

Chestermere High School Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday Sept. 12/23

Those in Attendance: Amanda Jo, Amanda, Tracy, Heather, Chris, Lisa,

Amanda Jo called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. She welcomed everyone and we introduced ourselves to one another.

Amanda approved the meeting minutes from May 9th/23. Amanda Jo seconded that.

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

Chris gave us the admin report:

September 12, 2023

HR Updates

- Mr. Tomiak – has returned from his year leave.
- Ms. Wasyleczko – has returned to science department.
- Ms. McIntyre – has returned to cosmetology.
- Ms. Gill - has returned from her leave.
- Ms Hutyra - new teacher to Computer Science/Robotics.
- Ms. Charles - new teacher to the English Department.
- Mr. Kang - new teacher to the English Department.
- Ms. Siemens - new teacher to the Math Department.
- Ms. Rowley – new teacher to the English Department.
- Mr. Daum – new teacher in the Industrial Arts Shop.
- Ms. Thomas – new teacher to the Social Studies Department.
- Ms. Hor – new teacher to the Math Department.
- Ms. Leung – new daytime caretaker.
- Mr. Wong is moving on to other opportunities. We are moving through the HR process of replacing him.
- Ms. Mohammad is our new English as an Additional Language teacher.
- A new Learning Commons facilitator has been hired.

Timetabling

- We are predicting 1100+ students when our enrolment finalizes at the end of September. This creates significant utilization issues for a school rated for approximately 1000 students. Our Guidance Counsellors facilitated 700+ course request changes in the Spring and

then again another 900+ course request changes in the fall.
September 14 is the last day for course request changes.

- Essentially every classroom is being utilized every block including the new classrooms.
- 1082 – conference room to a learning support room.
- 1092 – new classroom in the South Social Area.

SEP

- School Education Plan (SEP) - In line with RVS SEP expectations/guidelines and in consultation with Learning Leads, our main PL goals for next year.
- A - Assessment of literacy and numeracy - OBA and Thinking Classrooms.
- B - PBIS
- C - Inclusion - Indigenous Education, Inclusion Guidebook, 2S/LGBTQIA+, Culturally Responsive Teaching

Grad Commencement Ceremony

- Graduation – Potential Commencement Ceremony date: Saturday, June 22 at 12:00, 2:00, and 4:00 PM.
- RVS is no longer supporting graduation banquets.

Terry Fox – Monday, September 18, 2023.

- Ms. Martin has been organizing.

Staggered Entry

- Only grade 10s is Tuesday, September 5, 2023.
- Only Grade 11s will attend on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.
- All students, grades 10 through 12, will attend on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

Building Updates

- Room 1092 - South Social Classroom
- New sliding Glass Doors between 1019 and 1019A classrooms.
- Room 1081, previous conference room, has been converted into a Learning Support classroom.
- New drop curtain in the Wilson gym.
- New Football Trailer by Utley Field.

Guidance/Connection

- Connection Block - has evolved into a once a month modified schedule with support from Leadership under Admin guidance. We are going to revert to a Connection Teacher remaining with their students for grades 10-12. Length of Connection Block will be determined by the number of material/events for that month.

Parking Lot Funds

- \$4600 painting the walls by the basketball courts
- \$3500 for ground prep for the football trailer
- Upcoming – painting and signage for the new the football trailer.
- discuss/shotput safety cage by the long jump pit.
- signage and posts for developing track and field area.

Amanda stated the financials were the same as back at the May 9th meeting.

Trustee Report:

September 2023

Parent Council Report

- 1) Welcome back to the 2022/2023 School year. Preliminary numbers are in, and we are growing on average 3.8% which is approximately another 1052 students. Total enrollment as of Sept 6th is 28,664 students. As the provincial government uses a WMA model, almost 800 RVS students will not be funded by the Alberta Government this fall.
- 2) The Langdon Junior/High School accommodation dates will be made available before the end of September. I want to encourage everyone to attend our in-person consultation if possible, then participate on RVS Engage when it comes available. RVS has come back with more accommodation choices based on responses from participants in the first section of the engagement. These accommodations affect the grade levels of the other schools in our catchment area as well as inform which grade levels will be in the new Junior/Senior High School.
- 3) Transportation – even though the government has made changes to bus eligibility, the changes will not be in effect until the 2024/2025 school year. RVS and the rest of the province will need to address driver shortages, new route challenges and prepare for student growth. Presently there are limited buses and limited drivers. With the new service levels, RVS will need approximately 30-40 buses. Has everyone downloaded the new Bus app?
- 4) The Board of Trustees had an exemplary practice presentation by the Rocky View Schools Leadership Academy at our first Board Meeting. Students have been busy rebooting the program which was affected by Covid. Students shared impact statements as to how they have grown from the program. It was a fantastic presentation. I would encourage you to have your high school students investigate this accredited program.
- 5) RVS takes great pride in their facilities. Many projects were completed over the summer including in our area: half of the roof at Indus School, new BMS at Langdon School, completion of the washrooms at CHS along with the addition of another classroom at Chestermere High in the South Social area.

- 6) The Board approved their self-evaluation completed in June. More information will be coming forward in the Accountability Report.
- 7) The Board will be submitting their 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Engagement process to the ASBA for an award as an example of community engagement. Thank you to all who participated.
- 8) The Organizational Meeting is set for September 21 – Chair and Vice Chair will be elected and Committee appointments selected.
- 9) Save the Date! School Councils Orientation will be held on September 25th - 7:00 – 8:00 pm on zoom. Please register for the evening to receive the zoom link. Open to all and any members of your Parent Council.
<https://rockyview.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkceqqrT8rHdOCrhaSNICDKm4UGmMniUZA>
Our Joint Board School Meeting will be held on October 25th at the RVS Head Office 5:30-7:30pm.
- 10) School emails. If you would like your school to have a generic Rockyview email address, please download the form off the School Councils section on the RVS website.

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Old Business:

Amanda Jo brought up the need for helpers for Pizza Friday's. All helpers are welcome. She had one helper. Chris said Sabrina got an email about someone willing to help. Amanda offered to help as did Heather and Tracy.

Amanda Jo let us know Pizza Friday's are now Dominoes pizza. They are giving us a great deal. Still \$2/slice and all proceeds go back to the school.

Reminder about the Two Joe's presentation coming up on Nov 2nd from 6pm-8pm at CHS. This is an online security kind of seminar. This is for parents to attend. It will be put in the newsletter starting in October.

Printer credits for kids that run out of printing credits. Chris was sure there would be a way to do it on school cash, but he is going to find out for sure and let us know at the next council meeting.

New Business:

Amanda brought up the 30km/hr zone in front of the school being all day every day. She was concerned as so many people fly through there with no regard to the speed limit putting kids in danger throughout the day so she asked about getting the RCMP to frequent the roads and what the schools relationship was with the Police so as a parent we don't just interject by calling the police to ask about this area. We are free to contact the police about this area and the school can not enforce anything as it is not on their property and done by the county. Chris said he would think about putting a reminder in the next newsletter.

Amanda Jo Adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Oct 10th at 6pm in the Chestermere High School Learning Commons. See you all there!!

