

Minutes for Elizabeth Barrett School Council

Wednesday, January 16, 2019
School Learning Commons:

1) Attendance

Tara .H.,
Vanessa .V.,
Melinda .V.,
Allan .G.,
Bri .L.,
Sue .S.P.,
Susan Parker,
Maxine Wilton,
Lisa Preston (Co-Chair)
Susan Flynn Lowry (Co-Chair),
Renata Lambden (Secretary),

Regrets: Michelle Balmer,
Fiona Gilbert

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

- 2) Introductions and welcome to Maxine Wilton, Acting Assistant Principal.
- 3) Agenda revisions – additions including: Volunteer Co-ordinator update, EBSFA fundraising information for March 2018 added to New Business
- 4) Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 2018 with the revision of “Ranchview” to “RancheView” and “Rockyview” to “Rocky View” moved by Susan Lowry, seconded by Lisa Preston – motion carried.
- 5) School Annual Results Report - EB school Administration – Susan Parker and Maxine Wilton
 - Unveiling of the new EB logo
 - Working with EBSFA to roll out EB attire – ‘Choosing Kind’ pink t-shirts for purchase to be worn on February 14th
 - Student-Led Conferences are February 12 & 13 (Note: Conference Manager opens up for booking on February 3rd)
- 6) School Board Update – Fiona Gilbert (report submitted prior to meeting)

Audited Financial Statement (AFS)

RVS ended the 2017/2018 school year in a strong financial position, reporting a surplus of \$3.2 million that can be attributed to a \$600,000 operational surplus and the recognition of \$2.6 million from reserves to capital to purchase land for a future high school in the City of Airdrie. Revenue for the year rose to \$277 million – up by 7.6 per cent over the previous year, resulting from increased enrolments of 1,073 new students and funds received through the government’s new Classroom Improvement Fund. Of the total revenue, 76.55 per cent was spent on Instruction, 14.07 per cent on Plant Operations and Maintenance, 6.41 per cent on Transportation and 2.98 per cent on Board Governance and System Administration. Transportation reserves were exhausted to cover funding shortfalls caused in part by the government’s new restrictions on transportation fees.

Land Acknowledgment

RVS established a Wisdom and Guidance committee in 2016 to guide the collaborative creation of a Land Acknowledgment statement. A Land Acknowledgment is an act of reconciliation and meant to honour and respect both the land and the Indigenous Peoples in our local area. It also is meant to be an expression of gratitude and appreciation. Using the Wisdom and Guidance committee's initial draft, the Board made a few modifications and approved the following statement:

“Rocky View Schools acknowledges and recognizes all the Indigenous Peoples whose footprints have marked these lands from time immemorial. Together, we can learn and honour the ways of knowing of Indigenous Peoples, and all peoples, for future generations.” – Guidelines on the use the Land Acknowledgment are in development.

Advocacy Priorities

This past November, the Board approved their 2018/2019 Advocacy Priorities which will be used when talking to provincial and municipal governments, and other education partners and stakeholders. The complete Advocacy Communique can be accessed at <http://trustees.rockyview.ab.ca/2018-19-advocacy-communique>

1. Equitable Access to Funding - Rocky View School District has been identified as one of the lowest per student funded jurisdictions in the province. The Board believes that the Ministry should engage school authorities in a collaborative process to evaluate and redesign Alberta Education's funding formula to ensure equitable access to funding.
2. New Schools for Growing Jurisdictions - The Rocky View School Board is one of the fastest growing and 5th largest school boards in the province. The Board is asking the government for capital approvals that are transparent, predictable and in alignment with a provincial 4 year strategic program that clearly articulates the priorities in which school projects will be approved.
3. Provincial Review of Inclusion - With an increasingly diverse student population, the Board advocates for a provincial review of funding and supports afforded for the implementation of inclusive education.

Administrative Procedure Update

The Superintendent of Schools has made changes to 39 administrative procedures (AP) over the past year. The development or review of APs is typically initiated by the Superintendent, however suggestions for development or review can be made by any stakeholder through a formal request process. New and revised APs that may be of interest to school councils include: AP110 School Councils; AP112 School Societies and RVS; AP170 Kirpans in Schools; AP207 Learning Environments that Respect Diverse Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities & Gender Expressions; AP313 Student Concussion; and AP316 Administering Medication or Medical Treatments to Students. All APs can be accessed on the public website under Board/Administrative Procedures. Changes to APs also are communicated via Replay, RVS' community newsletter.

Prince of Peace Consultation

As previously reported, the Board has initiated a School Closure Public Engagement Process for Prince of Peace (PoP) Lutheran School on the east side of the division as the building lease expires at the end of August 2019. The

next public meeting will be on Jan 16th to provide an update on the consultation process, share the feedback received (board delegations and written submissions) and hear from stakeholders regarding how to best accommodate school/students who currently attend PoP if a lease agreement can not be reached with the building owner. The Board of Trustees will deliberate its decision on the future direction of the PoP on February 7, 2019.

Support for Alberta School Councils Association AGM & Conference

The Board recently announced funding support for school councils to attend the ASCA AGM and Conference in Edmonton at the end of April. The response from school councils was tremendous and while we were unable to fund everyone who applied, I am pleased to report that Glenbow and Elizabeth Barrett School Councils have both been awarded monies to attend.

RVS Four Year Education Plan: 2019-2023 By Design

RVS has released a new draft of the Four Year Plan and we need your help with review and critique! In this latest draft introduces NEW design principles developed to help everyone move forward the great work already underway and NEW strategies to build synergy and advance the plan's goals and outcomes. For full details, log in to 2023byDesign.com and let us know what you think.

7) Updates from Council Officers and Committee Co-ordinators

A. Treasurer – Michelle Balmer (NO UPDATE)

B. Co-chair - Lisa Preston

- i. Our deepest empathy to Veronica Hooper (currently on leave) and her family during her daughter's illness. If EB families wish to provide financial support to the Hooper family to support alternate treatment in the U.S., a go-fund-me page has been established. Council will be sending the Go Fund Me link to the school community in the next newsletter.
- ii. Welcome to Maxine Wilton who is Acting Assistant Principal during Veronica's leave.
- iii. Congratulations to Susan Parker on her upcoming retirement, which will be official on February 15, therefore this is her last school council meeting. Susan's positive outlook, flexible nature and her engagement with new initiatives within RVS (ie Real Time Reporting, MindUP, Trickster Theatre) as well as her ability to see the whole person when she interacts with students and staff, will be missed.

C. Volunteer Coordinator - Heather .D. (submitted prior to meeting)

Criminal Record Checks

A request was put out to all volunteers, at the end of November, to come into the office to make sure their CRC are up to date. All volunteers who have expired CRC were emailed at the same time to give them notice they need to pick up the form to renew their CRC with the RCMP.

Recycling Volunteers

We have a handful of volunteers this year, but they have been doing great to sign up. Reminder email to sign up on volunteersignup.org has been sent for December and January.

Library Volunteers

For the months of December and January we have on average 1-2 volunteers a week, but future months have had just 1 person sign

up. Reminder email has been sent out to the library volunteers for the month of December and January for volunteers to reserve their spots until June.

Ice Baggies

Volunteers are doing a great job of signing up and all spots are filled until June.

On the horizon: Reminder emails for Library, Recycle and Ice Baggies (as needed) to be send out at the beginning of the month. Figure out something to increase the volunteers in the library. February has Staff Appreciation Dinner for Student Led Conferences and Class Picture Day.

8) Old Business

Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) conference and AGM (April 26-18 in Edmonton).

- i. Results of Application for Funding for delegates (Susan Lowry, Renata Lambden; and Michelle Balmer) – a total of \$1500 has been offered to Elizabeth Barrett representatives to attend the ASCA Conference for a total of two people. Susan Lowry to follow up to see if we can send three people on said \$1500 by cutting costs. Registration opens February 1, 2019.
- ii. Consideration of AGM resolutions. Resolutions for advocacy were due January 15. We will discuss these resolutions in February or March to inform our votes at the ASCA AGM.

Superintendent Working Committee re: 2023 by Design (next 4 year plan to guide RVS)

Lisa participated in both days of the working committee in November and December. The newest draft of the 4YP and strategies to allow RVS to meet these goals is available on the RVS website as of January 15. There is a feedback process available for this revised 4 year plan. Visit 2023bydesign.com to give feedback via a new poll (Design Principles) and activity (I CAN Learn...). This feedback that will be taken into consideration for the next revision day, scheduled to be Feb. 12, 2019

9) New Business

- A. EB Fundraising Committee is planning an event for March 2019 – Family Dance in the gym (March 15th or March 22nd). Tickets will be available for purchase via School Cash Online prior to SL Conferences. The dance will include refreshments, magic show (tickets to be purchased prior to), scavenger hunt, etc. More details to follow shortly!
- B. Look into adding a policy regarding approval of EB fundraising committee to use School Cash Online.

10) Announcements

- A. Next EBSFA meeting Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:30pm in the Learning Commons
- B. Isabelle La Wonderful – pre-register deadline is Monday, January 21, 2019.

C. Camp Kiwanis fundraising– Grade 5's (this year) and Grade 4's (next year) are building raffle baskets

11) Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 9:05am in the Learning Commons

12) Adjournment at 7:42pm, motioned by Lisa .P., seconded by Susan .F.