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School Council

June 13 2024

6:30-7:30PM

Learning Commons

Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:36PM
2. Opening Prayer Josine Vandenberg
3. Introductions: Amelinda Ganpatt, Cherie Walz, Haley Hopper, Melanie Hannah, Fiona Gilbert, Heather McCulloch, Jocelyn Mielnichuk, Richard Sampson, Lorraine Bee, Jenn Weeda, Laurie Marsili, Abby Blough, Josine Vandenberg
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5. School Vision, Mission and Review Council Purpose
6. Approval of Agenda: Laurie
7. Approval of Minutes: Loraine
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Rocky View School Board Trustee Report: Fiona Gilbert, Trustee (10 mins)
 - Last board meeting of the school year was today June 13
 - Divisional budget was approved in May
 - Weighted moving average is still causing a struggle with the budget
 - We are making sure the dollars that we do get are used in the most appropriate ways
 - 2.6% enrolment growth is what we think we will have, budget from the government should also go up by 2.6%
 - Schools have been given the thumbs up to do staggered entry for the 2024-2025 school year
 - The board talked about school sites in Cochrane at today's board meeting

- Horsecreek (school site in Cochrane) plan has been given the thumbs up, it is now in the towns hands to service it, we are hoping for the services to be done by Fall 2025. Until Horsecreek is shovel ready it can not move up the RVS list or the governments list. Horsecreek will accommodate 2000+ kids.
- Rivercrest (K-8) is construction approved, if everything goes as planned it will be completed by Fall 2028
- Bow Valley High School should be completed expansion by Fall 2026 if all goes as planned
- By 2028 1500 Bow Valley students and about 1000 Cochrane High students are projected
- AS of right now there are 1000 students at Bow Valley High School

b. Administration Report: Richard Sampson(10 mins)

- Update on Allan Elkin is coming - he will not be returning this school year. Mr Sampson is acting Principal and Mrs Vanddenberg is acting Vice Principal for the remainder of the year.
- Good News: Ms Mesaros will be our Kindergarten teacher for Monday and Wednesday and alternating Fridays (KA). Mrs Vriend will be Tuesday and Thursday and alternating Fridays (KB)
- On June 26 we will be sharing the year end newsletters, class lists will be shared but teachers will not be assigned yet. Kids will know which friend that will be with in the coming school year.
- Friend request emails need to be sent to teachers ASAP
- New Website is up and running
- It costs around \$1300 for a full set of basketball jerseys, to get jerseys for boy/girls in every sport it would cost around \$12,000
- We are looking at possibly adding a uniform charge to sports fees in the future. This would be a \$5-\$10 fee added onto each sport for each athlete.
- This past year we had 134 athletes
- Fees will be going up for school sports. RVS will no longer be subsidizing these fees, so the \$ will need to come from athletes. For example middle school Jr A volleyball will go up \$21 per athlete.

- Vending machine: students have requested that a vending machine be added to the school, we are looking into different options. There is the possibility of a tuck shop that could be run from our school kitchen.
- Tuesday June 18th we have our awards ceremony
- Grade 1-2 9am-10am grade 3-4 10am-11am grade 5-8 1-2pm
- Grade 8 farewell June 20th at 6:30PM, 72 tickets have been sold
- Staggered entry in September (September 3 and 4, everyone's first day September 5)
- Last day for kindergarten next year will be June 23 KA and June 24 KB, last day for grade 1-8 will be June 25
- August 30th from 1-2pm is our tentative date for meet the teacher
- We had our first year of CCA reads, we had about 50 kids read for 200 nights and have pizza with the principal

c. Chair Council Report: (5 mins)

- we had 9 meetings over the last year
 - Signed off on the educational plan and ARC posters
 - There were often 2 fun lunches each month
 - \$500 grant has been given to school council and will be used towards magnets with school calendar and school council dates
 - Financials: we generated \$5723.63 with the fun lunches and fundraiser purdies and apples
 - Toonie Tuesday \$1998.25
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- Funds have been requested for the chrome book cart from the school generated accounts
 - Chromebooks cost \$12429.74
 - -from Donations \$3310.99
 - -from Vending Machine \$1766.78
 - -from Commissions (such as photo day) \$2426.76
 - -from General Fundraisers \$4925.21
 - Exploratories cost \$1500.00
 - -from General Fundraisers Camp \$1500.00
 - Motion to approve funds being used for Chrome books - Amelinda approved/seconded this motion



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- Motion to approve the use of middle school funds for the \$1500 for exploratories - Amelinda approved/seconded this motion as well
- Executive positions are open: Debra Clark has put her name forward for for chair, Abby Blough vice chair, Heather McCulloch Secretary, Haley HopperTreasure (ALL APPROVED)

9. New Business

Is grade 9 possible at CCA. What would need to change to make this happen? Simple answer is that high school starts at grade 9 in Cochrane at all RVS schools. Space is an issue at CCA location, and realistically adding 50-60 kids in grade 9 is just not possible for what grade 9 would need. Our middle school numbers already start to drop off.

We have added this to the agenda for September.

10. Meeting dates for 2024-2025 school year: Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Jan 16, Feb 13, Mar 20, Apr 10, May 22, June 12

11. Adjournment: 7:55pm - **Next meeting- September 19, 2024** -----