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**School Council**  
November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 6:30-7:30pm  
Learning Commons

## Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:32pm
2. Opening Prayer- Richard
3. Introductions- Philip and Melanie Hannah, Lori-Anne Forbes, Andrew Epp, Jeff Wood, Laurie Marsili, Cathy Hoskins, Byron Bidulka, Josine van den Berg, Richard Sampson, Fiona Gilbert, Adina, Amelinda Ganpatt
4. School Vision, Mission and Review Council Purpose
5. Approval of Agenda- Lori-Anne
6. Approval of Minutes- Abby
7. Bullying and Cyberbullying presentation- Constable Epp (School Resource Officer)

Laws in Canada- Bullying is not a crime. Police involvement is needed when it becomes extortion, harassment or threats.

Children should know that anything on the internet is permanent and not private. Constable Epp will be visiting the grade 5-8 students on Wednesday to share his presentation on internet safety and bullying/ cyberbullying.

8. Committee Reports
  - a. Rocky View School Board Trustee Report: Fiona Gilbert, Trustee (20 mins)

Modular classrooms- requests were submitted to Government by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

RVS has requested 27 new modulares. 7 for Cochrane (3 at Manachaban and 4 to replace old ones at CCA)

Cochrane Accommodation- spaces for students- the decision was made to leave all zoning in place for now and revisit it when the school in Rivercrest opens in 2028.

- Heartland site is ready- hoping for some development funding this year
- Horse Creek High School site- site will be ready in 2026 and can then be added to the funding request list to Government.



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- Bow Valley High School expansion- underway and should be complete in 2027
- Fireside school- already squishy and the new South Bow Landing development will be designated to Fireside as well. The new Rivercrest school will take the pressure off there when it's completed.
- CCA- program capped at 2 classes/ grade and the 2 modulars that are coming will accommodate those numbers.
- Growth in Cochrane schools is slowing. There was an enrollment increase of 55 students this year compared to over 200 students in previous years.

Municipal school board election- the ward boundaries have shifted and there will be two trustees elected in the Cochrane area next time.

With the passing of Bill 20 - The Municipal Affairs Amendment Act, changes have been made to the Local Authorities Election Act that governs both municipal council and school board elections in Alberta. One of the changes allows the elected body (school board) to require criminal record checks for candidates that would be publicly posted on the division's website as part of their nomination package submission. Whether or not to implement this requirement is up to each school board. RVS is reviewing the matter and interested in any feedback from parents and community members.

### b. Administration Report: Richard Sampson and Josine van den Berg(10 mins)

- Staffing Update
  - Scott Batori
  - Sonja Allen
  - Stacy on Leave, Sam leaving
- RS - Budget update
  - Our Operating Budget for 2024/25 is \$2.63M, up from \$2.58M last year
    - Reasons for increase
      - additional 16 students,
      - increases to our English as a second Language Grant,
      - Increase to our Indigenous learning Grant,
      - supplement to offset the salary increases for our support staff (3% raise, LA moving up a job group),
      - Funds for materials & resources for new curriculum,
      - a one-time supplement to support costs for opening the school.
  - Staff is largest budget line at \$2.52M or 95.8% of our total budget
  - Remaining \$110,000 going to school operations including classroom budgets, supports for students with complex needs, and other materials and resources need for school operations
  - Currently \$14,000 held in contingency to potentially increase our staffing hours in learning support and to pay for a long jump pit/sandbox in spring.
  - School Generated 62st x \$126.08 = \$7,817 (Max possible CTF fees)
    - \$7817 x 85% = \$6,644



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- We also ordered 30 Ukeleles but with inflation and shipping charges they came to \$1606.19
- We would also like to ask for support for the skating party on **Dec 17** \$1260
- School Council
  - Assuming AB Gov Grant \$500
  - School Council Operations \$260

Podium

Have you heard the news!

Our Christmas Concert will be held **Tuesday, December 17** at the Bow Valley Baptist Church. Student drop off to their assigned room will be at 6 pm and the concert will start at 6:30 pm. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 have started learning a song to perform. Students in Grade 7 and 8 have been invited to submit a performance idea. If selected, they will also perform during our concert. The leadership students will be helping out by creating media for the event and helping out with logistics during the event.

- JV- Skating Party **Nov 18 AM**
  - Parent Volunteers
- Food Fridge
- 3 Parent volunteers for LC on **Nov 27** to help with the catalog (books that came over for Mitford, are still under their catalog, must be manually transferred).

c. Chair Council Report: (5 mins)

Jujo Juice Fun Lunch is tomorrow

Purdy's fundraiser raised \$1340.33 and will be ready for pick up on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> at dismissal time.

9. New Business

10. Adjournment 7:54pm

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**Next meeting-January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**