Chestermere High School Council Meeting Minutes October 29th, 2024

Those in attendance: Chris, Amanda Jo, Amanda D-S, Jigna M, Nova D, Linnea S

Amanda Jo called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Linnea approved the agenda for the meeting and Amanda Jo seconded it.

Amanda Jo approved the minutes from the last council meeting and Amanda D seconded it.

Chris gave the admin report:

Principal's Report for School Council - October 29, 2024

HR Updates

Ms. Vo has joined our PE department.

Student Teacher Placements

- Meggie Cheung with Ms. Wasyleczko
- Laura Speerin with Ms. Anderson

School Website has been updated with School Council dates, agendas, and minutes.

School Council Fundraising vs Friends of CHS fundraising - RVS Administrative Procedures 110, 112, and 5112.

SCF – no gaming licence. - gaming licenses

Held in RVS Accounts - independent accounts

School financial reports - independent financial reports

School insurance - separate insurance

different people than school councilSchool receives funds as donation only

Grad Commencement Ceremony Dates

- Jubiliee Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.
- Jubiliee Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

School Play dates

May 2025 Play/Musical Dates

Friday, May 23rd - Set up in gym all day during the day. (No show)

Saturday, May 24th - Dress Rehearsal all day

Monday, May 26th

- School previews for Musical

- Musical Opening Night

Wednesday, May 28th - Musical Evening Show

Thursday, May 29th - Possible morning Matinee for elementary schools.

- Musical Evening Show

Friday, May 30th - 2025 Grad Banquet. No show.

Saturday, May 31st - Musical Matinee and Closing night

May 2026 Play/Musical Dates

Monday May 18th - May Long Monday Holiday

Saturday May 23rd - All day Saturday Rehearsal

Monday May 25th - CLMS School Previews (in the AM & PM).

Tuesday May 26th - Opening Night - Show #1

Wednesday May 27th – Night Show #2

Thursday May 28th – School Day Performance (AM) & Night Show #3

Friday May 29th – Night Show #4

Saturday May 30th – Matinee Day Performance #5 & Finale Night Show #6.

6 evening shows (including Saturday matinee) (tickets sold for shows) 3 school shows (CLMS & CHS invited).

I have confirmation that the School Council parent group is organizing a Banquet a week after these dates.

The school play/musical is a major undertaking the coordinates three teachers (Ms. Fulthorpe, Ms. Ploughman, Mr. Beseau) as well a numerous staff and community volunteers, 4 classes (drama, performing arts, pit band, technical theatre), and hundred of students that contribute to acting, set design, costume creation, make-up, singing, dancing, seating set-up, as well as lighting and audio.

I would respectfully ask parents to not schedule any Grad Banquet events during this time. The Grad Banquet and school play/musical are massive understakings and important events for students. They both deserve to have their own time.

Breanna – sent in photos for the RVS Education Plan and one made the Welcome page. Great job!!

RVS Cares recipients at CHHS this month.

- Ms. Boutilier for Support
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- Ms. Dahl for Support

Student Leadership is proposing a talent show and winter formal event.

Golf

Congratulations to Aliyah who placed 6th at Golf Provincials in Grande Prairie. Fantastic achievement!

Football Fundraiser

Our silent auction fundraiser is up and running for our Lakers Football Team. Bidding will close on Sunday, October 27th. https://www.32auctions.com/chslakersfb2024. There are many great items, please bid if you are able. Thank you for your support.

Football

The next football game for our Lakers will be at 5:00 P.M. on Friday, October 25 against the Bow Valley High School Chargers in Cochrane. Next week we play at 5:00 P.M. on Friday, November 1 against the Springbank Pheonix at Rundle.

Volleyball

Senior Girl's and Boy's Volleyball Teams play their final league games tonight against the Bert Church Chargers in Airdrie. Good luck to our Lakers!

Curling

There will be a Curling interest meeting on Monday, October 28th after school from 3:50 to 4:10 P.M. This meeting is for both returning curlers and for first time curlers. Meeting will happen in the Culinary room (1015). If unable to make this meeting, please email Ms. Burzuk ASAP (bburzuk@rvschools.ab.ca) in order to get the curling forms and information.

Bus Expectations

School buses are an extension of the school and the classroom, and students are expected to use respectful, safe and responsible behaviours to make riding the bus a positive experience for everyone. RVS' bus expectations have been aligned with our Positive Behaviour Interventions & Supports (PBIS) initiative.

Cross Country Running

Congratulations to all our cross-country runners. They competed well in the RVS Divisional Championships. Mercedes, Sophia, and Simoh placed in the top 20 and will be competing at Provincials in Grande Prairie.

Off-Campus Programs

Off-campus programs allow students to earn high school credits while at a job. These programs can be during school hours or after school, including summer break. Most positions are paid, but

students can also volunteer. There are many opportunities for students to learn new skills and gain valuable experience. Please see Mr. Pedersen, the Off-Campus Coordinator, in the Wellness Centre on Tuesdays for more information.

Post-Secondary Fair

Our school hosted a Post-Secondary Fair for grade 11 and 12 students on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. This was be a great opportunity for our students to explore careers, college, and university programs that are available after high school.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

The leadership class is looking to create a slideshow to honor relatives of students or teachers who have taken part in the military. This slideshow will be presented at the start of this year's Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday, November 8th. They are also looking for Cadets who would be interested in participating. Please contact Ms. Ploughman at jploughman@rockyview.ab.ca if any student or parent would like to contribute to this ceremony.

Parent-Teacher Interviews (PTIs)

Our first PTIs were scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2024, from 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. Interpreter services were available.

Chris also went over the School Education Plan. It should be complete and up on the school site within the next couple weeks.

Shali Buziak was unable to attend the meeting. Her trustee report was sent in after the meeting took place.

RVS Trustee report for School council October

CHESTERMERE STUDENT ACCOMODATION CONSULTATION

The opportunity to provide feedback online will be open until Nov 26th, and the opportunity to book time to make a presentation to the board on Dec 12th is open until Dec 4th. All information can be found online here: https://rvsengage.com/chestermere-student-accommodation

The intent is for the board to make a decision on January 23rd, to take effect for next September, the 2025-26 school year.

REQUEST FOR MORE MODULARS

The board has made a request for 27 new modulars from the province. 2 are requested for Chestermere High school (attached), 2 are requested for Prairie Waters school (attached to the 2 detached units in the field) and 4 units plus a washroom unit are requested for Rainbow Creek

(attached). If approved in Spring of 2025, there will be no additional room for modulars at any of our Chestermere schools.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

The Supt of RVS, Greg Luterbach, has announced his retirement, effective August 2025. Supt Luterbach has been with RVS in this capacity for 8 years. The superintendent of schools is the one and only employee of the Board. In turn, the Superintendent is the employer of all RVS staff. As the 5th largest school board in the province, this position is critical and the board will undertake a search for a new superintendent early in the new year.

CHANGES TO TRUSTEE WARD REPRESENTATION

Based on the information provided and feedback collected from community members, the Board has approved one additional trustee to represent Cochrane as well as combining current Ward 2 (Langdon, Indus and Chestermere rural) with current Ward 4 (Crossfield, Beiseker, Irricana, Kathyrn and Airdrie rural areas). The overall number of trustees remains at eight. These changes are intended to provide more equitable representation of constituents on the Board. This will be implemented during the next Alberta municipal election in October 2025. Shali

Amanda Jo discussed old business:

Pizza Friday volunteers are still needed to make this fundraiser a success. The time is from 11:15am-12:15pm. It takes place in the north social. Only 1 volunteer is needed per Friday. Chris said he would put it in the newsletter that gets sent home weekly.

Amanda Jo put forward a motion to give the shop \$2200 to put towards tools they need for students' future use. Amanda D seconded the motion. All were in favour.

Amanda Jo adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

Next meeting will take place January 21st, 2025 at 6pm in the learning commons.