

**Chestermere High School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March. 18, 2025**

Those in attendance: Chris, Shali, Jigna, Debbie, Jessica, Gracie, Andrew, Amanda Jo, Amanda

Amanda Jo called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Amanda approved the agenda and Amanda Jo seconded that. Amanda Jo approved the last meeting's minutes and Amanda seconded that.

Ms. Boutilier presented for the Leadership class to get funding for their class projects that will help with fundraising for a live stream camera for the school. She asked for \$1500. Amanda made the motion for \$1500 to be given to the Leadership class and Amanda Jo seconded the motion and all were in favour.

Ms. Ploughman presented for the Band class to get funding for the percussion instruments that needed replacing. She asked for \$1300. Amanda made the motion for the \$1300 to be given to the Band class and Amanda Jo seconded the motion and all were in favour.

Andrew Autet came to give us an update on the \$2200 School Council gave the shop class at the beginning of the school year. They are waiting for a few details, but the money will be spent before the final School Council meeting.

Chris gave the admin report.

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HR Updates

- Ms. Sharma has joined our Learning Support Department as a Learning Assistant.
- Mr. Thurston-Farrell has returned.
- Student teachers – Ms. Speerin and Ms. Cheung have returned with Mr. Anderson and Ms. Wasyleczko. Mr. Grasmeyer has joined Ms. Mohammad. Ms. Guieb will be joining Ms. Dawes in March.

Thank you to School Council for the \$1000 to support our Senior Boys Basketball Team's provincials.

Thank you to School Council for catering a staff lunch through our culinary program on Monday, March 31, 2025.

Congratulations to Ms. Ploughman, Ms. Fulthorpe, and Mr. Beseau who have been selected to present Chestermere High School's Fine Arts Academy to celebrate learning with a Board of Trustees Showcase.

Timetabling for 25-26

- CHS Admin Wall: Feb 26-28
- CLMS Admin Wall: Mar 11 & Mar 13

- Ms. Allan and Ms. Guitard for great presentations on next year's course picks.
- Ms. Stumborg for all her hard work setting up the backend of PowerSchool for our Course Request picks starting tomorrow.
- AP Art approved for next year.

#### Graduation

- Grad Date: Monday, June 9th at 6:30pm at Jubilee.
- Grad Photo Tentative Date: Friday, June 6th in P.M.

New portables are tentatively scheduled to be brought in during March.

Great job to following staff members:

- Ms. Burzuk for coaching curling. Her teams did really well this year.
- Mr. Autet on the success of his students at the Welding Rodeo. They are the 3-time champs!
- Ms. McIntyre and Mr. Autet for prepping their students and their contributions to the Regional Skills Alberta Competition.
- Ms. Wasyleczko for presenting multiple times at the Palliser Teachers' Convention.
- Ms. Ploughman for CHS Band who performed O Canada at the Calgary Hitmen and Wranglers game.
- Basketball Coaches – Mr. Isbister/Mr. Bec, Mr. Abdillah/Ms. Vo, Mr. Wilson, Ms. McKernan and Ms. Atkinson.

Badminton, Track and Field, and Rugby have started up.

#### **Alberta School Leadership Conference (ASLC)**

Chestermere High School will be sending a delegation of 15 students and one teacher supervisor, Ms. Boutilier, to the 2025 ASLC happening at Strathmore High School from Friday, May 9th to Sunday, May 11th, 2025. 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.

#### **School Swag**

School Spirit wear is now available to view and purchase on School Cash Online <https://rockyview.schoolcashonline.com/> until end of day Monday, March 17th. If anyone has any questions, please contact Ms. Zarembo in the business office at 403-272-8868 or [lzarembo@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:lzarembo@rockyview.ab.ca).

#### **Parent-Teacher Interviews (PTIs)**

On March 6, we hosted Parent-Teacher Interviews from 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Parent-Teacher

interviews were followed by Grade 9 orientation, where CLMS students and families got introduced and toured Chestermere High School.

March 10 PL – We visited Tsuut’ina Museum, Buffalo Paddocks, and lunch from Brown Bear Woman Events.

Assurance Surveys were completed today.

PBIS – Connection Block on Wednesday, March 5th for the lesson on “Safety.”

Lockdown: Friday, March 7th @ 10:30 A.M. RCMP supported.

Positive note from RVS about our School Website designers:

Hello Chestermere High Webmasters, I have been reviewing the high school sites to see how different schools have set up the Learning sections. Chestermere High’s is beautifully done! It’s well organized and thought out, just enough information without it being too much, and your choice of article types work so nicely together! As we work with other high schools, yours will be the exemplar I will be pointing to. Thank you for all the work that must have been! I hope you hear great things from your users too.

Crossfield Career Fair was on March 12th.

New Fine Arts Academy signage for the school and updated CHS Crest were presented.

Shali gave the trustee report.

RVS Trustee report for School council  
March

#### **BOARD BUDGET PRIORITIES**

The budget priorities are strongly aligned with RVS’ Strategic Plan. The priorities for 2025/26 are:

Provide direct resources to schools to support student learning with a focus on numeracy, literacy and new curriculum implementation.

Support student and staff wellness.

Enhance facilities and technology infrastructure.

Target an operating reserve balance at the end of 2025/26 fiscal year, excluding transportation, at 1 to 2 per cent.

For 2025/26, schools have been directed to maintain optional school fees at the current levels if possible, with no increases to individual courses greater than \$10 or five per cent. No new alternative program fees for programs of choice are to be introduced.

#### **PROVINCIAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The changes to the Weighted Moving Average funding model in Budget 2025, which still utilizes the previous year's enrolment numbers, are a step forward but do not go far enough to ensure growing divisions like RVS are not disadvantaged by increasing enrolment. With the new two-year average adjusted enrolment method and a projected 28,670 students, we will be funded for 28,527 resulting in 143 unfunded students. RVS believes the funding model for schools must be rooted in the principle of every student being fully funded every year.

Additional funding in Budget 2025 is welcome news as the degree of complexity in RVS' classrooms is growing. Increases to funding for programs like Program Unit Funding (PUF), the Classroom Complexity Grant and Specialized Learning Supports is appreciated.

As a division committed to preparing future-ready students, RVS continues to appreciate the government's focus on creating pathways to career education. RVS looks forward to increasing skills based training and career education opportunities available to all students with support from the provincial government.

#### **SCHOOL SITE UPDATE**

RVS has received full construction funding for the K-9 school in Dawsons Landing. This will be a P3 school with an expected completion of Fall 2029. A public consultation regarding boundary areas for this school as well as a school name will be conducted the year before the school open.

RVS has received planning funding for the Chelsea high school site. This puts us in the queue for the next steps of design and then construction funding.

Work continues on the second K-9 school in the Chelsea development. The expectation is that this site will be ready by the end of this calendar year.

Growth in Chestermere continues and new schools are needed to keep pace. Continued advocacy for the K-9 school in Chelsea, Bridgeport, and Clearwater is necessary.

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Pizza Fridays are going decent, but volunteers are few. When Ramadan was happening, there were many pizzas left over so we need to be told about cultural happenings so we do not run into this issue again.

The principal asked for money for the Boys Basketball team to go to provincials. He asked for \$1000. Amanda made a motion for \$1000 to be given to the Boys Basketball team to go to provincials and Amanda Jo seconded the motion and all were in favour.

Ms.Burzuk asked for money to fund the Teacher Appreciation Lunch taking place on Monday March 31<sup>st</sup>. She asked for \$1000 to feed 64 teachers. This happens each year and the School

Council gives money to culinary for this occasion. Amanda made a motion to give \$1000 to the culinary program for the Teacher Appreciation Lunch and Amanda Jo seconded the motion and all were in favour.

Amanda asked about community involvement from our school. Scholarship season is upon us and high school kids need to get volunteer hours in to apply for many of the scholarships. Amanda was curious if the community reached out asking for student volunteers or how a situation like that would work. Chris stated it was a liability, so they do not talk about volunteer situations or send any students to volunteer within the community. He did say there is a bookshelf in the office that has information pertaining to volunteer opportunities.

Amanda brought up the cost, attendance, and timeframe relating to field trips. Some of the costs are outrageous and there is a short time frame to pay for them which is frustrating for parents and for those students who must miss out. Having a week or two notice to drop hundreds of dollars on a field trip is not doable for many parents so having these huge money trips should be planned out more than a couple months in advance. It was suggested a year in advance so parents have time to save up and plan for them. Amanda asked about the parent volunteer to child ratio for field trips and that is 1 parent to 15 high school children. She also asked what the minimum number of students and volunteers were to make a field trip a go as the biology field trip was almost cancelled. There was no answer to that.

Amanda Jo brought up the School Council for next year as the two current School Council members are both leaving and all spots will be vacant come the end of May 2025.

Amanda Jo adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.

The next School Council meeting will take place in the learning commons at 6pm on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Final AGM will be held right after this meeting.