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School Council

February 15, 2024 6:30-7:30pm Learning Commons

Minutes

- 1. Call to Order 6:30pm
- 2. Opening Prayer Allan Elkin
- 3. Introductions: Jared Scott, Fiona Gilbert, Lorraine Bee, Debra Clarke, Jenn Weeda, Laurie Marsili, Debra Clark, Heather McCulloch, Cherie Walz, Jennifer Miller, Amelinda Ganpatt, Abby Blough, Haley Hopper, Allan Elkin, Richard Sampson, Travis Jackson
- 4. School Vision, Mission and Review Council Purpose
- 5. Approval of Agenda: Lauire Marsili
- 6. Approval of Minutes: Laurie Marsili
- 7. Committee Reports
 - a. Rocky View School Board Trustee Report: Fiona Gilbert, Trustee (10 mins)

Board meeting today Feb 15, the budget process is starting. We began the budget process on February 1. The budget process goes from February to May. The budget will focus on direct support to schools with literacy and numeracy; student and staff wellness; enhanced technological spaces for students, keeping kids safe, keeping infrastructure safe. Right now the board's priority is focused around reserve funds. From a board perspective we are uncomfortably low, we are around .9-1.1%. Direction around school fees, helping schools come to a reasonable target amount.



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Langdon school has now been named Horseshoe Crossing.

Staffing benefits have been changed, we have started making the move to changing over to ASEBP (Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan).

Question from parent: What are ways we can build up the reserve fund? Really the only way to do this, is to not spend it. We need to recognize that we are underfunded by the government and work with what we have at this moment. About 4 years ago our reserve fund was at about 20 million.

Question from parent: Has there been any word on portables? At this point no, we are supposed to hear anytime now. From a Rocky View perspective we know we have portables from Langdon now, but we need government funding to move them and place them, it's around \$250,000 to do this. We need government funding and permission to move the portables.

Question from parent: How can parents advocate for funding? Reach out to anyone who is supporting public education.

b. Administration Report: Allan Elkin and Richard Sampson(10 mins)

Kindness week went very well. Dancing, contests, dress up. The food drive was a great success. End of the month we will have pink shirt day.

Want to remind people that we have Right Now Media. We did not have the budget for it this year, but Right Now Media reached out and covered it through this school year.

Home alone and Baby-sitting courses are coming in May. Our new CDA got this set up.

Coming in March we will have our celebration of learning with our parent teacher student conference. This is a 30 minute time slot vs the 10 minute slots. This is a work showcase. There will be time to speak with your child's teacher and also see what your child has been working in their classroom. There will be childcare setup for you to leave children with child care while you are at your other childs conference.



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Supervision: Richard Sampson

We talked to teachers and students and have found that the way our recess and supervision is running right now is working well. We are constantly assessing how things are done and making changes as needed.

Sometimes we have grade 3 students playing with grade 2 students and that could be a very beautiful thing. We have had some instances but much less than we have had in the past.

The students go outside at 11:40 and are back inside at 12:10 around 12:15 they are in the room eating. They have until 12:40 to eat and read.

c. Chair Council Report: (5 mins) Jugo Juice will be on March 15th

8. New Business

No new business at this time.

9. Adjournment: 7:27pm

Next meeting- March 21, 2024