

Chestermere High School
Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 24, 2025@ 6:00 pm

1. Call to order
 - meeting called to order at 6:05pm
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Tracy approved the agenda, seconded by Carl
3. Approval of May 13, 2025, meeting minutes
 - Approved by Tracy and seconded by Jigna
4. Introductions & Attendance
 - Debbie: Chair of parent council, daughter in grade 11.
 - Noelle: Student in grade 12, part of the grad committee.
 - Karla: Has a child in grade 12.
 - Carl: Daughter finished in June, son starting in September.
 - Chris Robertson: Principal of Chestermere High School.
 - Lynn Ross: Assistant Principal of Chestermere High School.
 - Tracy: Has two students in grades 10 and 12.
 - Sherri
 - Zoom: Selena and Amber

5. Administrative Report – Chris Robertson

HR Updates

- Ms. Ross – new Assistant Principal
- Ms. Rojas - new Math teacher.
- Mr. Mohammadi – new Computer Science/Robotics/Math teacher.
- Mr. Johnson - new Sports Performance and PE teacher.
- Ms. Kharey - new Science Teacher.
- Mr. Wiens - AM in Construction/Fabrication teacher.
- Ms. Thomas – Social Studies teacher for Ms. Mohammad's leave.
- Ms. Vo - PE teacher for Ms. Taylor's leave.
- CHS Learning Support Teams (Triads)
 - Ms. Ross, Ms. Guitard, Ms. Carson: Grade 10, Gr 12 (K-Z)
 - Mr. Bates, Ms. Allan, Ms. Dahl: Gr 11, Gr 12 (A-J)
 - Ms. Wallman (Grade 12)
- Mr. Perry will be the EAL Coordinator for the 2025-26 school year.

Celebrations/Kudos

- Mr. Bec and Mr. Johnson for coaching football. The season started on Aug 16.

- Thank you to Ms. Boutilier for the amazing Grade 10 day. Great first days for all students.
- Terry Fox Run – great event this year with much less red tape, all on our own property – thank you, Mr. Derkatch, Mr. Bal, Ms. Boutilier, and Ms. Ploughman. Thank you to all the staff and students who organized and supervised our Terry Fox Run on Monday. It was a great event celebrating one of Canada's greatest heroes.
- Ms. Everson for coaching golf. Aliyah has won the RVS Divisional Championships (4 times) and South-Central Zone Championships (3 times) for three consecutive years.

Information Items

- Timetable – Enrolment is predicted to be approximately 880. This is actually below the RVS-predicted enrollment.
- Areas for Students to Eat Lunch - Students are reminded that there are several areas available for them to eat their lunches. The North Social and adjacent classrooms, as well as the South Gym, are all available and supervised. Students can also take advantage of the outdoor picnic tables, basketball courts, and fields located on the East side of the school.
- Building Construction Updates
 - Lift Station
 - Portables
 - New Sidewalk
- SEP Update
 - Goal A – Literacy and numeracy
 - All teachers develop an understanding of the software opportunities in PowerSchool to facilitate Outcome-Based Assessment and to implement strategies to enhance triangulation of assessment practices to include products, observations, and conversations.
 - Staff will explore Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) with support from an RVS Numeracy Specialist, as well as mathematical recall and retention strategies during a PL day.
 - Continue implementation of Disciplinary Literacy strategies with support from an RVS Literacy Specialist.
 - Goal B
 - The Career Learning Committee will develop a **Career Engagement Day** with speakers and presenters in all classrooms. We will invite community professionals, alumni, trades, and cultural voices into classrooms, and teachers will help students prepare authentic questions about careers.
 - Teachers will design active learning opportunities for all students to explore career options in every course. Teachers will develop **Career Exploration Day**, during which all teachers plan 30 minutes with students to explore career opportunities in each subject area, with the goal of embedding career learning in each course.

- MyBlueprint School Career Development Certificate -Working with MyBlueprint to facilitate exploration, engagement and experience opportunities with students and staff.
- Goal B (2nd)
 - Staff will tour Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park to enhance their understanding of Indigenous cultural perspectives.
 - Cultural Inclusion: Implement events that highlight various cultures through Culture Week, classroom performances, workshops, and student-led initiatives, such as a culture gallery, dance performances, and cultural games. Increase diverse cultural representation throughout the school (e.g., leadership, celebratory, bulletin boards, culinary offerings, etc.).
- Goal C
 - PBIS – This year, we will implement a Tier 2 PBIS inventory.
- My Life with the Walter Boys - Last summer, filming for the Netflix television show “My Life with the Walter Boys” took place throughout our school. Here is a [link to a People Magazine article](#). If you decide to watch Season Two, you will see various parts of our amazing school serving as the backdrop for many of the scenes in the show.
- Bathrooms/Vaping - Students are reminded that vaping anywhere on school property is strictly prohibited and may result in consequences. Simply put, do not bring vapes to school and do not vape in our bathrooms or anywhere on school property.
- Culinary - The Lakers Bistro is Back! We are pleased to share that the Lakers Bistro will reopen on Tuesday, September 16th, and will be serving students on Mondays through Thursdays for the remainder of the school year. The Bistro offers a wide range of affordable options, with prices typically ranging from \$1 to \$3 for desserts and drinks, \$3 to \$5 for soups, \$4 to \$7 for wraps, sandwiches, and grilled cheese, and \$6 to \$10 for hot main courses. The Bistro is committed to meeting the diverse needs of all students, offering a daily menu that accommodates various cultural and dietary requirements. Payments can be made by cash or card at the Bistro. Additionally, pre-paid lunch cards will be available for purchase through [SchoolCash Online](#) in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on SchoolCash for availability. Stay tuned! We’re excited to share that a Breakfast at the Bistro program will be launching soon—more details will follow in the coming weeks.
- Parent Reminder: There are parking stalls for student pick-up and drop-off on the South end of our campus. Parents, please do not pick up or drop off students by the Main Office; this is a bus lane or the North parking lot, which is designated for student use only.

Upcoming Events

Grad Commencement Ceremony Dates

- Jubilee – Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

School Play/Musical dates:

December 2025 Play (The Outsiders) Dates:

- December 12, 2025 – Opening Night

- December 13, 2025 – Matinee and Finale

May 2026 Musical (The Adams Family) Dates

- 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.

In the past, the parent-organized banquet was around the same time. As a school, we kindly request that parents refrain from scheduling any student events on these dates. The school musical is an incredible production that involves literally hundreds of staff and students. We kindly ask parents not to organize any events that would conflict with other school events.

- Orange Shirt Day is on Friday. Exhibit and indigenous food.
- The Talent Show – Student Leadership project is scheduled for October 16, 2025.
- Finally, Friday Night Lights is this Friday, September 26, 2025, at 7:30 PM for kickoff.
- PTIs are scheduled for 5:00 – 8:00 PM on Thursday, October 9, 2025.

6. Trustee's report- Shali Baziuk

ENROLMENT UPDATE

- RVS must report its enrolment numbers to the province every September 30th. As of Wednesday September 3, 2025, enrolment across RVS is 29,617 students, representing current growth of 374 from last year. Enrolments fluctuate almost daily with students entering and exiting RVS. Final numbers will be provided on Sept 30th. The numbers are indicating RVS, and Chestermere, are still continuing to grow faster than the pace of school infrastructure growth.

SCHOOL SITE UPDATE

- High School site is now shovel ready which means all the necessary earthworks have been completed. This site has planning funding and we are hopeful to move into the design stage in the early spring of 2026.
- The K-9 site in Dawson received construction funding in 2025 but no work is expected to begin until spring of 2026.
- The K-9 site in Chelsea, K-9 site in Bridgeport, and K-9 site in Clearwater have been identified in the Area Structure Plans (ASP) and are in various stages of site readiness.

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, Kathryn 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

7. Chair Report

Bylaws update

- A special meeting is needed for the bylaws
- Bylaws need to be reviewed because the current ones cannot be found
- The rule of the treasurer has been eliminated
- Voting is now done by simple majority
- The principal is a non-voting member
- The chair does not vote unless there is a tie

Grad update

- Grad used to be split into three ceremonies, but this past graduating class, the entire grade 12 graduates were together in one ceremony
- A professional photographer was at the graduation, and everyone got a photograph
- Parents suggested sponsoring the pictures in the future

Pizza Fridays

- Tracy will be doing Pizza Fridays
- Tracy wants to get pizza from CPU because it gives bigger pieces of pizza than Domino's, and their pizza is Halal
- The price of a pizza slice should increase to \$3 a slice
- Pizza Fridays is currently run through the school because they have a debit machine
- Pizza Fridays brought in \$2,300 profit last year, but it was not run the whole year
- Tracy needs leadership kids to help with Pizza Fridays
- Tracy also needs parent volunteers
- There was discussion about pizza being available at both the north and south ends
- October 10, 2025, was discussed as a tentative start date for Pizza Fridays

- It was discussed whether to keep running Pizza Fridays through the school, which has a business manager and point of sale machine or to move it to Friends Society.
- There was a vote taken, and the majority wanted it moved to Friends Society.
- Motion passed to move Pizza Fridays to Friends Society
- Selena questioned why Pizza Fridays is the only fundraising event that is done for the school
 - concerns about overlapping fundraising efforts with other school programs
 - Chris plans to speak with teachers about their fundraising needs at the next staff meeting in October.

Update CHS website with new council information

- Debbie requested updating the website with the new council information

Secretary Position & November 26th daytime meeting

- Still need a secretary; normally, notice is required for an election, but since it was announced at the AGM, they can proceed
- Secretary duties: taking minutes, distributing them, maintaining a history of minutes and making an agenda
- Asked for a nomination, and there was none
- Position is still vacant
- The November 26th meeting was set for 11 am to 12 pm
- The purpose of the daytime meeting is to visit different programs in the school, such as the shop, culinary and cosmetology

8. Grad committee update

- Grad is booked for June 6th at Heritage Park, celebration tent, from 6 pm to 11:59 pm
- Rides and games will be available for those not interested in dancing
- Committee members: Noelle, Allison and Carrie Ray
- There are approximately 287 grads for the class of 2025/26, with an expected attendance of around 250

9. New Business

10. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm
- Next meeting: October 29, 2025, @ 6 pm