermere High Staff and Students welcomed 48 band students from Glace Bay, Nova Scotia into our building last Thursday. Glace Bay students joined CHS students for a field trip to Studio Bell, then returned to our school for a combined rehearsal (with over 120 students!) and a Welcome Banquet. Thank you to the school community for their flexibility and friendliness towards the Nova Scotia students. They all had a wonderful time and built the foundations for life-long friendships with our CHS students. The CHS Band can't wait to see them all again when we visit Glace Bay at the end of the month.

#### Wake-a-thon Field Trip

- I took two students to experience the Ride of the Mustang event at George McDougall High School.

#### March 11<sup>th</sup> PL Day Agenda

- Literacy (AM)
- Assessment (PM)

#### April 29<sup>th</sup> PL Day Agenda

- Human Library
- Blanket Exercise
- Speaker on Islam
- Culinary lunch with support of School Council. Thank you from the staff.

#### Semester 2 start-up

- VRETTA (new Ab. Ed. Exam software) was a challenge in its first application.
- Semester 2 start-up was very smooth. Students applied for course changes online. Essentially all students started second semester in the classes they need to complete the year.

#### 2024-5 Timetable Updates

- Presentations were well received.
- March 4, 5, 6 – Admin Wall for our staff to meet with almost 1000 students who are registered to attend CHS next year. Prediction is 923 students. All requests are complete and submitted.
- Matrix is in development.
  - Astronomy 15 curriculum was approved by the Board of Trustees – two classes have been added for next year.

#### Principal Advisory Group

- Met with me to discuss CHS School Education Plan.

#### Awards Night

- Lakers Fine Arts and Athletics Night – Monday, June 10 – 6:00 P.M.

#### Vape Detectors

- We are meeting with vendors to explore vape detectors for the washrooms.

#### CHS Monogram

- Historically, the CHS Monogram has been used on clothing, swag, water bottles, etc. I am proposing the staff approval of the CHS Monogram as an official image of CHS.

#### Juno Beach

- Ms. McDonald and Ms. Pandey are the two teachers from all of Alberta that will travel to France this summer to explore the history of Juno Beach. Juno Beach Foundation for Canadian Military History.

#### Casino Funds Allocation

- Casino Funding - Motions were passed for the following:
    - \$2000.00 - Learning Support (seating)
    - \$700.00 - Social Studies (white boards)
    - \$1500.00 - Learning Commons (standing desks)
    - \$2000.00 - PE (new badminton/pickleball nets and poles)
    - \$3295.00 - Band (Timpani Kettle Drum)
    - \$500.00 - Culinary Dept (Food processor and supplies)
    - \$3000.00 - Science Dept (as per list attached)
- Total of funds approved - \$12,995.00

Shelley gave the trustee report:

-The Board of Trustees had a presentation from the Chestermere High School welding students who participated in a Welding rodeo on February 24th. The group placed second in the competition which involved 45 students from six different school divisions who had to follow blueprints designed by Red Seal welders and then create welding sculptures. The sculptures were Mario themed, and the students were enthusiastic about their experience at the rodeo, their participation in Canada Skills competitions and their bright futures. Encouraging this type of skills ready learning is part of our building future ready students and one of the goals of our RVS Education Plan.

- Ecole Edwards Elementary School shared how they have embraced PBIS to help create a safe, caring welcoming and inclusive learning community. Posters, student designed expectations and PBIS sticker charts. Each month, students, , classroom staff investigate one aspect of the PBIS matric and include families an staff in the discussion at their Parent Council meetings. They are online and saved and parents can watch at their convenience.

-renewal projects. We are expecting a 2.6% increase in student enrolment. Supplemental enrolment grant funding helps but does not eliminate the gap created by the Weighted Moving Average. Supplemental funding is projected at 1.5 million, however we would need 3.7 million

to eliminate the WMA discrepancy. We will have challenging decisions to make even with this additional funBudget 2024 announced by the provincial government Feb 29th, includes an overall funding increase of 2.7% not counting funding for Capital maintenance and ding with growing complexities in classrooms, enrolment growth and inflating costs.

-RVS received funding for five highly anticipated school projects: Two K-8 schools in Airdrie, One K-8 school in Cochrane, Design funding for a High school in Airdrie and design funding for a K-9 school in Chestermere (Dawson's Landing)

- RVS' Capital Plan 2025-2028 requests funding for 10 additional schools across the division over the next three years. Despite approval of construction funding, school utilization is projected to continue to rise. RVS requested 22 new modular units and the relocation of another 12 classrooms and one bathroom unit; Nine new units and relocation of one washroom unit were approved.

-A letter from the Board will be sent to the City of Chestermere urging it to complete the purchase of the outstanding 7.01 acres required for construction of a high school. The public school in Chelsea is on the Capital Plan list but the City of Chestermere has not completed the purchase of the entire site from the developer – this could delay construction funding of the new high school. Even with Horseshoe Crossing High School opening, Chestermere High School will be over 100% capacity.

-BASS (Balancing Airdrie, Student Spaces) information was shared with the Board. Three potential solutions were presented and 1,316 surveys were collected and analyzed along with 500 attendees at open houses. A summary is available on RVSEngage. We expect to make a decision on April 25th, 2024.

-Board Meeting dates have been set for the 2024/2025 school year.

-Rocky View Schools has updated their website to be more user friendly. School websites will also be changing over the next three months. We appreciate your feedback.

-The Ewin Parr Celebration will be held in Langdon this year. The committee selected the Track as the location for their awards evening. Nine - First Year teachers have been selected from each of the School Boards within ASBA Zone 5 and will be in attendance at the Awards Celebration in May. It is the first time that the awards are being held in Rocky View. The date is May 24th, 2024.

-The ASCA Conference will be held April 26th – 28th this year in Edmonton.

-The Ward Boundary Review process has started within RVS. A Consultant looks at boundaries for each of the Wards within our school division. The consultation process will involve in person meetings and RVS Engage for families to participate. Ward boundary reviews could impact communities as they are often population based. More information to follow through school newsletters and local papers. The date for in-person consultations will be May 14th at Chestermere High School. Ward boundary changes could result in changes to the number of Trustee positions and areas they represent. Changes would be made for the 2025 Election cycle.

Amanda Jo brought up funding requests. School Council has \$10,058.10 in the account and we would like to spend it within the school. \$1379.76 was approved by School Council out of the above stated funds to pay for the new Footballs. The size of the footballs in Rocky View has changed and the school needed to buy new footballs in the new size. Chris is looking into what other needs are going around the school currently and we will discuss them at the next council meeting.

Amanda Jo adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.

Next meeting date and AGM is May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the Learning Commons. Society meeting right after at 7:30pm followed by society AGM.