

## Chestermere High School Council Meeting Minutes

Oct. 10, 2023

Those in attendance: Amanda Jo, Heather, Amanda, Kyle, Kim, Shelley, Chris

Amanda Jo called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Amanda Jo approved the meeting minutes from the last meeting and Amanda seconded the motion.

Amanda Jo approved the Agenda for this meeting and Amanda seconded it.

Chris gave the admin report:

HR Updates

- Ms. Laviolette Brown has joined as our new Learning Commons Facilitator.
- New Receptionist to be hired soon.

Student Celebration

- Siifan A., has been chosen to be a member of the Minister's Youth Council.

Philanthropy

- Terry Fox – great event. Great weather. Celebration of Canadian Hero. We raised almost \$900.

School Presentation

- Two Joes presentation – November 2nd – each grade will have a presentation 9, 10:30 and after lunch (period 1, 2, and 3). More information to come.

Field Trips

- Canoeing with PE class and playing hockey in the hockey program.

Hour Zero

- First Hour Zero drills are completed. Hold and Secure, On Alert, Lockdown, and Evacuation.

School Council

- Joint School Council Meeting – Oct 26

#### Athletics

- Friday Night Lights
- Football game this Thursday at 5:00 PM against Cochrane.
- Girls Soccer game tonight.
- Congratulations to Aliyah H. who won the RVS Divisional Golf Championship and South-Central Zones Girls' Golf Championship, as well as placing 9<sup>th</sup> at provincials.
- Cross-country competing at Zones in Trochu, AB tomorrow.

#### Fine Arts

- Shrek will be our school play this year.
- Band - Camp Evergreen – students indicated they had a great time.

#### PTIs

- Successful format scheduled for both in-person and online.

#### Cosmetology Services

- Client Services are available. Appointments can be booked online at [lakershair.youcanbook.me](http://lakershair.youcanbook.me). Click on the link to see a list of services, times, and prices. All services are supervised by a licenced Hairstylist Journeyman. Prices are low to cover costs; however, you pay with time as students are focused on accuracy with great customer service, and building on their timing.

#### SEP Review and Feedback.

Shelley gave the Trustee Report:

October Parent Council Trustee Report

- 1) Congratulations to our new Chair Fiona Gilbert and Vice Chair – Judi Hunter.
- 2) The Board has been addressing Policy changes as part of their Annual Review.

Board Policy 29 – Ward Structure

Policy 22 – Community Use of School Facilities and Equipment

Policy 19 – Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environment

## Policy 23 – School Attendance Area

This resulted in minor changes to wording for clarity and to ensure policies align with new legislation and regulation.

3) The Board supports Trustee Shali Baziuk's run for Vice President of the Alberta School Boards Association once again for the 2023-2025 term. She has served as director for Zone 5 since 2019 and is the current incumbent.

4) RVS Teachers were recognized on World Teachers' Day. We thank the 1048 RVS teachers for the important and exceptional work they do every day to support our students. You are appreciated!!

5) An Ad Hoc committee has been stuck to plan, develop and deliver our proposed presentation 'Onboarding for School Board Success' at the National School Boards Association conference. A proposal was submitted and we were chosen to present at this National Conference.

6) The Board approved their organization wide strategic plan in December of 2022 and part of that process is annual reporting on the defined performance measures tied to the priorities. It is part of our ongoing accountability commitment. The report is available at [www.rockyview.ab.ca](http://www.rockyview.ab.ca).

7) At our last exemplary practice presentation, we had the winners of the Level Up Calgary Season 2 Competition which ran from February to June 2023. Over 500 participants were involved from Rocky View Schools, Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School Division. The students took part in the competition which involved designing virtual sustainable real-life public spaces in Calgary using Minecraft. Our RVS students came home with numerous medals. They enjoyed the experience immensely and gained a lot from this real life yet virtual experience.

8) Space for students continues to be a Board Advocacy focus. Together with the RVS' Communications team we are still setting our goal at securing full construction funding for four schools that have received planning and design funding in the 2023/2023 school year.

9) RVS' 2022/2023 Space for Students Advocacy Plan has been honored by the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education (CACE) with a BRAVO! Award. The award recognizes exemplary work and will be presented during the annual CACE conference in Montreal at the end of October. A huge congratulations to our Communications team.

10) Significant enrolment growth in Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere – 990 more students or 3.5% increase from 2022/2023. The overall utilization is 93% up from 87% last year. Of the new RVS students, 50% are in Airdrie. The current utilization in Airdrie's High School is 110%. Chestermere schools are at 98% utilization overall. Cochrane has 100% utilization at both of their high schools as well.

11) The Board provided an orientation session on September 27th for school council members. The session is intended to support school councils by providing information and engaging in dialogue. The presentation is available on the RVS website. School Council executive are invited to join us October 26th at 5:30 – 7:30 at the RVS Education Centre to connect and learn from each other. Please RSVP.

12) A multi-faceted Public Engagement has been launched to Balance Airdrie Student Spaces. We will begin a consultation plan this fall – Phase 1 – to provide stakeholders with information, resources an an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed solutions. Phase 2 begins in 2024 and will offer

stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback, both in person and online. Changes to come into effect in the 2025/2026 school year. Some may be implemented as early as the 2024/205 school year.

13) Langdon School Consultation - Public Meeting October 17th – 6:30 Langdon School

Online Feedback October 17th – November 13, 2023

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Delegations to the Board November 16th, 2023

Board Decision December 14th, 2023

Three Options have been provided for families to discuss.

Old Business:

- 1) Pizza Friday's are going well and we have lots of volunteers, but anyone who wants to volunteer are welcome to do so.
- 2) Chris is trying to get a definite answer regarding printer credits and if we can purchase more when our kids run out.

New Business:

- 1) A student representative was brought up to join our School Council Meetings. Other high schools have one so maybe this is something we could look into.
- 2) A change of executives needs to be done on the school site. Change dates for meetings, the email, and the new chair should put up a message from her and take down the old chairs message.
- 3) Grad was mentioned as previous years had the grads do their grad banquet and the school play and it can be rather overwhelming so just trying to nail down the dates of the school play so a parent group can be formed to move forward with the grad banquet.

Next meeting is Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 6pm in the Chestermere High School Learning Commons.

Other meeting dates: Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm, Apr 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm, and AGM is May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with Society meeting to follow.

Amanda Jo adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm