

Chestermere High School Council Meeting Minutes May 14th, 2024

Those in attendance: Amanda Jo M, Amanda D-S, Shelley K, Chris.

Amanda Jo called the meeting to order at 6:12pm. Amanda approved the meeting minutes from the last meeting and Amanda Jo seconded that. Amanda Jo approved the agenda for tonight's meeting and Amanda seconded that.

Chris read the admin report:

HR Updates

- Ms. Boguski has joined our Wellness Centre.

ASLC

- ASLC was a transformative experience for our students and Ms. Boutilier.

Culture Week

- Culture Week was a resounding success.

PTIs and Grade 9 Orientation

- Were a success. Students and parents toured the school in anticipation of next year.

Performing Arts

- The month of May means it is time for *Shrek the Musical*! Tickets are now on sale for students and parents/guardians. Tickets can be purchased through **School Cash** or by calling or visiting Mrs. Zaremba in the business office. We would recommend purchasing your ticket ahead of time! General admission is \$10, or you can secure a front or second-row seat for \$15. Kids 5 and under watch for free!

Lakers Spirit Showdown

- CHS is excited to announce our upcoming Lakers Spirit Showdown – a spirit week that will end off with a whole school pep rally on Utley Field. Spirit days are as follows:
- Monday, May 13: Twin Day – find a buddy and twin for the day!
- Tuesday, May 14: Students Dress as a Staff Member, Teachers Dress like a Student – respectfully, dress like your favourite staff member!
- Wednesday, May 15: Anything BUT a Backpack Day – get creative and bring your things to school in anything BUT a backpack! All backpack alternatives must be appropriate and safe for school.
- Thursday, May 16: Grade Colours Day – for the Pep Rally, students and staff have been assigned a specific CHS colour to wear based on their grade or if they are staff. G10: Red. G11: White. G12: Black. Staff: Grey.

The Pep Rally will include a preview of *Shrek: The Musical*, grade Olympics, and a “Pie a Teacher” raffle draw. For the Grade Olympics competition, teams will be competing for the title of “2024 Lakers Spirit Showdown Champions.” Using the link below, students can sign up to be on their grade team and compete during the Pep Rally. To accommodate this event, we will be running a modified schedule on Thursday, May 16. Please see below and make note of the changes.

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| Period 1 (Block 2) | 9:04 – 10:08 |
| Period 2 (Block 1) | 10:13 - 11:17 |
| Period 3 (Block 4) | 11:22 – 12:26 |
| Lunch | 12:26 – 1:06 |
| Period 4 (Block 3) Check in | 1:06 – 1:10 |
| PEP RALLY | 1:10 – 2:31 |
| Period 4 (Block 3) | 2:36 – 3:40 |

Athletics

In Track and Field, congratulations to Gage for placing 1st in Senior Javelin with a throw of 36.59 metres and congratulations to Cash for placing 2nd in Intermediate High Jump at 1.83 metres which is only 2 centimetres from the CHHS record and the National Qualifying Championship height. Congratulations to Hij and Logan for winning consolation gold at Badminton Provincials last weekend. Here is a list of upcoming sports events:

- Boys Soccer - Thursday at home vs. WH Croxford at 4:00 P.M.
- Boys Rugby - Tonight at Calgary Rugby Union starting at 5:00 P.M.
- Girls Rugby - Tomorrow at George MacDougall starting at 5:00 P.M.
- Boys and Girls Rugby - RVS Divisionals are on Thursday at Bow Valley High School.
- Track and Field - RVS Divisional Track Meet is on Tuesday, May 14th.
- Girls Flag Football –
- Ultimate Frisbee -

Band

- Will perform during the Surge Basketball Game tomorrow. Halftime show.
- The Band trip to Glace Bay, Nova Scotia was a success. The students completed their portion of the home-at-home musical exchange by visiting. The band even met Canadian Singer and Songwriter Jann Arden in the airport.

24-25 Timetable

- We have created numerous timetable matrices for next years courses.
- According to PowerScheduler, we currently have 100% satisfaction with student requests for core classes and 98% satisfaction of students requests for all classes.

Grad Pranks

- With grad season upon us parents are asked to encourage students to choose positive and constructive ways of celebrating their achievements. Grad pranks should not take away from learning and/or safety of our staff and students, nor should they create any undue hardship for our understaffed caretakers.

Awards

- The Fine Arts and Athletics Awards Ceremony is on Monday, June 10th. We have a new award: Perseverance Award.

Speaker Feedback

- We are exploring speakers to encourage students around positive behaviours. RCMP and similar organizations will be speaking at CLMS and I am going to attend to see if the speakers would be appropriate for CHS.

End of School Year Items

- Last day of classes is June 14, 2024.
- Part A Diplomas are on June 11 & 12, 2024.
- Diplomas run from June 17, 2024 until June 26, 2024.
- Graduation Commencement Ceremony is Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 12:00 noon, 2:00 P.M., and 4:00 P.M.

School Council Appreciation

- Thank Yous and gifts for School Council members.

Shelley read the trustee report:

1)The Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces (BASS) Accommodation Decision has been made. The summary is: No changes until the fall of 2025, all high schools become Grade 10-12, multiple communities are redesignated to other RVS Schools to maximize every possible space, all schools except for Cooper's Crossing School adjust by one grade level, a small area in central Airdrie is designated to specific high schools (previously an open choice area). More information on RVSEngage.

2) Long standing Transportation Exceptions will continue for students - Cochrane to Westbrook school, Langdon to Indus School and Prairie Royale area to Kathryn School.

3) RVS will explore the potential of a new bus route from Chestermere to Horseshoe Crossing High School in Langdon for the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 school years. Logistics, costs and numbers will be a factor. A letter was sent out last week to Chestermere area families who would like to consider attending the new school.

4) School Fees have been approved for the 2024/2025 School Year. As a Board we recognize the increasing cost pressures impacting families and only minimal increases will be made to most

school fees including optional courses, activities, programs and other non-curricular goods and services.

- 5) 2024/2025 Transportation Fees/Services are to be maintained. Rates from this year will remain the same. The Board chose to use transportation reserves for 2024/2025 to offset increased costs by the transportation contractors. The incentive for early registration will continue – the date is June 23/2024.
- 6) Community use fees will remain at current year levels for the 2024/2025 school year. The program is self sustaining. A portion of the proceeds from the fees goes to support schools and is intended to replace furniture/equipment used during community use.
- 7) Crossfield Elementary School Community Development Project was presented to the Board about a project which focused on how community collective efforts can improve overall wellbeing of the place you live. Working together, Grades 4 and 5 students designed a hypothetical athletic centre for the Town of Crossfield. They then pitched the idea to the Mayor of Crossfield, the local trustee and Crossfield School's School Chairperson. As a member of the Langdon Community Collaborative – we discussed the new Recreation Centre that will be built in Langdon and RVC will be looking for feedback from user groups over the next year.
- 8) As a Board we had the pleasure of acknowledging outstanding achievements and we want to congratulate the 16 students who achieved 100% on their January 2024 Diploma, five of them were double 100% winners. Congratulation to Amanvir Dhaliwal of Chestermere for Math 30-1, Chemistry 30.
- 9) RVS continues to advance the Goals of the first year of the Education plan. There has been growth in both literacy and numeracy skills, a writing assessment is in development for Grades 3, 4, 8, 9 and 11 and will be ready for next school year.
- 10) The Board submits their budget to Alberta Education by May 31, 2024. We have been working on established budget priorities and providing direct resources to schools to support student learning, support for staff and student wellness, enhancing facilities and technology infrastructure and a targeted reserve of 0.5 to 1%. Highlights are: 92% of instructional funding is allocated directly to schools. The draft budget comes forward May 30, 2024.
- 11) RVS Transportation has been responsible for 12,890 students this year on 269 regular bus routes with an average daily ridership of 49 students/ bus. Bus driver shortages have been better since February, but a shortage of buses persists. Transportation is facing rising contractor expenses for acquiring new buses/maintaining current fleet and driver compensation. This will affect prices in the 2025/2026 school year if there is not compensation from Alberta Education.
- 12) The Board congratulates the 2000 students who will be graduating in the coming weeks. Chestermere Graduation is June 22, 2024.
- 13) Ward Boundary Review – Important dates for our community May 14th – East Lake School 6:30 – 8:00 pm and May 27th – 6:30 – 8:00 pm Zoom. You have an important voice in this decision please visit RVS Engage before June 16th. Our community presently has one of 8 votes on the Board of Trustees. The options provided with the Ward Boundary review change our vote. Please go online to provide your feedback to this possible change.

The School admin asked the School Council about providing funds for a new TV for the South end of the school. School Council approved up to \$1500 to purchase and install the TV in the South end. If there are funds left over they will go back into the School Council account.

Amanda Jo adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm

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May 14th 2024

In attendance: Chris, Amanda Jo M, Amanda D-S.

Amanda Jo called the meeting to order at 7:17pm. Approval of the last AGM Meeting minutes by Amanda and seconded by Amanda Jo. Approval of the agenda for current AGM by Amanda Jo and seconded by Amanda.

Amanda Jo is staying on as Chair and Amanda D-S is staying on as secretary.

Dates for meetings for 2024-2025 school year are as follows and could potentially change come the fall: Sept 24th, Oct 22nd, Nov 19th with Society?, Jan 21st, Mar 18th, May 13th with Society?

Amanda Jo adjourned the meeting at 7:23pm